

Canadian Belgian *Youth* Program

2012 Reserve Champion, Senior Category - Western Division

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I was first involved with the addicting draft world when my sister and I joined the Heavy Horse 4-H club in the fall of 2009, with our Percheron foals we had recently bought. Although, I had been around horses my entire life as my family raises quarter horses and paints. After the first 4-H year we began to meet many show people in the draft industry, and were hired by Rick Uglem to help show his Belgians at Vermilion Fair. So that was my first exciting experience with showing Belgians. Then in 2011 I was asked by Tom Brooks & Bill Prins to come with them to the North American Belgian Championships V11 at Brandon , MB in 2012.

The show met all my expectations and more!!! As it was everything I could imagine and all I can talk about today. I got the honour of going there with great people who treated me like family and was able to meet some pretty amazing people who I will never forget. I learned a lot there including some tricks and tips for when I was showing. I was also given many compliments for my placing's in each class from friends, strangers, and as well as the judge. For he told me in my decorating class that I received the award for best tail in the entire class and the ring man came up to me personally and said that it was the best tail he had ever seen! Also two ladies who I had never seen before but ran into in the hallway told me that you could not have painted that horse any more perfectly in the decorating class. All of the compliments I was extremely pleased with and surprised with as well. As I didn't think I would place as high as I did. Brillinger farms lent me a horse for my junior cart class and for that I am very thankful. Because they did that for me I helped them whenever I could and it paid off as they told me that I always had a job there and hoped to work with me again.

Later on in the summer I helped Rick Uglem show his Belgians at the Vermilion fair and again I was honoured to work with such amazing people who made you feel right at home. I also helped Tom and Bill for a second time that fall at the Ab. Foal show in Ponoka where I helped show the foals and decorated all of them. My entire involvement with Belgians has been exciting, pleasant and full of surprises and I would not trade these past memories for the world! *Delia Loomis*

Show	Date	Class	Placing	Judge
-Brandon MB, NABC	July 19	Decorating	3rd	Jim Westbrook
		Showmanship	6th	Jim Westbrook
		Youth Cart	8th	Jim Westbrook
Vermilion	July 26-28	Showmanship	3rd	Tim Awkland
Vermilion	July 26-28	Youth Cart	1st	Tim Awkland