

# Kids Korner



At home, Timothy spends many hours with his calves and is responsible for daily care.

## Timothy Talks About The Good And Bad In Show Life

WATSONTOWN (Northumberland Co.) — Timothy Betz, 11, was exposed to the "show life" at a young age. His dad was the dairy herd manager at Delaware Valley College in Doylestown, from 1993-1999. He trav-



At the Pa. State Junior Show, Timothy Betz shows the second place winter calf, a Red and White Holstein named Middlebush Finale Lizzy.

eled with his mom and dad, Kelly and Shane, to all of the shows and liked to help take care of the show cows.

Timothy is a fifth grade honor roll student at the Warrior Run Middle School in Turbotville. He is active in the school band where he plays the drums. He also likes to sing and play the guitar. At home, he enjoys riding his four-wheeler, and playing with his brother Zachary, 5. He is an active member of his church youth group and serves as acolyte at the Trinity United Church of Christ in Turbotville.

Timothy spends a great deal of time with his calves and heifers, and is solely responsible for tak-

ing care of them. His mom does lend a hand with halter breaking though. All of his hard work and dedication have paid off as he has won several showmanship awards over the past three years. His first year (1999) at the Pa. State Junior Dairy Show, he was 10th in the junior showmanship competition. The past two years, he has captured the overall Junior Showmanship Award at the county fair, (Montour-DeLong Fair) which is held in Washingtonville. He has qualified for the State Junior Show all three years that he has been in 4-H. One of his biggest accomplishments took place this year when his Red and White Holstein winter calf, Middlebush Finale Lizzy - RED placed second at the Pa. State Junior Dairy Show.

Timothy is an active member in the North-Mount 4-H Dairy Club. He was the recipient of the Roxy LeVan Award in 2000. To apply for this award, all members had to write an essay about their experiences that year in 4-H. He won a \$100 savings bond. He also wrote an essay this past summer about why he wanted to return to Camp Brule (Sullivan County) 4-H camp. His essay won the junior division and he was awarded a free week at camp.

This year Timothy was able to persuade two of his friends to join 4-H. Neither friend had ever shown a calf before. He invited his friends over to his uncle's farm and taught them how to lead, set up, and clip a calf. They all had much fun together, as Timothy enjoys helping others.

Timothy is looking forward to showing this year as he finally has his first "bred and owned" animal. Her name is Lime-TAB Red Marker Riley — RED She was born on Dec. 6, 2001, and Timothy helped his dad deliver her. He spends a lot of time with her and she already follows him around the yard like a puppy!

Timothy writes this letter about his show experience:

*Last year, I ended my essay waiting for my first year 4-H project to have her calf. I was very excited about this. Unfortunately, seven months into her pregnancy, something happened and my heifer lost her calf. After this, she became very sick. My mom took her to Cornell Veterinary hospital in New York where they tried to save her. After a three-week battle, we had to put her to sleep. This was very hard for my mom and I. We both cried for a long time. I still miss her and it was very hard to get my show season started without my favorite heifer. Somehow I managed.*

*Good things this year were that I was able to talk two of my friends into joining our 4-H club; Elias Biddle and John Hertzler. We all had a good time this year. They spent quite a bit of time at my house where my parents helped Elias and John to learn things they needed to know about showing a dairy calf. We always had a good time, but we worked very hard.*

*In June, I wrote an essay for a contest and I ended up winning. I won a free week of 4-H camp at Camp Brule. This was great because I was already planning on going, but now my parents didn't have to pay. They were happy about that too. I always have a great time at camp and this year was no different. There are always many things to do and lots of people to talk to.*

*I went to several different shows this year. I showed a winter yearling (my project from last year), and I also purchased two new calves. One was a Holstein spring calf and the other was a Red and White Holstein winter calf. I had a pretty good show year with both of them. Both of my calves qualified for the Pa. State Junior Dairy Show in Harrisburg. My biggest accomplishment with them was in*



Santa with Rudolf is really Timothy Betz and his calf.

*Harrisburg when my Red and White calf won second place. I was very happy about this.*

*I also had another good year in showmanship. I won overall junior showman at my county fair for the second year in a row. This was really exciting for me. I work very hard with*

*my calves over the show season so that they listen to me when we get in the show ring. Afterwards, some of my friends asked me how I managed to win two years in a row. I just told them, many long walks with my calves.*

Timothy Betz  
Age 11

## Smart Stuff with Twig Walkingstick

Dear Twig: My little brother burps a lot. Why?

It depends on how old he is. If your brother is a baby he might not be able to help it. Babies burp a lot. If your brother isn't a baby, maybe he's 7, maybe he's 17, then he might be doing it to bug you. Here's a clue. If he chases you around and corners you in the living room right before he burps, and giggles like a spotted hyena (*Crocuta crocuta*) when he does it, then he might, just might, be doing it to pester you. Ask him to stop. Or hide his X-Men action figures.

Now, as for the PHYSICAL reasons why someone burps, here's what scientists say. Burps start in your stomach as tiny bubbles in the liquid glop that used to be your food. Most of these bubbles are swallowed air, many are trapped in what you eat and drink. They swirl around in your stomach, rise to the top of the glop, and pop.

All this makes air build up in your stomach. Eventually the air goes up into your esophagus, the tube that runs from your stomach to your mouth. At the top the air comes out as a burp.

Some burps are quiet. And some aren't. Good manners, of course, require that you excuse yourself if you burp and it rattles the windows.

Twig

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