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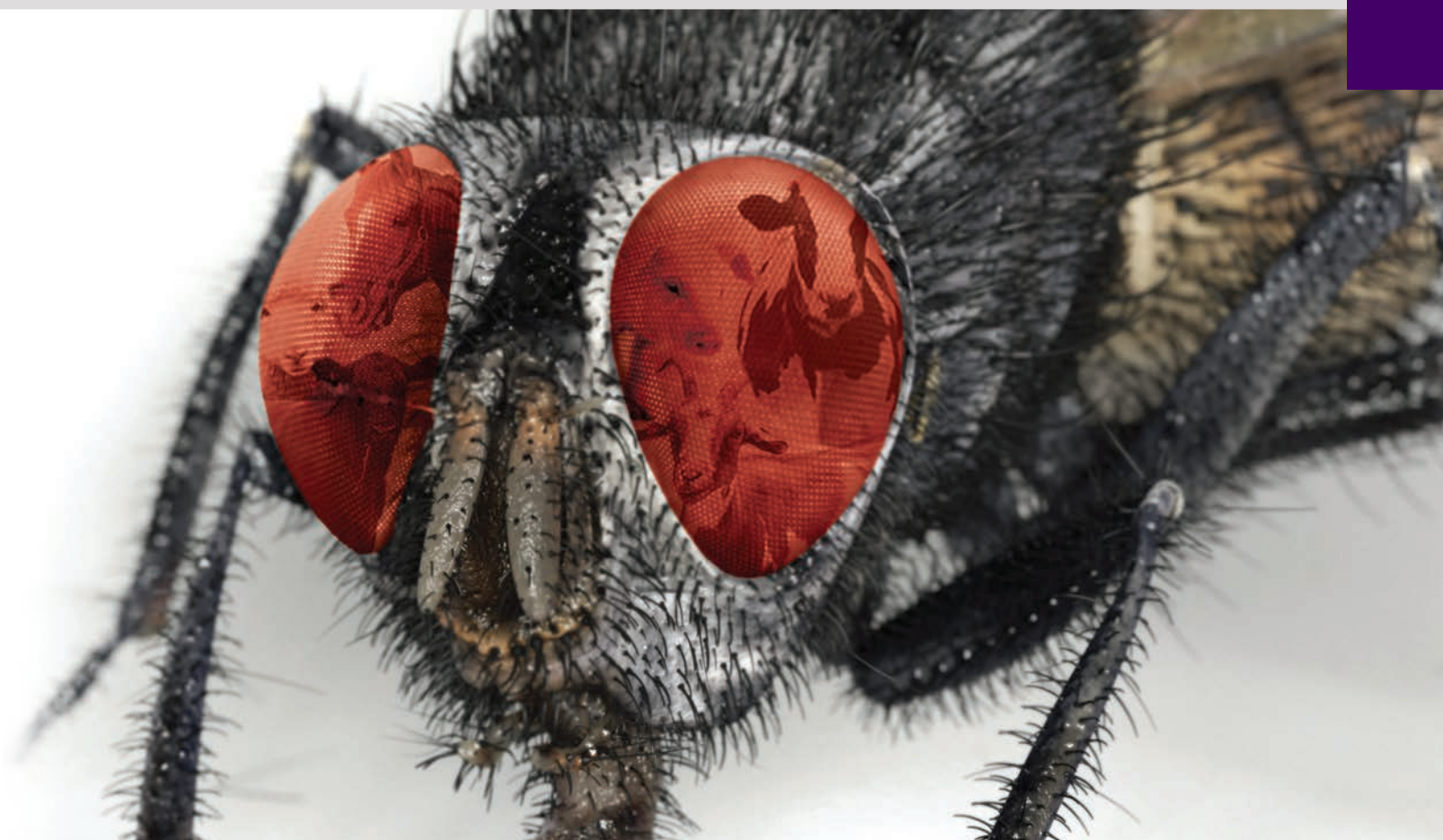
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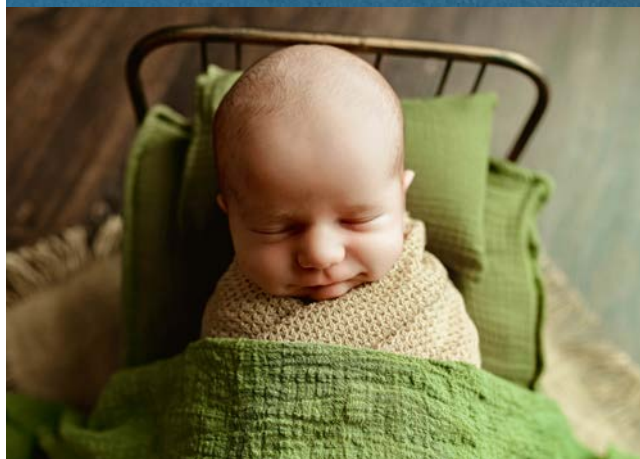
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Market Barrows *Houston*

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Please give a brief overview of your background, your family, and your childhood in the livestock industry. How'd you get here??

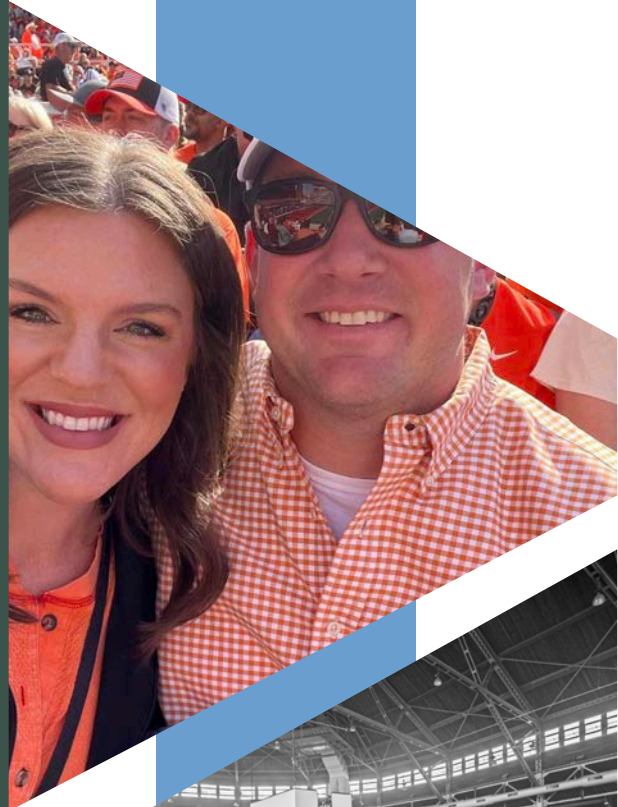
I grew up on a livestock and grain operation in Western Illinois, just south of the Quad City area. My brother and I would be the fifth generation on that farm and we grew up with shorthorn cattle and my grandfather raised commercial hogs outdoors, which was a pretty common production practice in our area. When the hog market crashed in 1998 and my grandfather got out of the hog business, I began my livestock showing projects and wanted to show pigs. I showed cattle and pigs during my junior livestock career. Upon graduating high school, I deferred a year of school to serve as the State FFA President in Illinois. I then attended Lake Land College, transferred to Oklahoma State University, and obtained a double major degree in Animal Sciences and Agricultural Education. As soon as I graduated, I moved to College Station and earned my Master's degree in Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications from Texas A&M University, with a focus in agricultural education. My wife, Deanna, and I have two girls, Allie and Emma.



2

What is your current occupation and involvement in the livestock industry?

Currently, I serve as the President of Angus Media, the marketing entity housed within the American Angus Association. We deliver industry-leading marketing solutions for breeders and clients, as well as publish the Angus Journal and the Angus Beef Bulletin. Prior to my time at Angus, I served in executive leadership roles with Walton Webcasting and the National Swine Registry. We also have a small herd of Angus cows and if we ever stop moving and advancing our career objectives, we will get our showpig herd consolidated and off the ground. I also have a passion for serving and assisting with livestock judging contests, so I serve on several committees and have served as the superintendent for the National FFA Livestock Judging CDE.



3

Who were the most influential people in your life growing up?

My grandfather and my family were influential on me growing up. I also had several local families that invested in me and in my interest in the swine barn when I was young. Particularly, the Giertz, Mayhew, Hyett, Richardson, and Larson families. I would also say my high school agriculture teacher and my livestock judging team coaches and collegiate professors throughout my life as well. It's important to emphasize you are never too old to have mentors and influencers. I probably have more friends and mentors today than what I did growing up, and I gladly return the favor.



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Please give a description of your livestock judging experience.

From an educational perspective, I judged in 4H/FFA and was a member of the Illinois State 4H team that won the National Championship and I was an All-American. I also judged at Lake Land College on a highly successful team- the highlight for me was winning reasons at the National Barrow Show. I then competed on the 2012 National Championship Judging Team at Oklahoma State University and was an All-American. Our team at the time was one of only 12 teams in the history of collegiate judging to win the American Royal and the North American back-to-back. Practically speaking, I've been judging cattle and swine shows for about 15 years, and have judged in twenty states.

5

What would you consider your first ever "big show"?

As a not-quite college graduate, judging the heifers at the DuQuoin State Fair would be what I consider my first "big" one. However, your perspective changes as you get more experience so I'd also say that judging swine showmanship at OYE or my state fair tour this summer (Ohio, Missouri, Wisconsin, and Indiana) would qualify.

6

Throughout your tenure, what have been the most significant changes to the junior livestock industry?

Beyond the obvious types and kind and the economics of the project, it would have to be the opportunity for youth to show anywhere, anytime. Shows used to be fairly seasonal, however, the expansion of the project allows young people coast to coast to exhibit year-round and travel to new regions to compete. Finally, I would say access to quality livestock via online sales has changed the game. You can go to any show in the country and potentially find quality because families can purchase their next prospect with the click of a button.

7

Walk us through your process as you evaluate market animals at a major livestock show.

I am big on first impressions, if they don't hit me instantly or give me a positive impression, it's highly unlikely you will get a second look. I tend to gravitate towards the well-balanced, best-built ones who have ample muscle and then sort the differences in power, stoutness, and flexibility when we get to the top end of the class.

8

What are the preferences that you rank among the most important in regards to market animal evaluation?

Muscle and correct finish obviously plays a critical role in a market hog show, however as I mentioned before, I place a lot of emphasis on structural integrity and balance. The heaviness of structure is certainly a trendy trait and a nice add-on for me, but if they don't have the endurance to make it to the big ring or final sift, they aren't making it to the top for me.

9

How much influence do you feel presentation (i.e. clipping, fitting, hair/hide quality) has on any judges' decisions in the show ring?

For big shows when you have limited time to make an impression, it's essential. Beyond that, we should all strive to present our animals in the best manner possible; it says a lot about the work exhibitors put in at home and the time they spend with their projects.

10

What is the most valuable portion of the junior livestock industry?

Most definitely the skills and competencies that young people learn around animal husbandry and care, responsibility, hard work, attitude and competition. Moreover, I believe the network built through the junior livestock program pays dividends long-term, even if these young people ultimately don't stay in the industry.

11

What is the funniest story you can recall in regards to showing or judging?

Someday I'll write a book about the stories from NSR, but during COVID I judged a virtual show where I judged pigeons. I really enjoyed my reasons for those classes. The other memory that comes to mind was asking a young person during showmanship what they liked about their animal and they said, "You tell me, that's what you're getting paid for."

12

What are your pet peeves in the show ring?

Driving the hogs too close when watching others come out of the holding pen or enter the ring, overdriving an animal that ultimately takes them out of contention, and "sideline coaches" who are obnoxiously loud during the class.

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Do you have a "routine" before judging a show? Any favorite music that has to be in your ear buds leading up to the start?

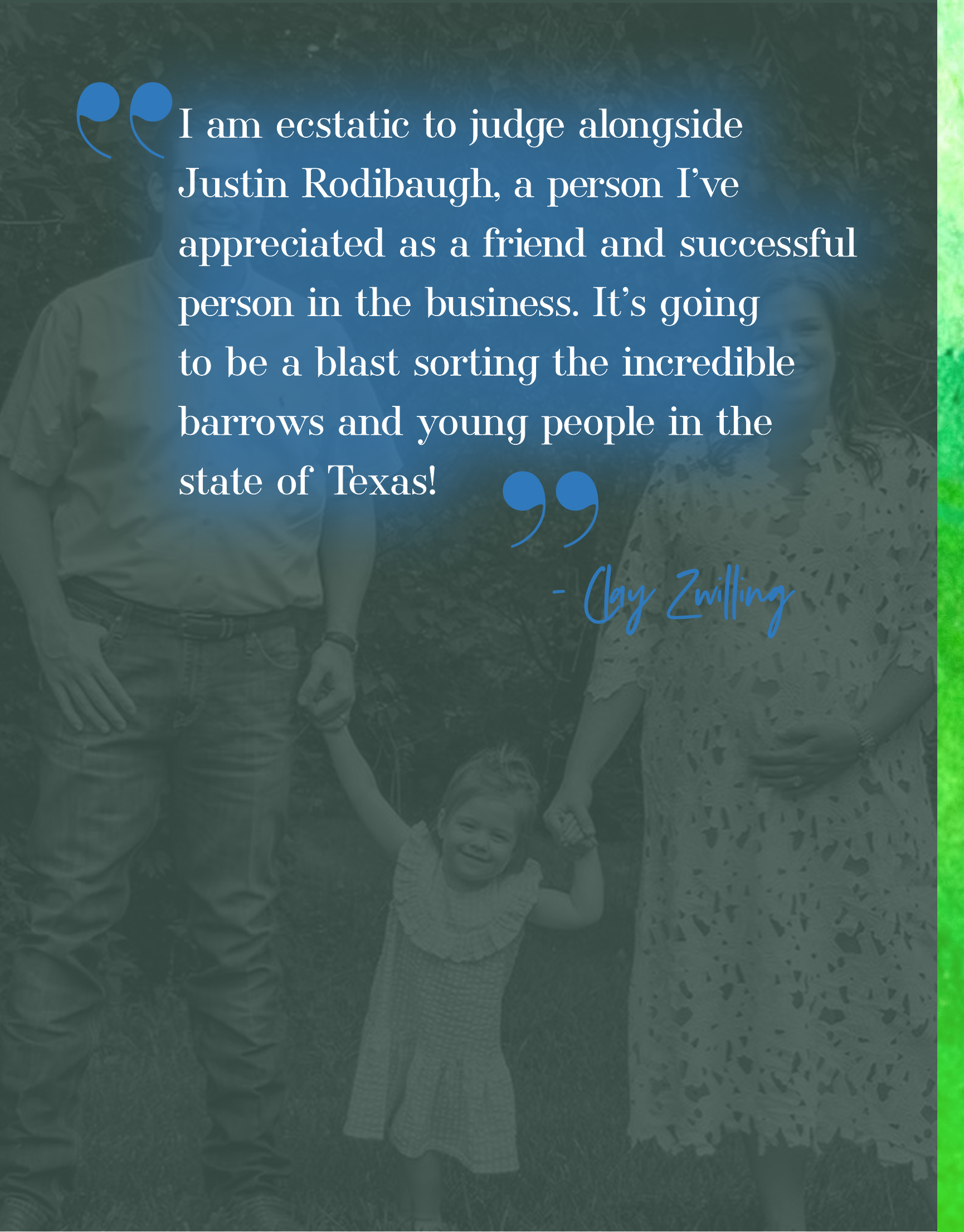
With the way the airlines are today, actually getting to the show is the best routine. All kidding aside, not really, I try to get a good night's rest but the morning of the show and during I go through a lot of coffee, water, and mints.

14

Last, but not least, what is your favorite meal? One you could never live without?

That may be the toughest question you've asked. I consider myself a food aficionado, or as my friends say a "food snob." It would be hard to not have a classic steakhouse dinner, specifically Bavette's Bar and Boeuf in Chicago, but I have to admit that my guilty craving is pizza.





“I am ecstatic to judge alongside Justin Rodibaugh, a person I’ve appreciated as a friend and successful person in the business. It’s going to be a blast sorting the incredible barrows and young people in the state of Texas!”

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Ridge Kayser



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RESERVE CROSSBRED GILT *Karlina Tanin*



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what lies inside of you.



BRINDLE HARPER

Hi I'm Brindle Harper.

I have been raised in a small farming community. My family grows cotton, corn silage, milo, and wheat. For the past five years we have owned an elite fireworks stand with friends who are like family. I have developed a taste for business and entrepreneurship. I am heavily active in my local church, community, and 4-H. I have had the honor of serving as club president, D-2 public relations officer, D-2 vice president, and Texas 4-H council member. I am currently serving as a Texas 4-H youth water ambassador. I have been active in foods and nutrition, meat judging, public speaking, livestock judging, consumer education, livestock skill-a-thon, sheep, and swine. I am a Texas 4-H State Round-up qualifier in food show, meat judging, and educational presentations. I have received the 4-H Gold Star Award and the I Dare You Award. I enjoy all things 4-H.

I began my career showing on the road as a county, then by ourselves as a family, and later in a show group. I have been blessed to stand on the shoulders of others in the livestock show industry and my family. My oldest brother, Sage, laid the foundation for my family showing swine. He and my sister, Maleea, grew to show both lambs and pigs. I have never known anything other than a full barn. They still help me out today. Sage is right down the road. Maleea is in Texas A&M Veterinary School and manages to show up for me when I need her the most. Calls, FaceTime, texts, meeting us at the sales, and making it to most of the majors are just a few of the things she does to help me be successful.

I would like to thank Maleea for sharing her passion, knowledge and experiences. Thank you for loaning me your drive for excellence when I didn't have a clue! Your amazing success in the show ring gave me an appetite to compete.

I want to thank my younger sister Valaree for keeping me on my toes. You never forget a thing and this makes you my perfect partner because I forget everything. You make work fun! I couldn't do it without you.

Thank you mom for always being there. Thank you for processing the wins and the losses with me.

I want to thank my dad for persevering to find the good one. Teaching me that changing with the industry is a must, we can always learn something new, and hard work never hurt anybody. Your confidence is contagious.

Last but not least, thank you to Todd Beyers for teaching me valuable lessons in feeding and healthcare plans. Thank you for allowing me to have the experience of farrowing at the farm. I love a Beyers Chester! I can't wait to see what the future holds. I am grateful to have grown up in this incredible industry.

WHAT IS THE MOST REWARDING THING FROM SHOWING LIVESTOCK?

While the banners are great, I find learning the science of animal husbandry the most rewarding thing about showing livestock. I have the luxury of spending time with my animals and experimenting with different products and strategies to correct problems with an animal. We are blessed to have friends who share our enthusiasm for the game and love to exchange stories. I love barn talks with fellow show families. This process of problem solving fosters a curiosity that follows me outside of the barn.

WHAT IS THE MOST CHALLENGING THING ABOUT SHOWING LIVESTOCK?

I see the most challenging thing about showing livestock is the financial cost increase in recent years. It's hard not to believe that the ones that spend the most at the sales are sure to be the only winners. This simply is not true. P-Dubb was lot 90 at the 2nd Wintex Sale intended for Fort Worth. He finished strong as Breed Champion Poland at Houston! My two back-to-back Breed Champion Chesters at The National Western were bought off the farm. Do everything to the best of your ability. Slow and steady wins the race!



IF YOU COULD TELL ONE NEW SHOWMAN SOME WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Enjoy the daily. A marginal hog, on a great feed regimen, with impeccable skin and hair, shown to its fullest potential can capture a sale hole in any Texas major show. The little details truly make a difference. So embrace the daily barn chores, turn on the music, go out as a family. Enjoy walking, washing, and oiling pigs. Don't underestimate or pass up the satisfaction of fresh shavings and a job well done.



WHAT VALUES ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU?

My most important values are my faith in the Lord, integrity in taking care of details, curiosity about what lies ahead, and making a difference in everything I do.



BUH BUH

GIVE US YOUR MOST IMPORTANT SHOWMANSHIP TIP.

It's never too early to work with your hogs-wash, oil, tan, walk, etc! Start by earning their trust. Once trust is established everything else comes easier. Decide long before you go into the ring that you will lose with grace and win with humility. Win or lose, finish with class.



WHEN YOU GRADUATE WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE REMEMBERED FOR IN THE STOCK SHOW WORLD?

I want to be remembered as someone who was passionate about the show industry and shared that passion with others. I want people to remember that I was truly happy for their successes. I want to be remembered as one who did the work and finished well.

SUPPOSE YOU COULD TAKE ANY CELEBRITY TO LUNCH AND TALK TO THEM ABOUT FFA/4-H; WHO WOULD YOU TAKE, AND WHAT WOULD YOU TELL THEM?



Patrick Mahomes has a foundation that supports initiatives that focus on health, wellness, and youth leadership in communities. His mission is to help athletically inclined youth develop through well rounded experiences. Through his partnering with 4-H he would have something to offer those outside the scope of athletics. Youth want to be like Mahomes as he is known for his leadership, persistence in community service, and passion for life. I want him to spread the word that 4-H develops these same characteristics in youth and families. 4-H develops character, knowledge, and abilities for a life lived with meaning.

IF YOUR FRIENDS COULD DESCRIBE YOU, HOW WOULD THEY?

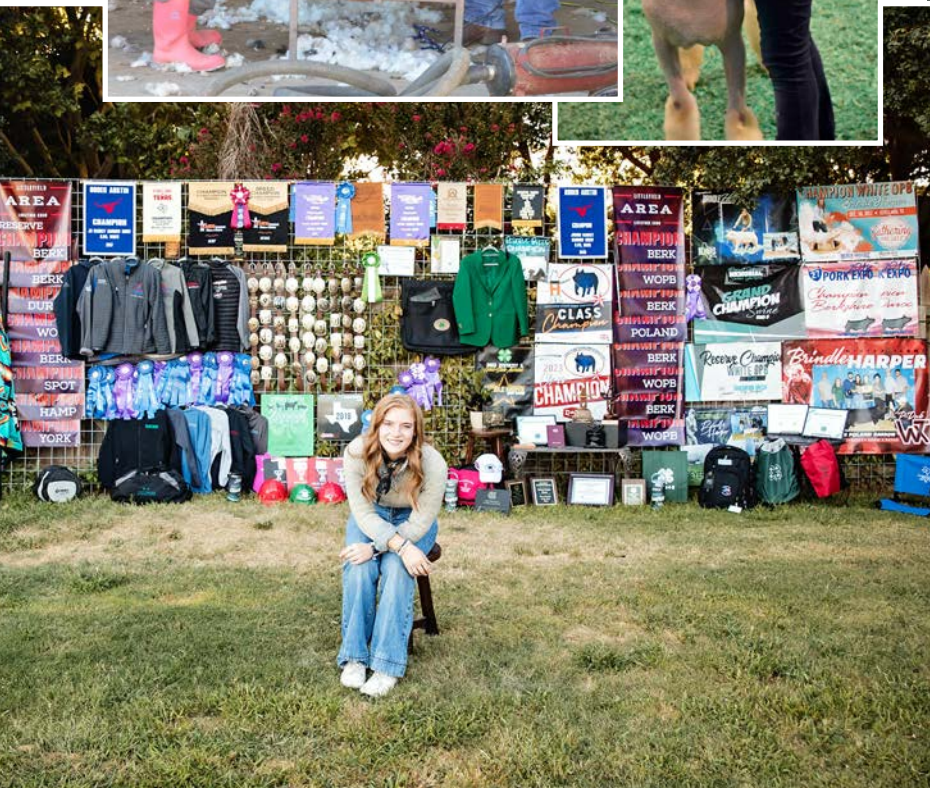
I think my friends would describe me as helpful, kind, encouraging, and sincere.

BUH



WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN THE NEXT 5 YEARS?

I will have graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in animal science and minor in agricultural communications. I will continue to live my life taking advantage of the next opportunity, and encouraging all those that cross my path to do the same. I know that the Lord has a greater plan for me and is with me in all that I do.



WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL?

I have many role models in different areas and for different reasons. One in particular comes to mind most often, Wendy Scott (past District 2 4-H specialist). She is a fantastic leader who motivates people to walk in purpose. She has taught me to make expectations clear as a leader and to equip others to be able to meet those expectations. She has helped prepare me to lead and serve in my current roles as local, district, and state council. This makes way for the freedom to thrive. She is joyful and encouraging. She boldly shares her faith in Jesus Christ and is always up for a good cup of coffee. I strive to continue to grow in my leadership skills and impact others in the same way.

WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO BE A GOOD LEADER, AND TO PUT FORTH YOUR BEST EFFORT?

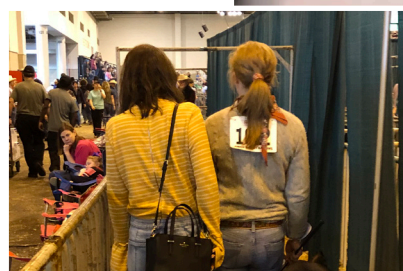
I delight in seeing others succeed. I have had exceptional leaders in my family, church, community, and in the 4-H youth development programs. I see the joy that comes from being a authentic lifelong leader and this motivates me to grow in this area. I have had the opportunity to coach junior and intermediate food challenge, meat judging, and livestock judging teams. I found this elevated my abilities as well as theirs. I shared my process for developing skills needed for success in 4-H opportunities. In turn, they are my biggest supporters. I am changed by seeing their change.

HOW DO YOU GO ABOUT SETTING GOALS IN ORDER TO BECOME MORE SUCCESSFUL?

I take note of an area that needs improvement or skill. Next, I research what opportunities or knowledge I need. I make a plan of action while making sure to focus on the things that are in my control. Then, I get after it! I tend to tackle the small things first which gives me energy and momentum to tackle the bigger things. My goals in the barn tend to come about as I process a failure and how I can do better next time. Win or lose there are always new goals to set.



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TELL US WHAT SUCCESS

Success is a commitment to growth, enjoying the journey, and always living to learn. Finishing well is also success. The first year I showed after my sister left for college I was the only child showing.

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REBEKAH JANE HARPER BRINDLE

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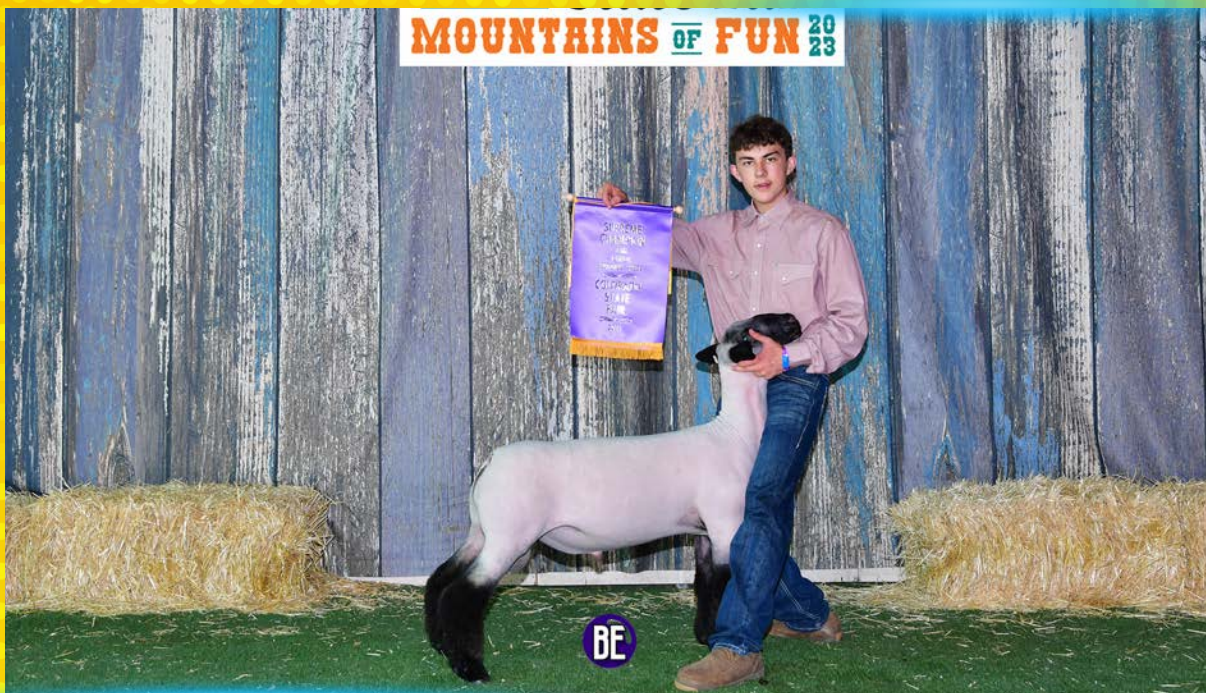
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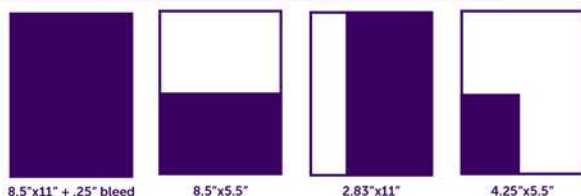
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1

Please give a brief overview of your background, your family, and your childhood in the livestock industry. How'd you get here??

I grew up on a commercial cattle ranch in Northern Wyoming. My brother and I also started a flock of club lamb ewes that we built a business out of throughout high school. My dad was a junior college livestock judging coach at Northwest College in Powell, WY for 18 years, so I grew up in a judging van and around my dad's college teams. I was heavily involved in 4-H and FFA showing all species (actually not goats – we didn't have goat shows in Wyoming yet when I was showing). I also had the good fortune of being on both the state champion 4-H and FFA teams, so I got to compete at multiple national contests.

Market Goats Austin



2

What is your current occupation and involvement in the livestock industry?

I am the livestock judging coach and coordinator at Texas A&M University and a lecturer in the Department of Animal Science. Along with my wife Kylie and 3 kids – Cash, Tatum, and Tinsley, we own and operate Boardman Livestock which consists of 75 medium wool ewes.

3

Who were the most influential people in your life growing up?

Certainly, my parents and siblings were the most influential. Once I started college, all of my coaches had a big influence on me.

4

Please give a description of your livestock judging experience.

I attended Coffeyville Community College to judge livestock for Brian Anderson and Cary Crow. From there I went to Texas A&M and was on the 2011 Reserve National Champion team coached by Jake Franke, Cody Sloan, and Jake Thorne. After getting an undergraduate degree in Agribusiness, I continued on as the Assistant Coach at Texas A&M while getting my masters in ruminant nutrition, including coaching the 2013 National Champion Team. I then served as the head coach at the University of Wyoming for 5 years before returning to A&M to my

current position. Since returning to A&M in January of 2021, the team has won 16 contests, had over 100 instances of individuals being named top-10 at a contest, and had 9 team members be named All-Americans. I've had the fortune to judge in 26 states including the National Western, Sioux Empire, NILE, OYE, and 13 different state fair/junior livestock shows.



5 What would you consider your first ever “big show”?
My first “big” state fair was the State Fair of Texas in 2017 and then I was fortunate to do the National Western Stock Show in 2018 at a pretty young age.

6 Throughout your tenure, what have been the most significant changes to the junior livestock industry?
To me, the level of competition and dedication/money it takes to show livestock and compete is just on a different level now than when I was growing up, especially being from a smaller state. It is a year-round sport now that to win at, you had better be completely bought in and willing to outwork the competition. Then certainly the evolution of the goat industry is certainly a major change. As I mentioned, goats weren’t even really shown in Wyoming when I was growing up, and even from a judging perspective, most contests were just starting to incorporate them as I went through college.

7 Walk us through your process as you evaluate market animals at a major livestock show.
I like to watch them come right in the gate and study them from a $\frac{3}{4}$ angle. To me, it’s the best view a judge can get because I can study every part of that animal.

8 What are the preferences that you rank among the most important in regards to market animal evaluation?
To me, being a good market animal is an absolute must to start with. They better be wide constructed, have adequate muscle, and be trim and cutability-driven. Then I’m a big proponent of structure and watching animals move. Finally, I want them to be able to prop up and give a balanced, unique look from the side. To me, elite animals will always have a certain ring presence about them, regardless if they are on the move or on the brace.

9

How much influence do you feel presentation (i.e. clipping, fitting, hair/hide quality) has on any judges' decisions in the show ring?

As a judge, I certainly try to look past the presentation part and truly find the best animals. But it would be naïve to say that the judge's eye isn't just naturally drawn to the better-presented animals. Plus, a high percentage of the time, those highly presented animals as far as freshness, showmanship, hide/hair quality, etc. are the better animals, because their showman are the ones dedicated to having that animal maxed out on that particular day, and who have put in all of the work to get them to that point.

10

What is the most valuable portion of the junior livestock industry?

I hope for most kids it's the work ethic and discipline that it teaches. As a college professor, fewer and fewer kids have the drive to be successful, and that is certainly something our industry teaches. I also hope they can learn to network and build a relationship with their competitors that will last a lifetime.

11

What are your pet peeves in the show ring?

I certainly don't like poor sportsmanship and excessive slapping of the animal to get them to brace.

12

Do you have a "routine" before judging a show? Any favorite music that has to be in your ear buds leading up to the start?

No, I just get myself into the right headspace by reminding myself how hard each of the youth that will be exhibiting that day have worked, and how it is my job to give them an honest and fair evaluation with every ounce of focus I can have.

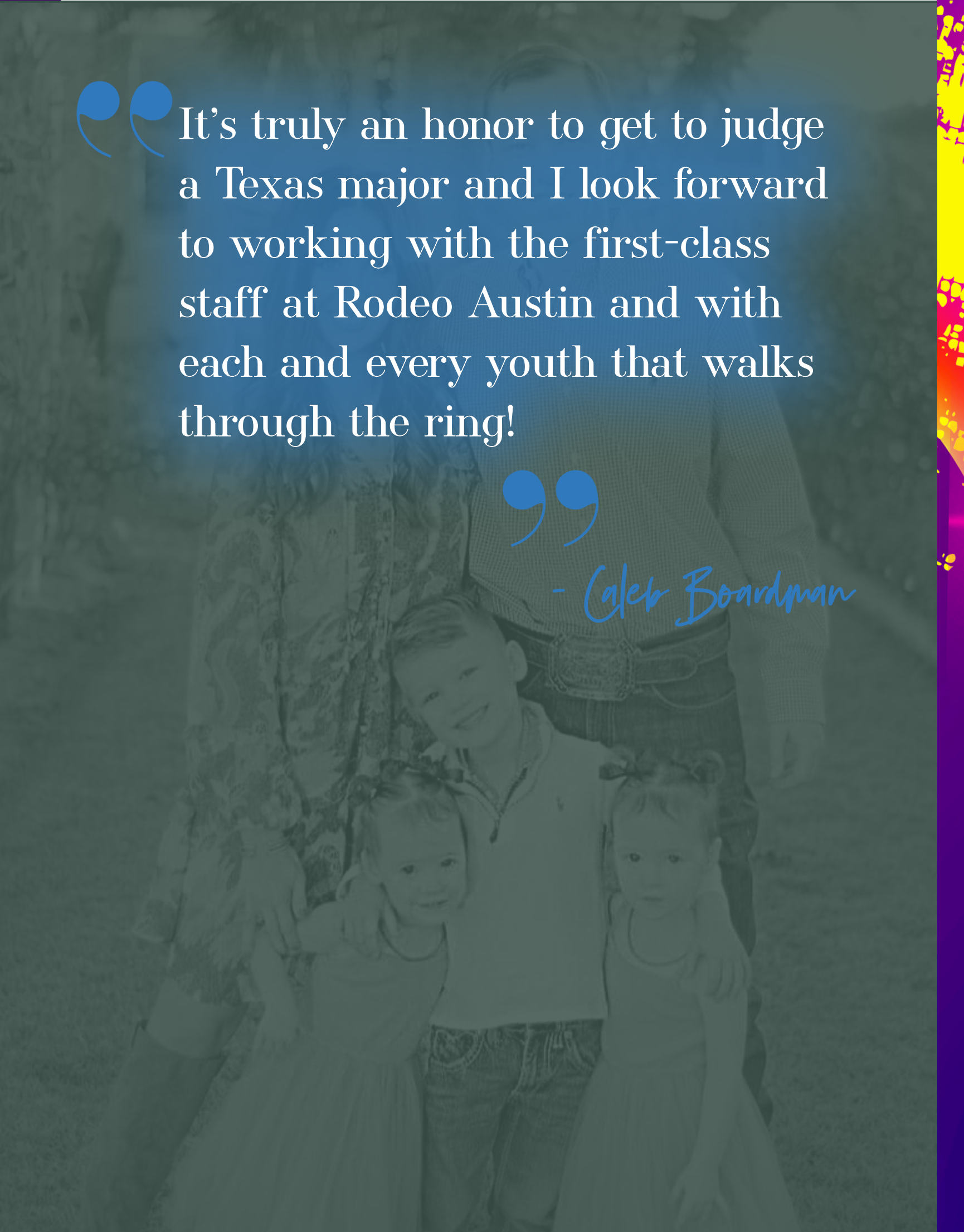
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Last, but not least, what is your favorite meal? One you could never live without?

I love a good steak. Particularly a ribeye.



Caleb Moore-Jordan



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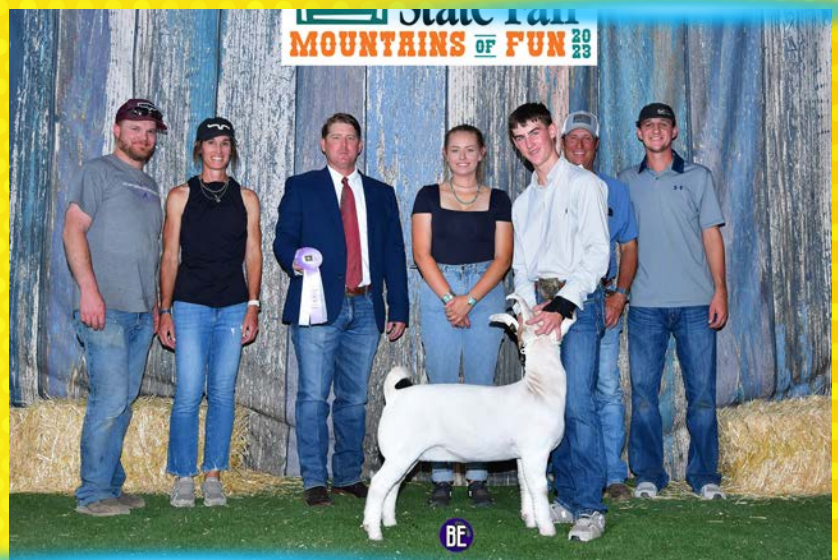
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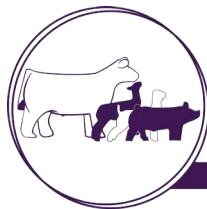


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The early morning sun filters through the open barn doors, show day at Limousin Junior Nationals is a day like no other. Once the calves are washed and blown out everyone can take a quick break for donuts at the stalls. Tucker quickly walks up with Colt right behind him and says, "Hey Boone's sister, hand me a donut". I shake my head and laugh because although I have known Tucker for fifteen years, he still cannot remember my name.

That show day was not unlike so many others, Tucker and Colt and their family worked hard to prepare their cattle. Tucker helped younger and older showmen alike, watched the show, and paid attention to the commentary given by the judge regarding the cattle. He spent his time in the ring, focused look of confidence while the judge examined his animal.

Tucker went on to win that show, as well as many others. As always, he humbly accepted his awards, congratulated his friends on their achievements, and left his stalls neat and tidy when all the tack was loaded and the banners were stored away. "See ya next show, Boone's sister," he said as we parted ways and went down the road.

Tucker was a great example of a herdsman. He loved cattle and was constantly studying to improve the genetics of his herd. He was the epitome of getting up early, giving 110% in the barn, and then off to his next activity, be it school, football, basketball, golf, 4H, FFA, or helping his family on their ranch. Tucker loved spending time with his friends and his family; his brother Colt was always just nearly a half-step behind Tucker, wherever that might be.

"Tucker, Come dance with me," I said, as a George Strait tune played at the state show. Tucker pretended it was the worst offer he had that day, but then spun me around the dance floor smiling that contagious, ornery smile

and pointing at Colt as we passed him. Even though he acted like I made him dance, it was one of the traditions and highlights for me at the state show. We had been dancing partners for almost as long as I could remember.

Tucker spent his days being busy serving the Lord; be it in the cattle barn, on the field, or just walking the halls of Whitharral High School, he was a role model. All who knew Tucker knew he was a loyal, compassionate friend. He was honest as the day is long and was a leader to so many. Tucker was willing to work hard and go the extra mile. He left things better than he found them and found a way to smile through each day.

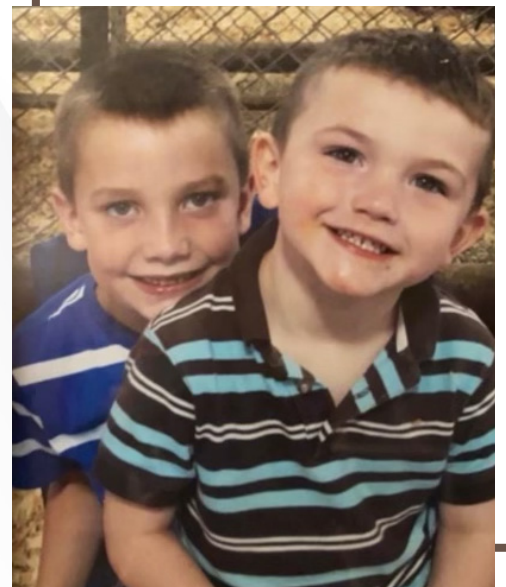
While the barn will feel different this season and our hearts work through this time, we all wish to carry on the legacy Tucker left behind: working hard, going the extra mile, representing our herds and our organizations to the best of our abilities, smiling through the days and the trials and never forgetting to make connections with our friends.

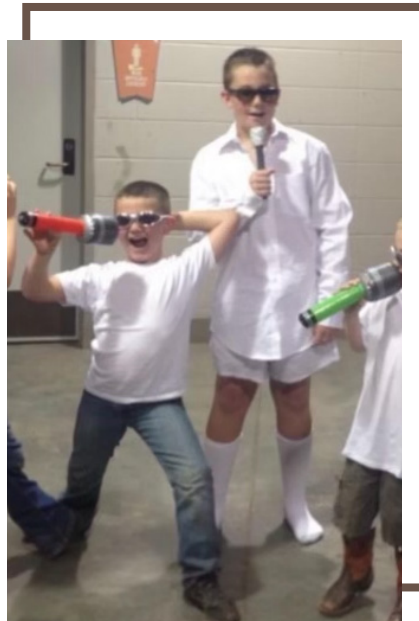
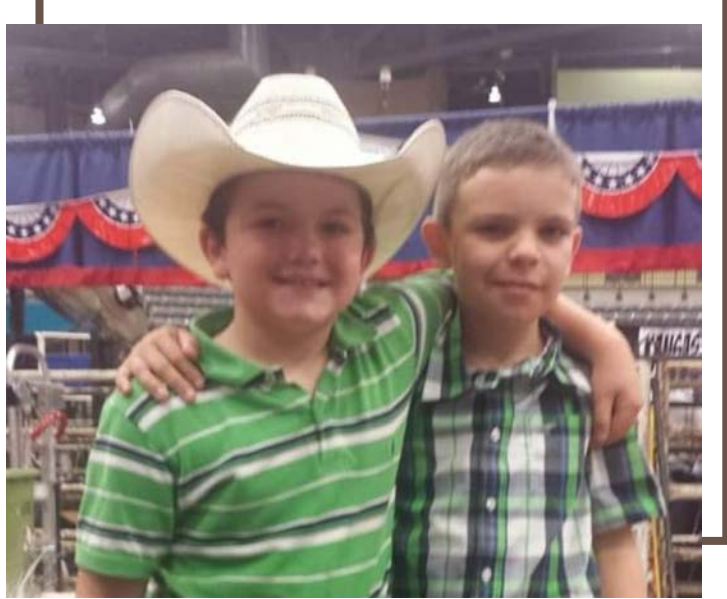
**Yessir Tuck, we all
look forward to
seeing you, next show.**

Written by McKinley Begert



Tucker parkinson





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Crock Pot Ranch Pork Loin Roast and Potatoes

3 pound pork loin
3 pounds red potatoes
1 onion
4 cloves garlic
8 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons ranch seasoning

Directions

- 1. Begin by quartering the potatoes, slicing the onions, and mincing two garlic cloves and dumping in a bowl.*
- 2. Melt four tablespoons of butter and mix one tablespoon of the ranch seasoning into the melted butter.*
- 3. Pour the ranch butter over the potatoes, onions, and garlic. Dump the combination into the bottom of a crock pot.*
- 4. Coat the pork loin in two tablespoons of Ranch seasoning. Place the pork loin roast fat side down in the crock pot and top with remaining two minced garlic cloves and four tablespoons of butter.*
- 5. Cook on low for 6-8 hours in the crock pot or until the pork is 145° and potatoes are fork tender.*





Balsamic Roasted Brussels Sprouts

1 ½ pounds Brussels sprouts
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
2 cloves garlic minced
Kosher salt & black pepper

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400°F.
2. Trim brussel sprouts and cut in half if they are large.
3. Toss brussel sprouts with olive oil, balsamic and garlic.
4. Season generously with salt and pepper and place on a baking sheet, flat side down.
5. Roast 20-25 minutes or until Brussels are tender.

Thanksgiving Punch

2 gallons apple cider (not spiced)
6-12 ounces caramel flavoring syrup (I like Torani), add more to taste
1-2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
Optional: Cinnamon sticks, sliced apple circles

Directions

1. Pour apple cider (all but 1/4 of the 2 gallons) into a drink dispenser. Add the caramel syrup.
2. Whisk in pumpkin pie spice. Some of the spice may float to the top, but whisk again right before serving. Taste and add more pumpkin spice, if desired.
3. Serve chilled, at room temperature, or warm. Stir occasionally to keep the flavors equally distributed. Add cinnamon sticks and sliced apples to the punch just before serving, if using.



Caramel Apple Bites

2 Green Apples
1 pkg. Mini Pretzel Twists
1 pkg. Rolo Candy
Toothpicks

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 250 degrees.
2. On a baking sheet, lay out pretzels in a single layer and place a Rolo candy on each pretzel.
3. Put these in the oven for about 3-4 minutes, or until the candy is soft but not melted.
4. Chop the apple in small chunks. Squeeze a little lemon juice on them if you would like to help keep from turning brown.
5. Place one apple on the end of a toothpick and push into one of the Rolo pretzels. Repeat until all the Rolo pretzels have apples.
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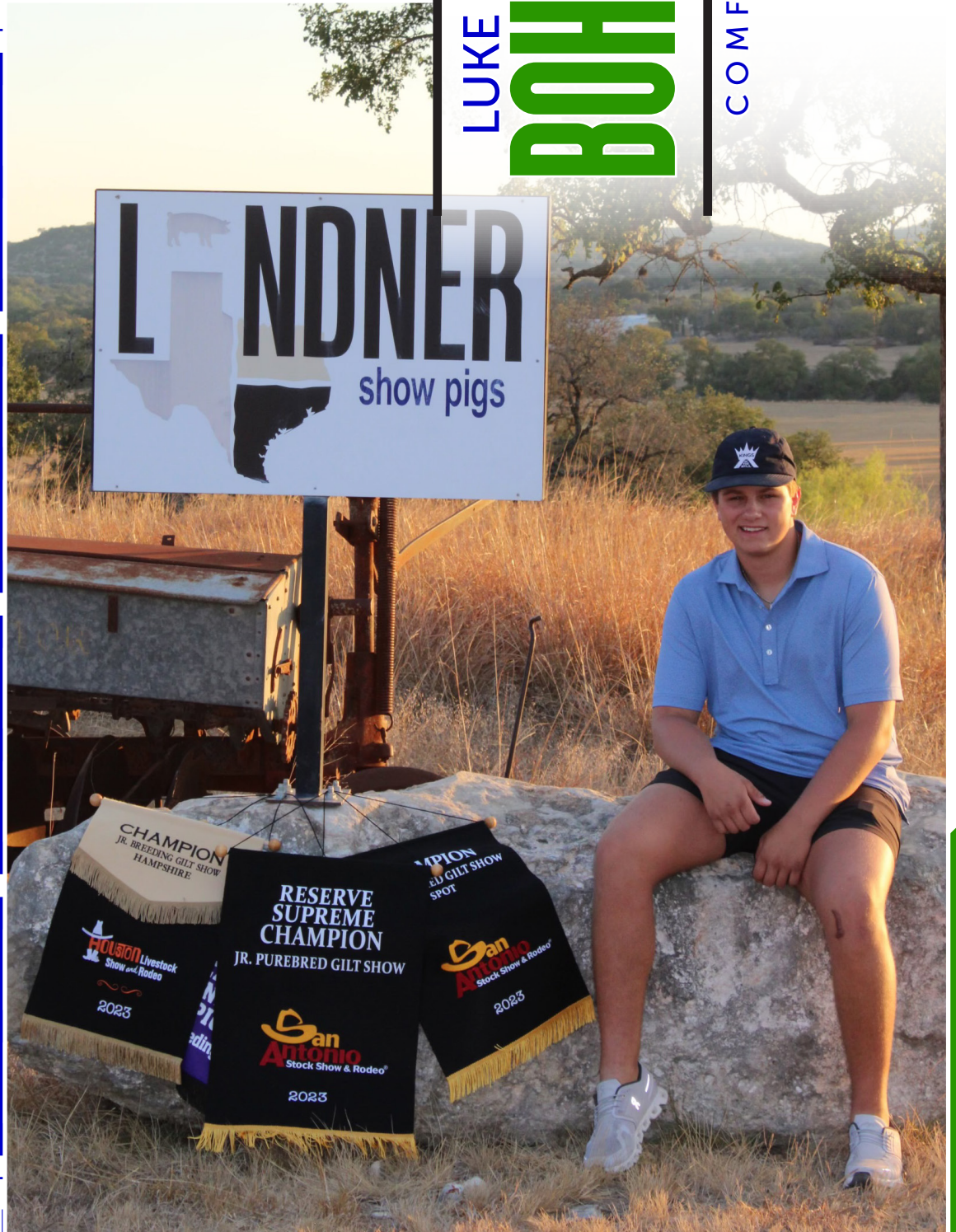
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LUKE BOHNERT

Hi! My name is Luke Bohnert and I am currently a senior at Comfort High School in Comfort, Texas. My parents are Michael and Elaine Bohnert. I am the middle child of 3. I have an older brother, Samuel, who is a sophomore at Schreiner University and a younger sister, Lilah, who is a sophomore at Comfort High School. I am still trying to decide the best path for me after graduation since I have a lot of options to consider.

I have shown pigs since the 2nd grade at our county stock show and started showing at all of the Texas majors in 3rd grade. I have always shown both breeding gilts and market barrows which keeps me very busy. I have had a lot of help along the way and have made meaningful connections with many mentors and breeders that I am extremely thankful for.

In addition to showing pigs, I have also been active in 4H. I have been a member of Kendall County 4-H since I was a clover kid and have been a member of the Comfort 4-H club and the Kendall County Swine Club. I have held numerous officers positions in both clubs, but I am currently the Vice President of the Kendall County Swine Club for the 3rd year. I serve as a Kendall County Livestock Junior Director. I am a 4 year member of the Comfort High School's Varsity baseball team. I play first base and really enjoy the game.

I currently work at Lindner Show Pigs - full time during the summer and part time during the school year. Working at Lindner Show Pigs has opened so many doors for me and I have accomplished goals that I would not have been able to without Luke and Fallon, especially winning Reserve Supreme Gilt at the San Antonio Stock Show. I am extremely grateful for all they have taught me and done for me. I have learned so much about the show pig industry in the past year and a half showing and working for them.

As my show career comes to an end, I will always remember the good times and the things accomplished along the way. I look forward to this last year of showing and hope to make many more memories with my friends and family!

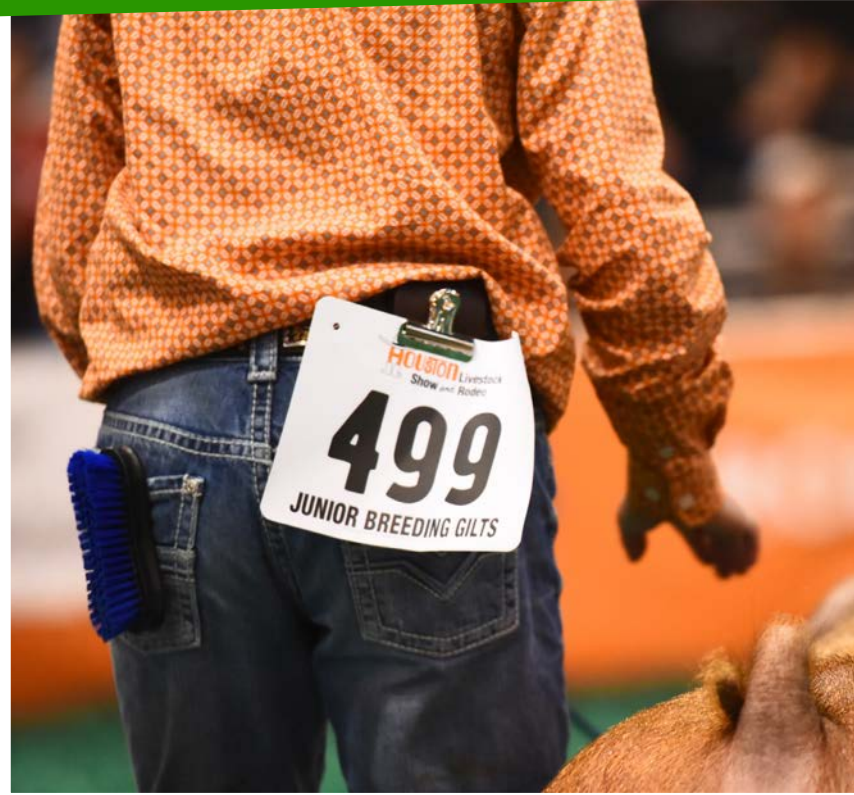


WHAT IS THE MOST REWARDING THING FROM SHOWING LIVESTOCK?

Definitely the most rewarding thing that I have gained from showing are the friendships! It is nice to have a support group outside of your school friends that understand that you do not have a lot of free time and that enjoy doing the same thing that you enjoy. Plus the memories that I have made with my friends and family at the shows are the best!

WHAT IS THE MOST CHALLENGING THING ABOUT SHOWING LIVESTOCK?

The most challenging thing about showing is realizing that you can do all the right things and work really hard and the end result may not go your way, but you have to keep trying.



WHAT VALUES ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU?

I really value being hardworking, responsible, trustworthy, honest and loyal the most.



IF YOU COULD TELL ONE NEW SHOWMAN SOME WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

I would tell a new showman - Don't give up. You have to keep trying because one day you will accomplish your goal if you keep working hard.



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The most important showmanship tip is to stay calm. I used to struggle with this the most. But if you let your emotions get the best of you then things will unravel in the show ring real fast. Try to stay in control at all times.

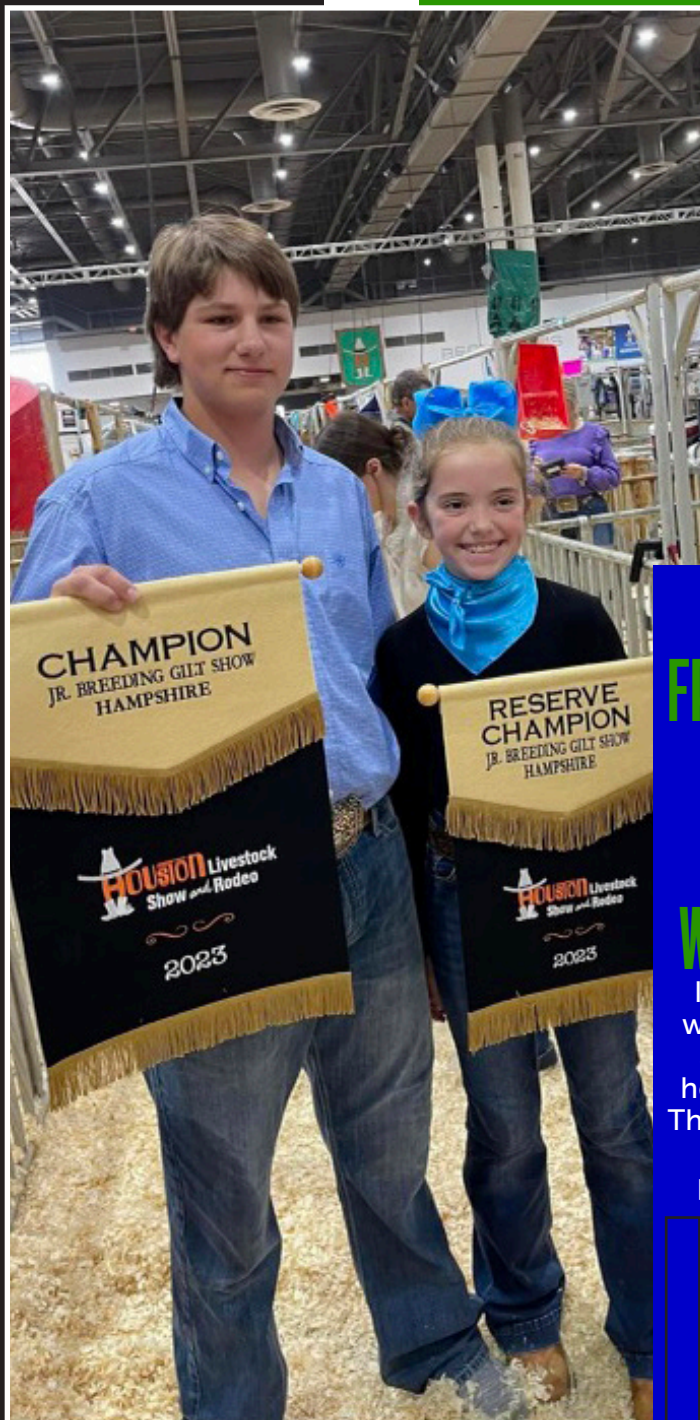


WHEN YOU GRADUATE WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE REMEMBERED FOR IN THE STOCK SHOW WORLD?

I want to be remembered in the stock show world as always being a hard worker but also knowing how to have fun. Stock shows are a lot of work with early mornings and late nights but you should squeeze some fun in too. I also hope people remember that I was always willing to help as needed.

SUPPOSE YOU COULD TAKE ANY CELEBRITY TO LUNCH AND TALK TO THEM ABOUT FFA/4-H; WHO WOULD YOU TAKE, AND WHAT WOULD YOU TELL THEM?

I would take Quinn Ewers (UT Quarterback) to lunch and ask him about how he became a successful college athlete and compare it to what it takes to be successful at showing.



IF YOUR FRIENDS COULD DESCRIBE YOU, HOW WOULD THEY?

I think my friends would describe me as hard working, helpful and honest. They would probably say that I can be pretty funny too.

LAB



WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN THE NEXT 5 YEARS?

In 5 years, I hope to be my own boss with a very successful business and then also help my friend run G&L skid steer service on the side.



WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL?

My role model is Luke Lindner. I look up to Luke because at a very young age he is very successful running his own business while also working at the family business. A lot of hard work is why he is so successful.

I also respect my parents because no matter what they find a way to make things possible. They work hard both at their jobs and in the barn and they support me 100% in all that I do.

WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO BE A GOOD LEADER, AND TO PUT FORTH YOUR BEST EFFORT?

I am motivated to be a good leader by remembering that someone is always watching you and that you should try to set a good example.



HOW DO YOU GO ABOUT SETTING GOALS IN ORDER TO BECOME MORE SUCCESSFUL?

I usually have a ton of ideas but not all are reasonable so I talk them out with my family before making goals so that they can actually be met.



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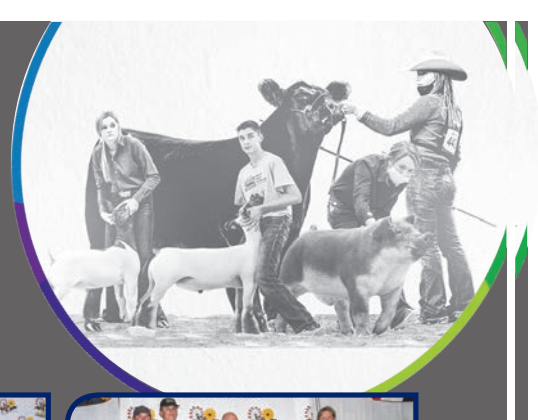


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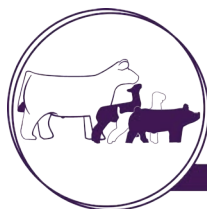
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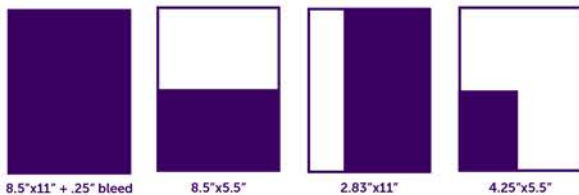
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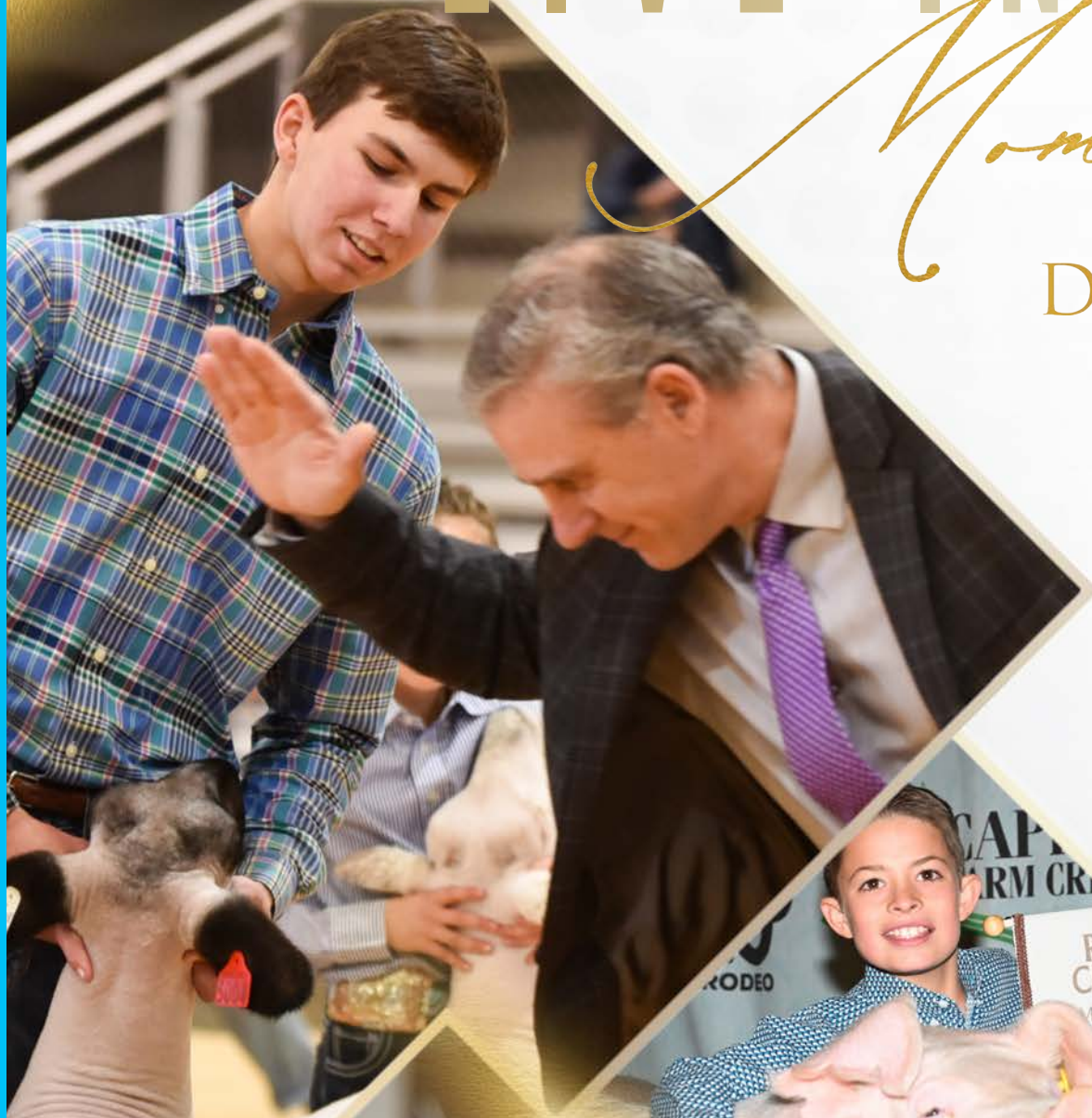
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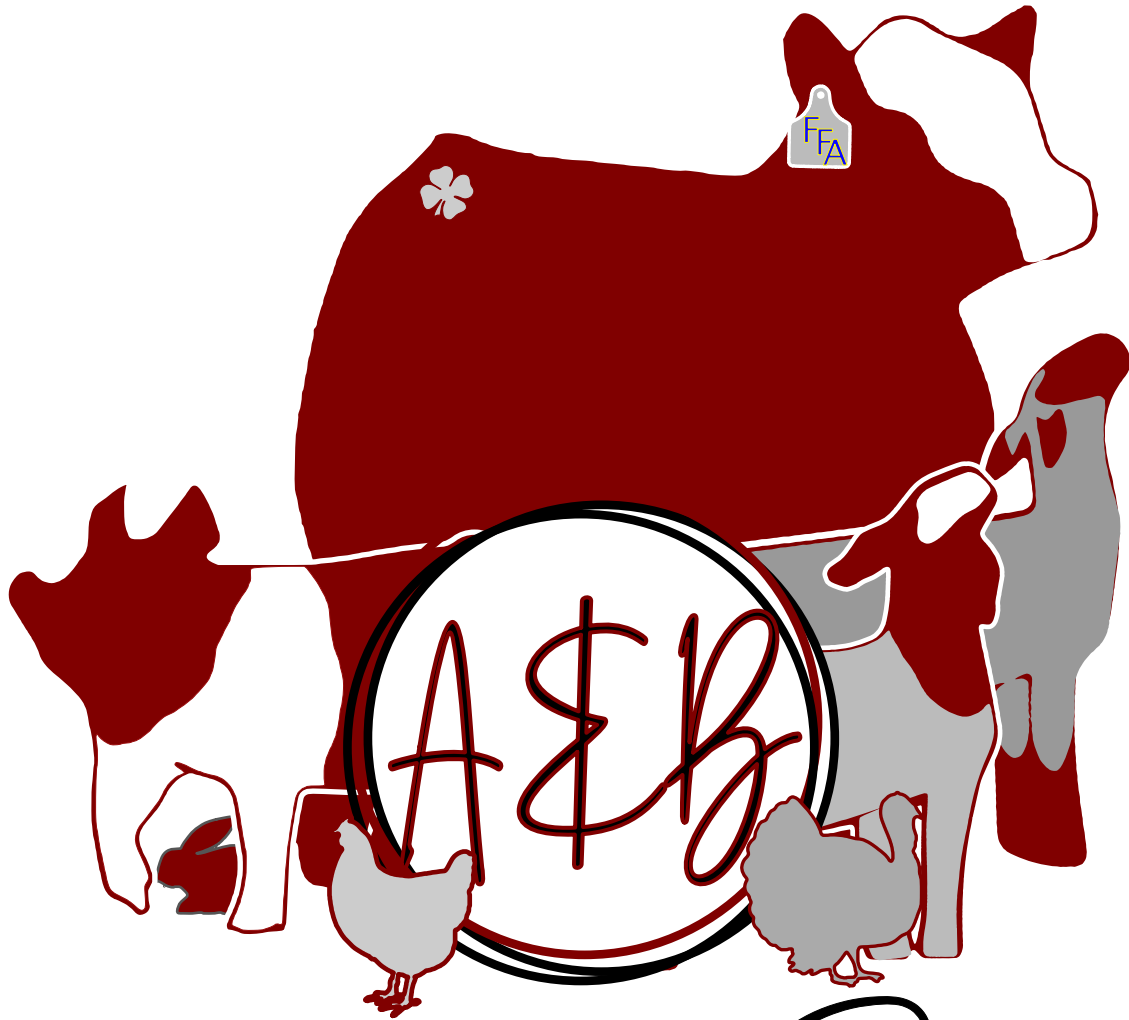
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1

Please give a brief overview of your background, your family, and your childhood in the poultry industry. How'd you get here?

I joined a local 4-H club at the early age of 8 and immediately started my poultry project. I raised market broilers & market turkeys on the county and state level until I graduated high school. I have a brother 5 years younger than me who followed in those same footsteps, so it was very evident my son would continue on the legacy, but Tyland got to start showing at 5 years old due to a local rule. As a family, we lost count of how many banners we hung, but the memories made over the last 32 years are absolutely incredible!

2

What is your current occupation and involvement in the poultry industry?

I am currently employed with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. My husband, Brad, and I also own & operate A&B Livestock Supply. I am extremely involved in the poultry industry as I advise and consult with families all over the United States with their poultry projects. I also judge market poultry shows at all levels and I market our A&B Livestock Supply feeding program and our very own poultry supplement, SupRcharge.

3

Who were the most influential people in your life growing up?

The most influential people in my life growing up were my mom and dad as they pushed me to do/be the best in everything I did. On the poultry side specifically, Dr. Fred Thornberry and Dale Hyatt were very influential in my decision to continue with poultry after I was done showing. I still remember as if it were yesterday walking into the Poultry Science Extension Office at Texas A&M at the age of 8 with my dad, meeting Dr. Fred Thornberry, and asking for assistance with my very first broiler project. The rest is history from there....



4

Please give a description of your poultry judging experience.

I have judged at the school, local, county, regional, state, and national levels. I have been judging for the past 20 years.

5

What would you consider your first ever "big show"?

2012 San Antonio Livestock Show Market Broiler Show. The Arkansas State Fair is a pretty special one too.

6

Throughout your tenure, what have been the most significant changes to the junior livestock/poultry industry?

A lot has changed with the genetics of the birds over the years. The birds grow so much faster and are much larger at the show than back when I was an exhibitor. Judging has changed over the years as well and sifted from a uniformity show to a bring the meat kind of show.

7

Walk us through your process as you evaluate market poultry at a livestock show.

My #1 process in breast meat yield. To determine that, the following factors/criteria are considered, width at the base of the breast, length of keel bone, and amount of taper (least amount preferred). Depending on the size of the show I will give each exhibitor a pre-score at check-in/ sift to sort the birds into smaller groups, to then compare the pens, and place them accordingly.

8

What are the preferences that you rank among the most important in regards to poultry evaluation?

Breast meat, breast meat, and more breast meat is my #1 preference. Bring your 3 biggest, meatiest birds. The rest tends to sort itself out.

9

What is the most valuable portion of the junior poultry industry?

All of the experiences and memories made. Through all of the years of being involved in the poultry industry, I have gained many lifelong friendships.



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10

What is the funniest story you can recall in regards to showing or judging poultry?

Probably all of the times of getting pooped on. Some of them being worse than others.

11

What are your pet peeves in the show ring?

Exhibitors not paying attention and not being ready when I get to them to evaluate their birds.

12

Do you have a "routine" before judging a show? Any favorite music that has to be in your ear buds leading up to the start?

I don't have a set routine before judging a show, but I always get in my zone anytime I am around birds. It is my passion and something I truly look forward to each and every time.

13

Last, but not least, what is your favorite meal? One you could never live without?

I have many favorites, but more times than not it is some type of chicken or turkey!



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