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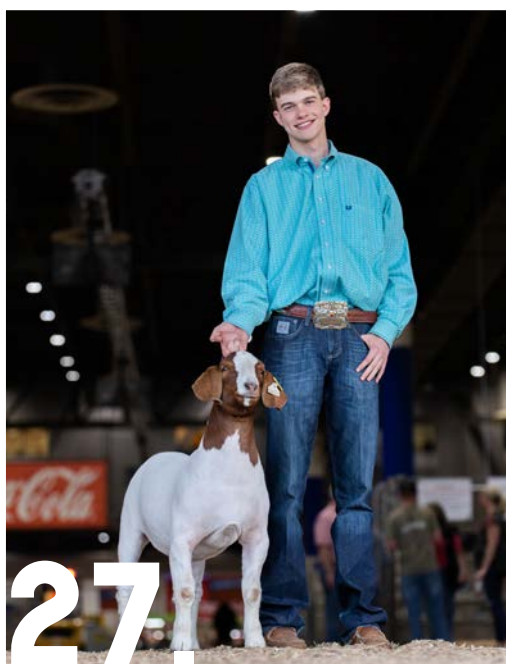
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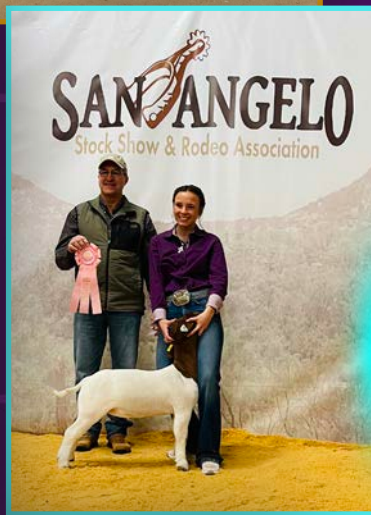


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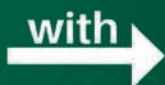
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HI! MY NAME IS RICHARD SPENCER

but everyone calls me Tres because I am the third Richard Spencer. I am a senior at Roby High School in Roby, Texas. I live with my dad who is self-employed, and my mom who retired from school counseling to be at home during my high school years. Their strong love and faith in God is an inspiration to me. I enjoy showing livestock, playing golf and basketball, listening to music, fishing and hanging out with friends. Agriculture has been a part of my family since way before I was born. My grandfather was a county extension agent his whole career. Both of my parents were in 4-H throughout their school careers. My dad showed pretty much every kind of animal you could show - except poultry. He was even a county extension agent for a while. My mother showed heifers and steers. They both did many other projects and held offices too. Both of my grandmothers were adult leaders, and my other grandfather was an adult leader and president of the Wise County Texas Youth Fair for several years. Another reason I joined 4-H, was to meet new people and make more friends. In the beginning, I was kind of shy when I first met people and I am an only child. Through 4-H, I became a part of a group kind of like a family. I joined 4-H in kindergarten in Glasscock County as a Clover Kid where I stayed through third grade. I joined Borden County 4-H as soon as I moved there, then Fisher County 4-H as soon as I moved there. This gave me the opportunity to be a part of three different 4-H clubs in three different 4-H Districts. I have friends in so many places now. We began raising goats, lambs and cattle when I was five years old so my passion for livestock started early. I started showing them at age eight. Livestock showing is a family affair at our house. We spend many hours at the barn together with my stock show animals. We have all made sacrifices but I wouldn't trade a single minute. During kidding season, we also spend even more time together. The life lessons and skills I have learned from both experiences are priceless. Since I began showing, I have placed made the sale at every Texas major show. This will be my third year to serve as a 4-H Texas Youth Livestock Ambassador. Through Livestock Ambassadors, I attended their Advocacy Academy at the capital in Austin and got to be part of their Hawaiian Agriculture Experience. These opportunities definitely influenced my education and career direction. Upon entering high school, FFA has played a major role in my life. This was my second year to be selected as a Texas FFA Foundation Ambassador. As an ambassador, we host the sponsors, guest speakers, bands and special guests as the face of Texas FFA. At convention this summer, I was chosen to be one of the 10 team leaders and named Top Sr. Ambassador at the end of convention. Recently, I was elected to be president of Roby FFA for the 2022-2023 year and have previously served as reporter and treasurer. On the district level, I have served as FFA Double Mountain District Sentinel. In 4-H, I have served in multiple offices and am currently president. Through FFA and 4-H, I have competed in Chapter Conducting, Public Relations, Quiz, Livestock Judging, Cotton Judging, Livestock Skillathon, Sheep Skillathon, and Photography. I added FFA Job Interview last year and competed as one of the 24 state finalists in December. As a sophomore, I was awarded the Texas 4-H Gold Star Award, something I am extremely proud of. This past summer, I was awarded my FFA Lone Star Degree at convention. Currently, I am serving for the third year, as a Junior Director for the Junior Meat Goat Show Circuit where I was elected vice president. During the past few years, I have served as a Junior Director and instructor at Howard College Goat and Lamb Camps. For the past two years, I have been selected to be a member of the NRS Show Team. Being a part of this team has taught me so much and given me great opportunities to be a part of such a great group of people and experts in the field of agriculture. At school, I am also involved in UIL Calculator, Mathematics, Number Sense, Science and Ready Writing. I have also served as class president for the past three years. Currently I am president of Roby High School National Honor Society. I was elected to the honor of Mr. RHS, Most Likely to Succeed and Top Overall Senior Boy. I have been part of two regional cross country team, basketball and an individual golf regional qualifier. I will be attending Texas A&M this coming fall where I will major in animal science and agricultural economics. Agriculture is something I am truly passionate about and advocate for strongly. Showing livestock has given me great opportunities to help educate others about the importance of livestock and agriculture in our daily lives. I am honored and blessed to be a part of this great industry and live this life.

WHAT IS THE MOST REWARDING THING ABOUT SHOWING LIVESTOCK?

I think the most rewarding things about showing livestock for me have been the lifelong friends I have made, the stock show family I have gained and the support of the livestock industry in general. It has been pretty incredible to see how this industry has come together to help out, take care of, or just check on each other.

WHAT IS THE MOST CHALLENGING THING ABOUT SHOWING LIVESTOCK?

There are always challenges in life and showing livestock is no exception. One of the biggest challenges for me has been balancing the daily, changing demands of the barn with my schoolwork, friends, family, and other activities like 4-H, FFA and UIL events and competitions. Prioritizing and using time management has become more important than ever for me.

WHAT VALUES ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Honesty, integrity, loyalty, respect, and hard working come to mind, but my faith in God is most important to me.



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

You learn a lot from showing livestock. You will get frustrated, tired, and most likely lose at times. But how you handle these things will make you not only a good showman, but a good person and a person others can look up to. Be the person that shakes the judge's hand and your competitor's hand. Be the person who never gives up, puts in the time and encourages others. Hard work does pay off!

WHEN YOU GRADUATE, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE REMEMBERED FOR IN THE STOCKSHOW WORLD?

I hope I am remembered for being a hard worker, dependable, helpful, kind, as well as an advocate for agriculture - basically a good role model for younger kids and strong in my faith in God.

GIVE US YOUR MOST IMPORTANT SHOWMANSHIP TIP.

A mentor and a friend both told me, "The show is won during the 6-8 months in the barn before the show." In other words, practice and train hard so things will be automatic in the ring and your confidence in your animal and yourself are obvious the second you both walk in.



**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 like to take Matthew McConaughey to lunch. He has a strong presence in the film industry and is a Christian who advocates for children. His public platform that could reach more people with information about the opportunities and possibilities 4H and FFA have to offer. I would talk him how 4-H and FFA have molded me and many others into leaders with good work ethics, confidence, character and skills. These programs help educate youth and adults alike about the importance and relevance of agriculture in our day to day lives. However, these programs offer more than just agriculture related paths like technology and business.

WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN THE NEXT 5 YEARS?

Hopefully, I will be graduated with my bachelor's degree in animal science and agricultural economics from Texas A&M University and working on a master's degree in agriculture. I would hope to have an internship or job related to agriculture at the same time.



IF YOUR FRIENDS COULD DESCRIBE YOU, HOW WOULD THEY?

I think they would say
that I am loyal, honest,
caring, reliable and
hard working.



WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL?

I really like Tim Tebow and what he stands for. He is not afraid to live for the Lord for everyone to see. The way he uses his status to help others and share the gospel shows his servant heart. He doesn't judge, but also doesn't let others' judgement change his values and beliefs. It's hard enough to be yourself in this world, much less in the world of professional sports. Through all his public trials and challenges, he has stayed true to himself. He inspires me to be a better person.

My parents have also been my role models — they both work hard and have taught me to love God, love others and love myself. They have shown me that just because things aren't easy, you don't give up. My parents have always had high expectations of me, and I am grateful. They have made many sacrifices for me, supported me through the good and the bad, and are always my biggest cheerleaders.



Do you have a favorite quote or Bible verse?

**"BUT BY THE GRACE OF GOD, I AM
WHAT I AM, AND HIS GRACE TO ME
WAS NOT WITHOUT EFFECT. NO, I
WORKED HARDER THAN ALL OF
THEM - YET NOT I, BUT THE GRACE
OF GOD THAT WAS WITH ME".
- 1 CORINTHIANS 15:10**

**"THE GREATEST LEADER IS NOT
NECESSARILY THE ONE WHO DOES
THE GREATEST THINGS. HE IS THE
ONE THAT GETS THE PEOPLE TO DO
THE GREATEST THINGS".
- RONALD REAGAN**



IMAGINE YOURSELF 10 YEARS FROM TODAY. WHAT GOALS AND AMBITIONS DO YOU HAVE FOR YOURSELF, PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY?

Well, in 10 years, I will be doing whatever God has planned for me. But, I hope to have a job working with animal feed/supplements or possibly in agriculture finance, real estate, or insurance. I would like to be married, starting a family, raising my own livestock and still be involved livestock show industry.

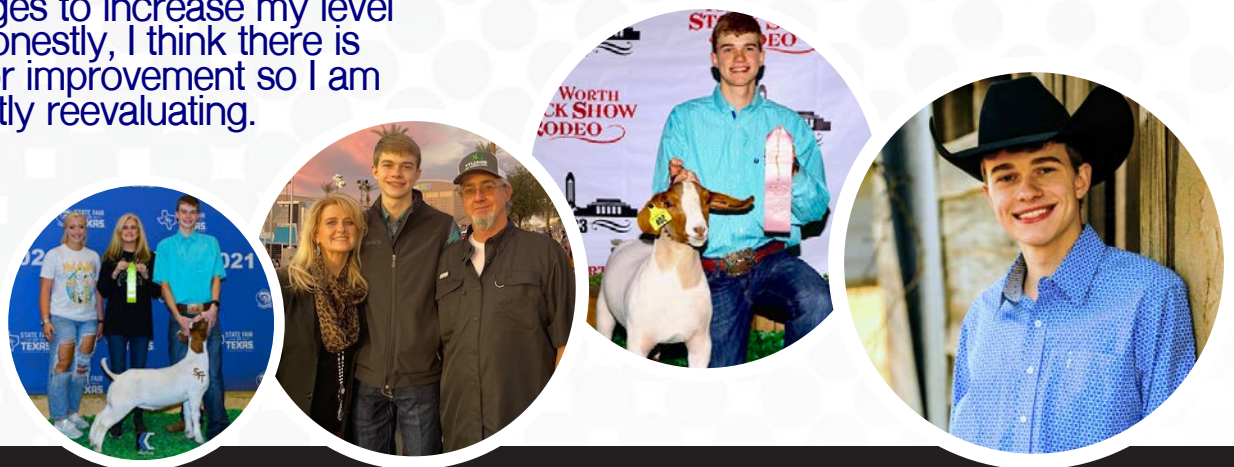
HOW DO YOU GO ABOUT SETTING GOALS IN ORDER TO BECOME MORE SUCCESSFUL?

I set a goal and give it my all. Then I evaluate what worked and what didn't and make changes to increase my level of success. Honestly, I think there is always room for improvement so I am constantly reevaluating.



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

I was taught to never do things halfway and to always give 110% to everything I did, so it has been instilled in me. Plus, I remember looking up to older stock show kids when I was younger so it really motivates me to be the best I can be because you never know who is watching.



TELL US WHAT SUCCESS MEANS TO YOU

If you can give something 110% of your effort, time, and abilities, being persistent, humble and maintaining your integrity, then you have achieved success. You can only increase success if there is room for growth which often comes from losing or failing. These are really opportunities if you look at them with the right attitude and confidence.



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9am-10am Check Heifer papers

9:30am-10am Turn in weights/classify
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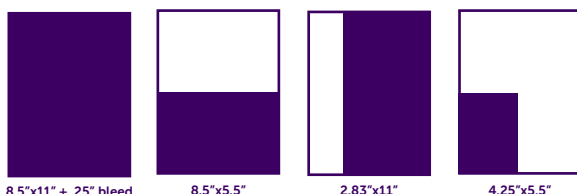


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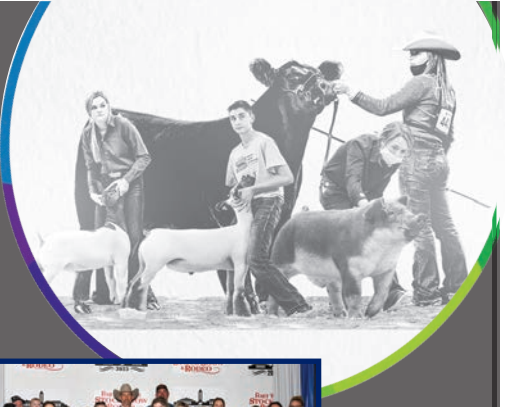
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Please give a brief overview of your background, your family, and your childhood in the livestock industry. How'd you get here?

I grew up in Gilman, Iowa where I raised Sheep and worked for my Uncles and family friends on Row Crop, Sheep and Hogs Farms. I was involved in 4-H and enjoyed showing sheep. I then went to Hawkeye Tech in Waterloo, Iowa where I judged Livestock under Bob Kimm and Alan Snedegar.

2

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

I was a County Extension Agent for 15 years and now I run Sturtz Show Goats and Sturtz Reproduction Services.

3

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

On the Stock Show side of things. Bob Kimm, Al Snedegar, Harold McIlrath, Dr. Wesley Wise, Joe Harrell, Bradley Johnson, and Riley Cabaniss. On the personal side, my Grandpa Peak, my Mom, and my Uncles.



4

Please give a description of your livestock judging experience.

Nationally I have Judged Louisville, Kansas City and Denver. State Wide, I have Judged OYE, LSU, New Mexico, Ohio, Iowa, Nebraska, Virginia, Indiana, Kansas, Georgia National, FT. Worth, San Angelo Does and Wether Dams, San Antonio Wether Dams.

5

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

Louisville Market Lamb Show in the 90's

6

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

The % of High Quality animals, The Showmanship level of all ages.

7

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

I like to watch the animals on the walk and divide them in thirds when they come in based on skeleton, structure and muscle. I then evaluate the handle and at that time start sorting my bottom end. I then sort my middle third and then I like to move the top animals to see how they balance, move and look from different angles before my final placing of a class. I think it is important to take extra time for those animals that receive premium and/or sale holes so I try to keep that in mind during sorting and placing process.

8

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

Structure, Proportional Balance, Muscle, Finish



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

I think it is an important aspect but feel it is not as important as fore mentioned qualities.

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

I think that there are a lot of things that kids can get involved in and be successful, but the livestock industry can teach kids so much more about life lessons than anything I can think of. I believe that the responsibility of caring for the animal to the opportunity to participate in skillathons and everything in between builds great kids who become great people and leaders.

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

That is tough, I have so many good stories both judging and showing. I guess my most recent favorite is when I was using the restroom between the show and showmanship and I was washing my hands and two 6-8 yr old boys were zipping and buckling up and I asked them how they were doing today and if they were going to show. They said they were good and they were going to show in peewee showmanship and asked me if they were giving a buckle. I said I wasn't sure but I didn't think so, but it looked like both of them already had a nice buckle. One of the boys looked at me and said "I earned mine mutton busting, I don't know where Buddys Name got his but he probably bought it at the store."

12 What are your pet peeves in the show ring?

Getting animal out of line on side profile.

13 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 pray the morning before the show. I pray for a successful show and pray for every kid and the families participating in the show. I actually listen to a lot of genres. I usually listen to AC/DC Thunderstruck, John Cougar, Bon Jovi and Tom Petty to get pumped up, After the show its more Chris Stapleton Luke Combs, Eric Church and of course George Strait.

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

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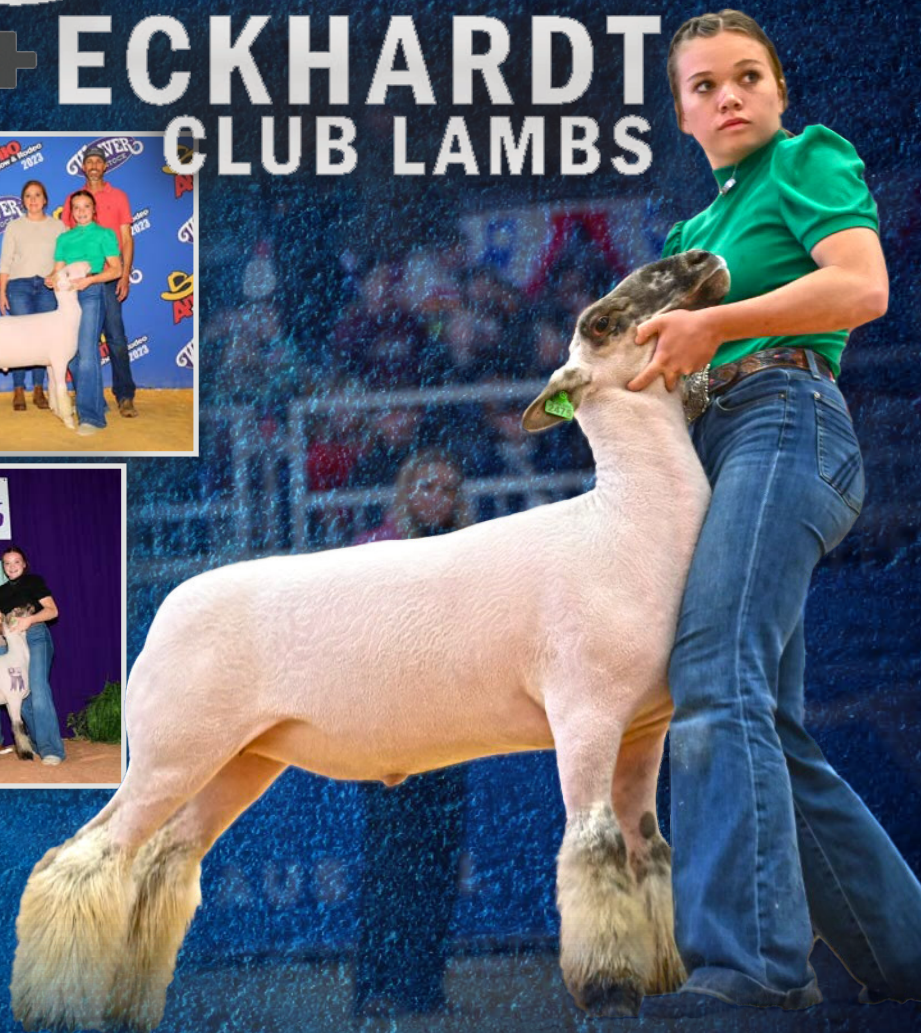
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HI! I'M MADILYN HOWELL

and I live in Spring Branch, Texas. I am the daughter of Brad and Melissa Howell. I have one younger sister, Brooklyn Howell. I began my stock show journey when I was nine years old with a market goat project. That first year I fed four goats and exhibited them at the San Angelo Livestock Show and the Comal County Junior Livestock Show. This is where my love for agriculture all started. The next year we added sheep to my barn. Raising livestock and exhibiting them all across the state of Texas with my family has been such an amazing experience and I couldn't do it without the support of my parents. My family has such a love for sheep that we purchased an entire flock in the summer of 2019. We have grown our flock since then to over 150 ewes. This experience has been challenging, but at the end of the day, it is so rewarding to see newborn lambs flourish and watch the whole lifecycle complete its circle. I am also very passionate about serving others who are less fortunate than me. I am a part of the junior board for a non-profit organization, Sky High for Kids. Sky High brings communities together through fundraising events to provide comfort, fund research, and save the lives of children fighting pediatric cancer. Over the years, I have combined my love for agriculture and serving others to support Sky High for Kids. It is gratifying to give back to others and see your impact on these kids. I am also a Texas 4-H Youth Livestock Ambassador. The opportunities I have been given through this program are amazing and I am very grateful to have been a part of this organization. 4H and FFA contests were some of my favorites growing up. I participated in many 4H and FFA projects and leadership roles, but some of my favorites were livestock judging, consumer decision-making, floral, milk judging, meat judging, and River District Officer. The life lessons I have gained through these organizations are ones I could not get anywhere else. I am so grateful for the opportunities the agriculture industry has afforded me thus far. The last ten years have flown by, but I will cherish the memories forever. I am excited to start my next chapter at Texas Tech University in the fall. I will be furthering my passion for agriculture and majoring in Agriculture Communications. I would not be where I am today without the continued support of my amazing family and friends.

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WHAT IS THE MOST REWARDING THING ABOUT SHOWING LIVESTOCK?

The most rewarding things I have gained from showing livestock are my connections and lifelong friendships.

WHAT VALUES ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU?

The values that are most important to me are loyalty and kindness. Always remember the Golden Rule and treat others how you want to be treated.

WHAT IS THE MOST CHALLENGING THING ABOUT SHOWING LIVESTOCK?

The most challenging thing about showing livestock is the time commitment and dedication. You must be dedicated to your animals and put in hard work. It pays off in the end, but you don't always win, so you have to keep a positive attitude.



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

If I could tell one new showman some words of encouragement, I would tell them to never to give up. Hard work does pay off. Make new connections, and don't be afraid to put yourself out there.

WHAT IS YOUR MOST IMPORTANT SHOWMANSHIP TIP?

My most important showmanship tip is to always carry yourself with grace and poise, whether you win or lose. Someone will always be watching you and looking up to you, so you need to be a positive role model.

WHEN YOU GRADUATE, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE REMEMBERED FOR IN THE STOCKSHOW WORLD?

When I graduate, I want to be remembered for my kind personality and an optimistic attitude.





IF A FRIEND COULD DESCRIBE YOU, HOW WOULD THEY?

If my friends could describe me, they would say I am kind, empathetic, and thoughtful.



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?

Taylor Swift...I would tell her that 4H and FFA are the future of agriculture. We must keep these organizations strong and well-known because agriculture is vital to society.

WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN THE NEXT 5 YEARS?

In the next five years, I see myself graduating from Texas Tech and starting my photography business.

WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL?

My role model is my dad. He is so driven and works hard to ensure my sister, mom, and I have everything we want and need. He is always right there when I need him in the barn or at shows. He is so patient with us and has a positive mindset no matter what.

IMAGINE YOURSELF 10 YEARS FROM TODAY. WHAT GOALS AND AMBITIONS DO YOU HAVE FOR YOURSELF, PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY?

Some goals and ambitions I have for myself for the next ten years are to create a successful photography business, start a family, and grow my connections within the livestock industry.



Do you have a favorite quote or bible verse?

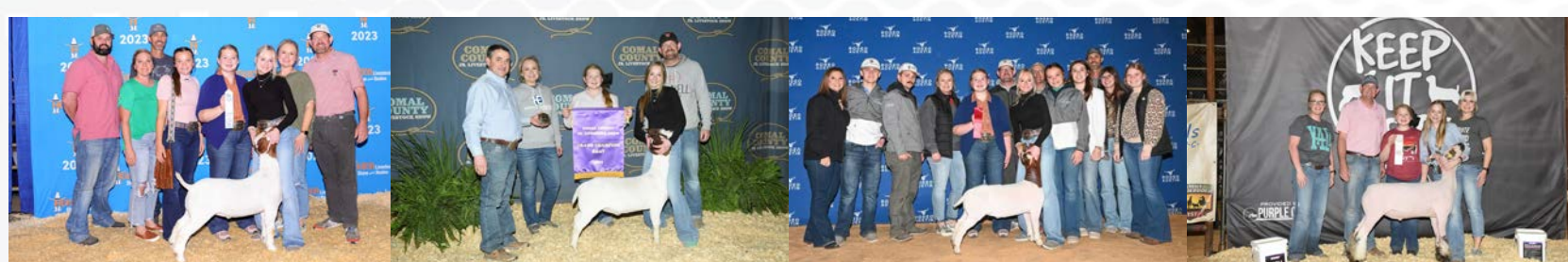
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WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO BE A GOOD LEADER, AND TO PUT FORTH YOUR BEST EFFORT?

The young kids involved in 4H and FFA help to motivate me. Little eyes are always watching you and looking up to you in the show barn, so I want to set an excellent example for those kids. I hope they love the industry as much as I do and become heavily involved in agriculture to keep the organizations strong.

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

Every year my family and I set new goals before stock show season. This helps us to work together to become successful and grow every year.



TELL US WHAT SUCCESS MEANS TO YOU

Success means hard work, dedication, and growth. Being successful in the show barn does not come overnight, but it is years of blood, sweat, and tears. When you are successful, you are growing as an individual as well.



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TELL ME ABOUT YOUR BACKGROUND BEFORE GOATS.



I was raised on a small farm in Kyle, Texas, where my family raised show pigs primarily for us kids to show. I showed pigs throughout my 4-H years with minimal success, only making the sale at Houston one time in my 10 years. We also showed goats at the county level, which at the time was little more than validating a few Spanish cross wethers and catching them a couple months before the show to put them on a full feeder of steer finisher. It was primitive, but hey it worked. The wilder they were, the harder they pushed!

What does the future of the industry look like?

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What big changes have you seen in your time in the business?

I've now been around long enough to witness the phenotypic development of the modern show wether, as well as the full evolution of the show goat business.

In the 90's and early 2000's there were predominantly 2 kinds of goats; big nasty soggy full bloods, and horned commercial crosses. A few of the OG's we're starting to raise club goats however, it took a minute to put all the pieces together. Now they are physically impressive specimens of livestock with generations of genetic history.

Thanks to online sales, iPhones, apple computers, social media, and high speed internet show goats got to ride the express lane of the livestock business' virtual evolution. This created massive interest and competitively propelled every aspect of the business to get better fast!

Was there a moment you can recall that catapulted your success.

Brandon Biggs and I still laugh about it often; The early summer evening in 2007 when Megan, Biggs & I sat in my parents hot tub and phone bid off 4 wethers. They averaged \$1,700 and we thought there would never be another poor day! Later that summer I had the opportunity to purchase a skinny (No Way x 720) buck kid from Joe Raff. Megan named him "Guns & Roses"...

How did you end up in goats?

By happenstance really. After graduating from Hays Highschool in 2002, I attended Tarleton State University to study Agriculture Education. During college and a few years after I was fortunate to work with Rory Duelm & Brandon Horn at Duels Prevailing Genetics. I started trading goats on the side and honestly the specie wasn't very good yet. It captured my curiosity to learn and get involved in the business.

In 2005 Megan & I took out a personal loan to pay for wedding expenses. We used the money to buy a \$5,000 yearling doe from Hutto at the Texas Wether Buck & Doe sale. Then we purchased "Stock Exchange" from Glen Martin, he was Bingo 84 son raised by Powell-Holman. Dad had a pasture full of Spaniards which made good recipis and it worked.



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What part has your family played in your success and what's the plan for the future?

I am blessed and could not of had any success without them! I had the absolute best and most supportive parrents who sacrificed selflessly so my siblings and I could chase our dreams. I then married the most supportive wife! In 2005 Megan said YES to this crazy journey with me. She is my best friend and rock of stability. It's now gratifying to see Blaze, Braxon & Brett involved in our business and having their own success in the show ring.

What people have been the most influential to you?

I've tried to surrounded my self with successful people and soak up everything I can. My time spent at 192 Altwein Lane with Rory Duelm and Brandon Horn was invaluable. I learned a great deal also from Glen Martin and Todd Kennedy.



WHAT HAS GIVEN YOU LONG TERM SUCCESS IN AN INDUSTRY THAT HAS CHANGED SO MUCH IN 20 YEARS?



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I think my biggest strength and weakness is; I've never been content with the present. I've tried to conduct myself as a professional in a somewhat unprofessional industry. I've never been willing to sacrifice livestock quality to chase a fad, but never be afraid to take a big risk and swing for the fence either!



What failures have made you stronger and better?

This is a tough one for me because I'm my own hardest critic. I don't live with regrets because you can't change the past however, you'd better learn from it! Personally, letting competitiveness come between friendships and family is something I'm not proud of. The best part of this industry is the relationships which will outlast fame & money.





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HI! MY NAME IS NOLAN LAMINACK

and I am from San Angelo, Texas. I'm a senior at Wall High School. My parents are Noble and Heather Laminack, and I have one sister, Reagan, who is a sophomore. 4-H has always been a big part of my life. I started showing goats and judging livestock in the third grade. I became involved in meat judging and wool judging a few years later. Once in high school, my county agent encouraged me to apply to become a Texas Youth Livestock

Ambassador. Through this program, I have discovered a passion for the ag industry. My eyes were open that not all people view the industry in a positive manner and realize it is important to advocate for this great profession. As my senior year is finishing up, I know that I want to pursue a degree in agriculture. I'm leaning towards becoming a county agent. I have had some great role models that are county agents within my own county and surrounding counties as well. I like to interact with people of all ages, and I feel through my experiences I can positively impact the future ag industry. I have been blessed with lifelong relationships with fellow and past 4-Hers, breeders and families. I have been fortunate to experience a close show family where a continuous tag game runs wild in our county barn, giving knuckles to younger exhibitors going into the ring, giving them back to me as I go in, cheering for each other and truly being happy when others are successful.

My dad has always pointed out positive people to me. He tells me to be like them and to find joy in others' successes and not just my own. 4-H is my foundation to the livestock community. It has given me so much. Although I'm involved in many activities and organizations, 4-H is where I found my purpose.

WHAT IS THE MOST REWARDING THING ABOUT SHOWING LIVESTOCK?

While showing my senior year, I've come to realize that the friendships I have made throughout the show circuit has been the most rewarding. I've bonded with young show kids, exhibitors my age and older, parents, county agents, breeders and so many others.

WHAT VALUES ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Perseverance and hard work are the values that stand out to me. Anyone can quit, but it takes a champion to persevere when times get tough. Learning to work hard is a great characteristic to have. These two values will follow me throughout college and my career.

WHAT IS THE MOST CHALLENGING THING ABOUT SHOWING LIVESTOCK?

You have to have your mindset on your goals the entire time. There isn't a time to take a break if you want to be successful. I've had to sacrifice time away from going out with my friends because I've wanted to be successful in the show ring, but in the end I think it's been worth it.



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

You are going to have great years, but sometimes no matter what you do, things don't go your way. Don't give up because hard work pays off. We all hope it's in the show ring, but sometimes it's later on in life that you see the success. Being involved in the show ring is worth it.

WHEN YOU GRADUATE, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE REMEMBERED FOR IN THE STOCKSHOW WORLD?

I hope that I'm remembered for being a positive influence for the ag industry in and out of the show ring.

I hope that people think that I was an honest and hardworking individual that not only wanted the best for my livestock but for others as well.

GIVE US YOUR MOST IMPORTANT SHOWMANSHIP TIP.

Always stay calm and cool under pressure. No matter how much you work with your animal there are times that they are having an off day and don't want to cooperate.

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**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?**

Mark Wahlberg — I think he could use his platform to shed a positive light on the ag industry. He's from Brooklyn, so I don't think he would know a lot about agriculture. I would highlight why we show, the importance of good livestock and explain to him why our livelihood is to protect our land and resources.

**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN
THE NEXT 5 YEARS?**

I will be finishing up college with a degree in agricultural economics and agricultural communications. I am considering becoming a County Agent.



IF YOUR
FRIENDS COULD
DESCRIBE YOU,
HOW WOULD
THEY?

Driven.



WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL?

Josh Blanek, my county agent, is my role model. He's a hard worker, fair, honest, and has always given me great advice.



Do you have a favorite quote or Bible verse?

"COURAGE IS BEING
SCARED TO DEATH - BUT
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- JOHN WAYNE

"GREATER LOVE HAS NO
ONE THAN THIS: TO LAY
DOWN ONE'S LIFE FOR
ONE'S FRIENDS".
- JOHN 15:13

IMAGINE YOURSELF 10 YEARS FROM TODAY. WHAT GOALS AND AMBITIONS DO YOU HAVE FOR YOURSELF, PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY?

I would like to be leading a county that is big in Texas agriculture. I feel like I came from one that supported each other, and I would hope that would be the case wherever I end up. Personally, I hope to be starting a family that I would, of course, raise up around agriculture.

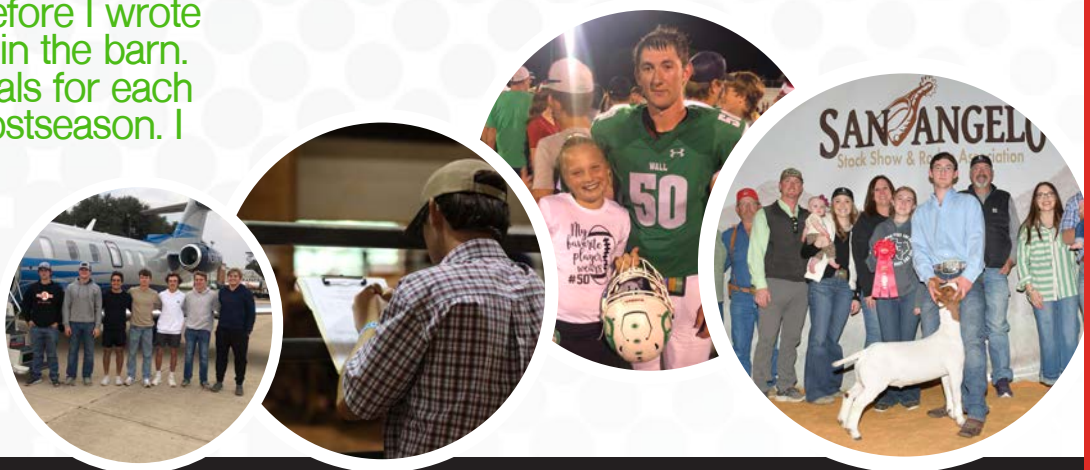
HOW DO YOU GO ABOUT SETTING GOALS IN ORDER TO BECOME MORE SUCCESSFUL?

My parents always had me list goals for the show season. They would have me think about it for a while before I wrote them down on our board in the barn. My coaches would set goals for each game, the season, and postseason. I think it's important to have short term goals and long term goals. If a goal isn't reached, it shouldn't be looked at as failure, but a chance to discover a different way to reach it.



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

My parents have always pushed me to be the best that I can be. Whether I was playing a sport, schoolwork, or working livestock, my parents encouraged me to put forth my best effort. I have great mentors in my life that are great leaders, and I like to think that their leadership has influenced me to be more like them.



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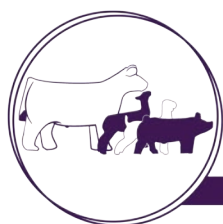
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Please give a brief overview of your background, your family, and your childhood in the livestock industry. How'd you get here?

I grew up in Nevada, Mo on the corner of 1800 road. Those that know me, know I am very proud of my hometown and my community. I was born into a multi generational agriculture family, where my Dads side ran the local livestock market for 35 years. We continue to raise cattle and a few goats still today back in Missouri. I also grew up showing and judging with my local 4-H chapter and Nevada FFA where I was introduced to livestock judging and was fortunate to be on a very competitive local team. I've had a lot of people along the way to help me get to where I am today, obviously my Dad, Mom and Brother have played the most pivotal roles.

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2

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

I'm currently a PhD. student and the livestock judging coach at Texas Tech University. With my job, I stay very busy with a lot of aspects of the industry. Obviously I travel to a multitude of shows and youth events annually with my judging team, but also do research focused on Ruminant Nutrition and Beef Cow sustainability. There's not much down time and a lot of nights spent on the road but I'm passionate about our industry and what I do and I wouldn't have it any other way. I hope to continue in academia and be a judging coach for a while and eventually end up back in the land of fescue grass and oak timber in Southwest Missouri.

3

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

I know I stated this in question 1, but my family is the obvious answer. Outside of them, my 4-H and FFA livestock judging coaches pushed me to be a better person. I've recently got to work with Dr. Rathmann here at Tech. He's given me an incredible opportunity to be a part of this program and learn from the best and I'm very blessed and thankful. I could list hundreds of people that I deserve to thank but that is just to name a few.

4

Please give a description of your livestock judging experience.

I started competitive livestock judging in 4-H and that gave me the opportunity to judge in college. I judged competitively at the junior college and senior college level. I was surrounded by some great teammates for both tenures. Throughout my undergraduate and graduate careers I've got judge in some really neat places and have met a lot of incredibly neat kids along the way, that's the neatest part for me!



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What would you consider your first ever “big show”?

I’ve had the opportunity to judge a lot of neat shows, and I’m very thankful for that. I judged some neat jackpots out of high school at 18 or 19 that made a guys heart race for sure. I look back and I’m very thankful for every show that allowed me to judge for them. I take my job serious and hold the show ring to high regard. I’ve judged shows with 5 head and some close to a thousand, and I take the same approach to every one of them. I want the kids to enjoy their experience and look forward to the next time they load the trailer and head to a show whether they won or lost.

6

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

To be honest I think we’re getting ready to see it. I study a lot of history and analyze a lot of data with school and I enjoy doing that with show livestock as well. We’re at a point in our industry right now where I could really see it going one way or the other, will livestock shows and junior events always be here? 100% yes and they will continue to get bigger and better! But from a breeder perspective I think this thing is really fixing to change.

7

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

I’m a composition guy first and foremost. It’s a market show and composition and muscularity is the number one priority for me. The front view of a goat is the most important view to me, I can tell how much natural dimension and width a goat has by the head and chest. At the same view, I also evaluate knee set and front end structure. I make an initial sort on muscle but they also have to be good structured and balanced for me.

8

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

Chest width, ribcage, and structure and balance; to be honest they’re all of equal importance to 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?

It’s very important, I always appreciate a good presented animal and realize how much time it takes at home to get an animal looking the way they do.

10

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

The people and the connections these young people make, it always has been and always will be the biggest reason 4-H and FFA programs have been so successful. You don't realize it at the time, but the people you meet along the way play pivotal roles in your lives and professional careers moving forward. Without the junior livestock industry I sure wouldn't have the opportunities that I have today. For the kids reading this, be sure and say thank you to your 4-H leaders and FFA chapter advisors. They probably don't hear "thank you" enough and they all push you to be better people.

11

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

I've had a lot of funny things happen both showing and judging, the most memorable things always happen at the Missouri State Fair. You kind of have to of been there to know what the Missouri State Fair is like. But I can promise you it's the funnest 10 days of the year and I've never met anyone that hasn't said that.

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What are your pet peeves in the show ring?

I don't have any pet peeves necessarily. I just always ask the exhibitors to have fun, be nice to your fellow competitors, and make some friends!

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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?

Yes I do, first of all I get a cup of black coffee and right before I start judging I do an auctioneer chant before the first class walks in. It warms up my voice and helps me focus and get ready for the first one to hit the gate. If you see me walking around in circles in the ring talking to myself, that's what I'm doing!

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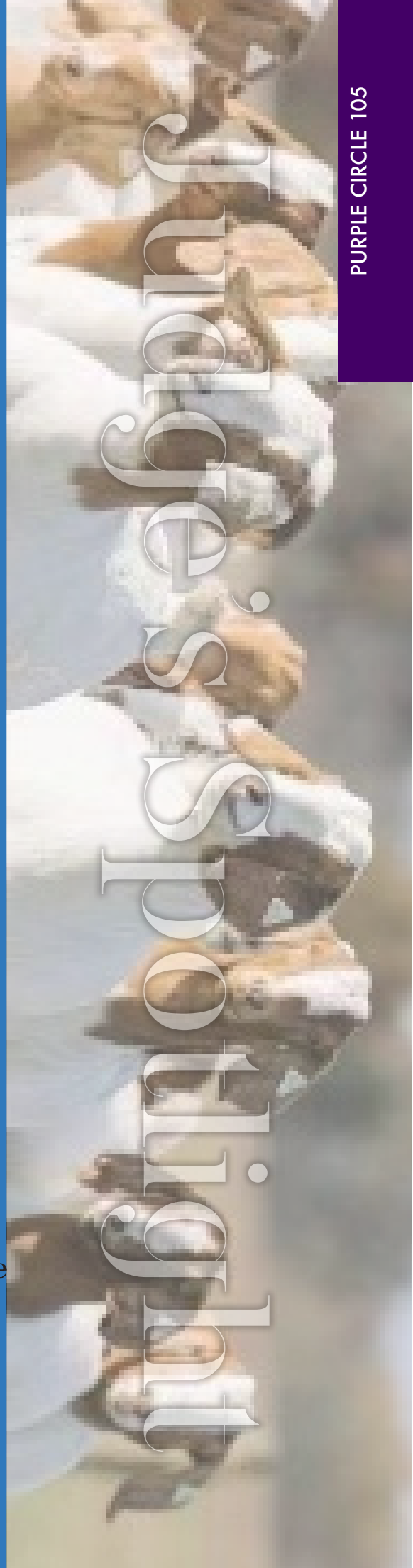
Last, but not least, what is your favorite meal? One you could never live without?

I'm a big food guy, and I like about everything. However, Kansas City BBQ ranks at the top of my list.

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Please share any additional comments that we did not cover!

Thank you to the Purple Circle for highlighting the youth of our industry and promoting the livestock business as a whole. You guys do an incredible job and giving these incredibly talented young people a platform for recognition is very important! I've known Dylan and Austin for a long time and proud to call them both friends!



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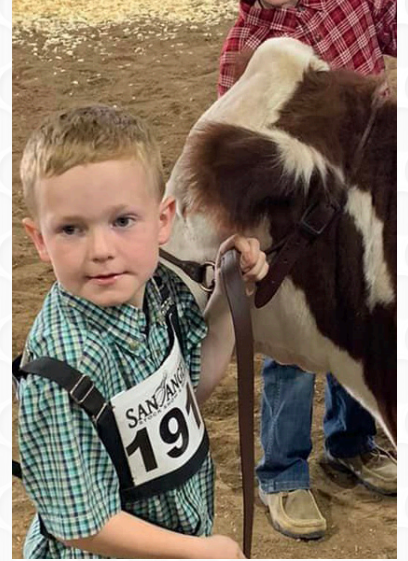


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Tis' the season for goat buying! Sale season is here and goats are being sold from coast to coast. This is a stressful time for showmen and their parents. Are we making the right decisions, buying good ones and setting the right goals? While this time of year is high stress for you, it's even more stressful for the prospects you are bringing home. To maximize the potential of these show animals we need to keep them as stress free as possible. Here are some ways to help minimize stress when getting your goats home!

One of the first things after the sale is complete is hauling your goats home! Whether you transport them yourself or use a professional hauler after the sale, you want to make sure it's as easy on them as possible. Make sure they are comfortable, no direct wind, out of extreme temperatures, and make the trip as quick as possible. Ensure that you don't haul one alone if possible; goats are social and will do much better if transported with another. If you hire a hauler, make sure you find someone that is trustworthy. You want someone that will care for the animals as well as one that can get the goat to you in a timely manner. The less time they spend on the road, the better. It is also always good to ensure that the hauler is properly insured. There are several high quality haulers out there, so do your research and find one that's the best fit.

When you get home make sure you have an area prepared for your new project. Your show goat's pen should be clean and dry! Goats do not do well in dirty areas with high moisture. Your pen should also be able to keep your goats warm when it's cold, and cool when it's hot!

When it comes time to decide what to feed your goat, find something that's convenient, consistent and fresh! Goats can be picky when it comes to eating but fresh feed always helps their appetite. If you are having to switch feeds, make sure you do it slowly and over a period of time. This process should be over a one to two week period. This gives them time to adjust and makes sure their gut is better prepared to digest the new food. Keeping your goat's gut healthy is essential in building muscle!

After getting your new goat home is also the perfect time to get your parasite prevention plan in place. Talk with the breeder, veterinarian and whomever is helping you with your animals. Parasite loads in goats can be detrimental to the success of your project. Parasites can cause weight loss, anemia and even death! Stay on top of parasite prevention before it's too late. This is also a good time to give your goat a CD and T shot. This is also another preventative measure. Even if the breeder has already given two or doesn't hurt to give a third once you get them home! The health of your new project is vital when preparing for a show.

Sale time is the most stressful time for these young goats. They have been weaned, clipped, handled and now moved to a whole new location once you get them home. When your livestock are stressed they do not eat or grow properly. You must keep them comfortable and on a consistent schedule to ensure the transition is smooth! Reducing stress from the start can help you maximize the potential of your new project.





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INGREDIENTS

- 2 whole ancho chiles, seeds and stems removed
- 2 whole pasilla or guajillo chiles, seeds and stems removed
- 1/2 cup low-sodium chicken stock
- 1 teaspoon dried ground cumin seed
- 1 tablespoon achiote powder or paste
- 1 chipotle chile packed in adobo sauce, plus 2 teaspoons sauce from can
- 1/4 cup distilled white vinegar
- 2 pounds boneless blade-end loin or sirloin pork roast
- 8 ounces (1/2 pound) sliced bacon
- 3 cloves garlic
- 2 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 2 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1/4 cup distilled white vinegar
- 2 teaspoons vegetable oil

DIRECTIONS

1. Place chiles in a large saucepan over medium high heat and cook, turning chiles occasionally, until puffed, pliable, lightly browned in spots, and very aromatic, about 5 minutes. Add chicken stock (it should boil immediately), then pour contents of pan into a small bowl. Cover loosely and set aside. 2. Wipe out saucepan, add oil, and return to medium-high heat until oil is shimmering. Add cumin, oregano, and achiote and cook, stirring frequently, until aromatic but not browned, about 30 seconds. Add chipotle chiles and sauce and cook until aromatic, about 30 seconds longer. Add vinegar, salt, and sugar and remove from heat. 3. Scrape contents of saucepan into a blender along with garlic and chiles

with their soaking liquid. Blend on high speed until completely smooth, about 1 minute, scraping down sides as necessary. Set sauce aside to cool slightly. 4. Using a very sharp chef's knife or slicing knife, slice pork sirloin as thin as possible. If necessary, place meat in freezer for 15 minutes to firm it up.

Split the sides of a heavy duty zipper-lock bag. Place one slice of meat inside bag and pound with the bottom of a heavy 8-inch skillet or a meat pounder until less than 1/4-inch thick. Transfer to a large bowl. Repeat with remaining meat. 5. Add marinade to bowl and toss with hands until every piece of meat is evenly coated in marinade. 6. Preheat the oven to 275°F. Uncover aluminum loaf pan and place on a foil-lined rimmed baking sheet. Transfer to oven and cook until meat is completely tender (It will drip lots of fat), about 4 hours. Remove from oven, allow to cool slightly, cover with aluminum foil, and refrigerate for at least 2 hours and up to overnight.

6. Preheat the oven to 275°F. Uncover aluminum loaf pan and place on a foil-lined rimmed baking sheet. Transfer to oven and cook until meat is completely tender (It will drip lots of fat), about 4 hours. Remove from oven, allow to cool slightly, cover with aluminum foil, and refrigerate for at least 2 hours and up to overnight.

6. Preheat the oven to 275°F. Uncover aluminum loaf pan and place on a foil-lined rimmed baking sheet. Transfer to oven and cook until meat is completely tender (It will drip lots of fat), about 4 hours. Remove from oven, allow to cool slightly, cover with aluminum foil, and refrigerate for at least 2 hours and up to overnight.





Insalata Caprese Salad

- 2-1/2 pounds plum tomatoes (about 10), cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 carton (8 ounces) fresh mozzarella cheese pearls
- 1/2 cup pitted ripe olives
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced fresh basil
- 2 teaspoons minced fresh oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- Balsamic vinegar, optional

Directions

1. In a large bowl, mix tomatoes, cheese pearls and olives. Drizzle with oil. Sprinkle with basil, oregano, salt and pepper; toss to coat. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. If desired, drizzle with vinegar.

Orange Creamsicle Smoothie

- 1 (11-ounce) can mandarin oranges in juice
- 1/2 cup pineapple (frozen chunks)
- 1/2 cup yogurt (vanilla, or vanilla soy yogurt)
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 cup soy milk (vanilla)

Directions

1. Open can of oranges and drain. Place in a zip-top plastic bag and freeze several hours.
2. Place the frozen oranges and pineapple chunks in the bottom of a blender, Vita-Mix, or food processor.
3. Add the remaining ingredients in the order listed. Puree until the mixture reaches the texture of a milkshake. Add more ice, if desired, until an icy consistency is achieved.
4. Serve and enjoy!

TIP!- If you want to get that icy, milkshake texture, it's best to freeze the mandarin oranges first. But if you're in a hurry, you can use the oranges right out of the can and add more ice.



Creamy Pina Colada Pie

- 1 carton (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 can (10 ounces) frozen nonalcoholic pina colada mix, thawed
- 3/4 cup sweetened condensed milk
- 1/2 cup sweetened shredded coconut
- 1/2 cup macadamia nuts, chopped
- 1 can (8 ounces) crushed pineapple, well drained
- 2 graham cracker crusts (9 inches)
- Maraschino cherries, optional

Directions

1. In a large bowl, combine first 3 ingredients until smooth. Fold in coconut, nuts and pineapple. Divide and pour mixture into prepared crusts. Refrigerate, covered, until firm, at least 4 hours. If desired, serve with additional whipped topping and cherries.



TAKE HAVE *courage*

If your reading this, it's probably safe to assume that you live in a region and culture that broadly and widely accepts Jesus Christ to be savior and Lord. At the very least as a concept. In fact, it may be so "normal" that you've personally never asked yourself the question "Who is Jesus?" And if you have its possible in response to that question, your answer has never had much more depth than just saying the words "He's my savior who died for my sins on the cross" without much thought or devotion to what that even means. Now, while that simple sentence describes the fulfillment of the Christian faith and is the climax of God's divine plan to save sinners like me. How often have you ever stopped and thought deeper about what it really means? Or further, how often have you searched to find the answer of who Jesus is, that the Bible points directly to?

I assume most reading this love showing livestock. Regardless of specie, it's a passion that so many can't get enough of. They profess to love it, have a passion for it, and most folks you wouldn't even have to ask if they love it, because you can tell by just watching them. Everything they do is surrounded by showing stock, all they talk about is showing livestock, the time/effort they put in, the amount of time reading about different products, sales, and events. The time talking with others more experienced and learning from them, and gaining knowledge from what they have been able to learn, and different strategies, etc. It's very very easy to see without ever even asking that they love showing livestock with a passion. I'll never forget a time in my life, when a guy asked me if I was a christian. I responded very quickly with a "yes, I am a christian", and his response was something to the effect of, I had always wondered and never knew for sure. I lived most of my life (up to January 2020) as a person who by words professed Jesus as Savior, but truly had no idea what that meant, who Jesus was, or what it meant when I said He died on the cross for my sins. Or at least didn't understand more than the obvious meaning, and my profession had no depth or bearing on my life.

In John 3, Jesus is talking with Nicodemus and tells Nicodemus to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, one must be born again. That a person must be born of the Spirit or born from above. In our culture today, especially in Texas, and the livestock industry, Jesus, the Messiah, has become very normative. And so many, such as myself, walk in tradition of "believing" in Him, but without any genuine relationship with Him. You see when you're born again in Christ, you will be changed. Not by your own doing, but by the power of the Holy Spirit. It's not an option, it's a guarantee. The person with Christ living in them, will be a new creature (2 Corinthians 5:17) as Paul writes, and the old person will pass away. Still far from perfect, as we all are and will be, but devoted, as a lifestyle, to following Christ and His commands more closely in a loving relationship serving and following Him.

As with any life changing decision, I wouldn't just take my word for it. Fortunately our God loves us enough that 1.) we can reach out directly to Him in prayer, and 2.) He has given us His written Word that explains to us everything about Him, and the salvation we can receive in Jesus Christ. Don't leave the most important relationship in your eternity unsearched. The Scriptures point to Jesus. I encourage everyone reading this to read the following Scriptures. They'll point you to why we need a Savior, who He is, and that He is seeking for you. You may be asking the question, "Why does any of this matter?" And if so, I encourage you to check out the following Scriptures for yourself. Romans 3:23, Roman 6:23, Matt 4:17, John 3:16-17, John 3:36, Romans 8:38-39, 2 Cor 13:5.

I'll leave you with this. I was talking with a guy one day going down the road, and asked Him if He ever reads the Bible. (The person I know well and professes to be a Christian). He replied, "No, I've never really had the desire to read it." My response to Him was, "What would you think if I told you I loved my wife and was completely devoted to her, yet every letter she ever wrote me I never opened or even cared to read it?" Reading the Bible will not save you, but the Scripture does point to the One, Jesus, who can save you. God has graciously given us His written Word in the Bible. In John 1, he writes the Word became flesh speaking of Jesus. My question for you if you claim to love Him, is do you really? Do you serve Him first? Is He the most important thing in your life? Is He leading your life as Lord and Savior? It is the most important question you can answer. It was a question I had no true answer to for most of my life. My response was one of tradition and normalcy to be honest, until He saved me and I repented not all that long ago. If this sounds like your story and you want to know more about the Jesus that saved me please reach out. We'd love to visit with you about our Master and Savior. Praying for all who read this and please be praying for us as well! Love y'all!



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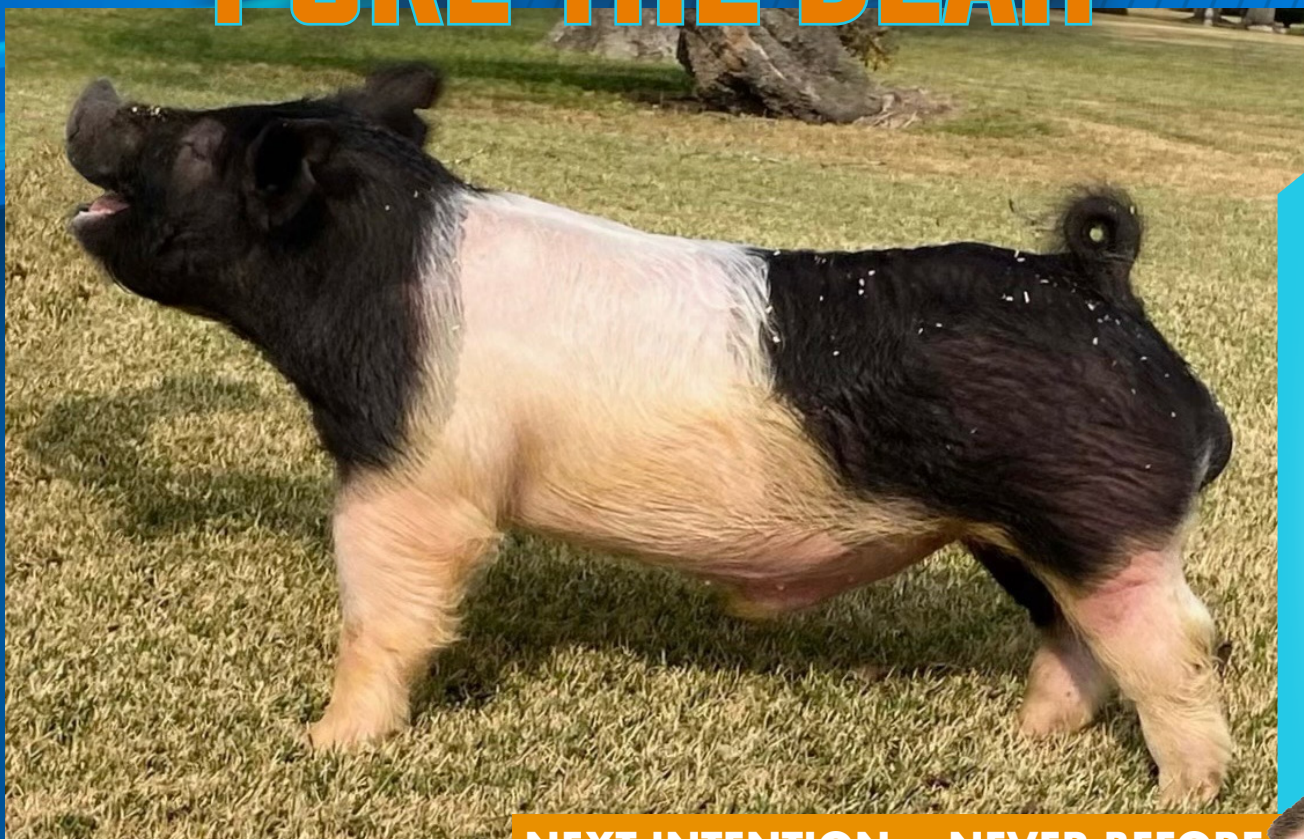
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