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[ONE.] WHAT IS THE MOST REWARDING THING YOU'VE GAINED FROM SHOWING LIVESTOCK?

FINDING "MY PEOPLE"

For me, the most rewarding part of showing livestock has been the people that I have met and the relationships I have formed. Traveling to shows all over the state and country has allowed me to make friends that I never would have otherwise. This industry has allowed me to find "my people." I know that these are relationships that will last much longer than my time in the ring.

[TWO.] WHAT IS THE MOST CHALLENGING THING ABOUT SHOWING LIVESTOCK?

MANAGING MY TIME

The most challenging part about showing livestock has been managing my time. I've always been very involved, and participated in almost every sport and club my school had to offer. Between all of these activities and school I have had to learn how to balance everything and make sure it is all done correctly and on time. I know that this is a skill I will use forever.

[THREE.] IF YOU COULD TELL ONE NEW SHOWMAN SOME WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

CHERISH EVERY SECOND

If I could tell new showmen one thing, I would tell them to cherish every second they have as an exhibitor. It may not seem like it in the moment, but one day you will wish for those late nights in the barn and the early morning feedings as much as time in the ring.

[FOUR.] WHAT VALUES ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU?

INTEGRITY, PERSEVERANCE AND FAITH

My parents have always made it clear to my brother and I that having strong values that you believe in is what makes you who you are. The values that are the most important to me are integrity, perseverance, and faith.

[FIVE.] GIVE US YOUR MOST IMPORTANT SHOWMANSHIP TIP?

BELIEVE IN YOURSELF

My most important showmanship tip would be to believe in yourself. If you believe that you are the best others will do. The best advice I ever got before showmanship was "put your crown on and do what you do." Self confidence is key to success in all aspects of life.

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

AS SOMEONE WHO WAS A FRIEND TO EVERYONE

When I graduate I want to be remembered as someone who was a friend to everyone. I hope that I have been able to encourage others and make everyone feel important.

[SEVEN.] 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?

CHRIS PRATT

I would take Chris Pratt to lunch. He is actually very involved in agriculture and even has his own herd of sheep. I think that we would have a lot in common.

[EIGHT.] IF YOUR FRIENDS COULD DESCRIBE YOU, HOW WOULD THEY?

PERFECTIONIST

My friends would describe me as a bit of a perfectionist, very much a morning person, and an optimist and who loves them, my family, and my dog more than anything else.

[NINE.] WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN THE NEXT 5 YEARS?

GRADUATED FROM TEXAS TECH

I hope that in five years I have graduated from Texas Tech, been accepted into law school, and figured out some sort of a plan for the rest of my life.

[TEN.] DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE QUOTE OR BIBLE VERSE?

Be strong and of good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

DEUTERONOMY 31:6

[ELEVEN.] WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL?

MY MOM

My mom has always and will always be my role model. She has shown me how to be completely selfless, incredibly hard working, kind, and passionate about what and who you love.

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

BE A VOICE AMONG LEGISLATORS AND AGRICULTURIST

Ten years from today I hope to have graduated from law school and have a job that allows me to be a voice among legislators for agriculturalists. I also hope to continue to help my dad and family with our market goat operation.

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

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE

My biggest motivations have always been making my parents and supporters proud, and the prospect of making a difference in someone's life.

[FOURTEEN.] HOW DO YOU GO ABOUT SETTING GOALS IN ORDER TO BECOME MORE SUCCESSFUL?

I REACH FOR THE STARS

When I set goals I reach for the stars. I have always lived by the saying, "if your dreams don't scare you they aren't big enough." I believe that by setting big goals it allows you to push yourself and achieve more than you ever thought possible.

[FIFTEEN.] TELL US WHAT "SUCCESS" MEANS TO YOU

SEEING GROWTH

To me, success has taken on a much greater meaning than just winning. To me, success is when you see growth. Success is working as hard as you possibly can, and knowing that you have done all that you can do. Success cannot be measured on a simple scale, but rather as an individual, as we all grow at different rates.



My name is Riley Faye Hoyle, I'm 18 years old and I'm from Taylor, AR. If this was a normal year I would have just graduated from Taylor High School in May, but instead this month I will finally be receiving the diploma I have worked so hard for. I have a 16 year old brother, Jack, who makes sure that life is never dull and that we're always ready for the next adventure. I have been active in FFA since seventh grade and serve as our Chapter President. I have participated in just about every sport or club my small school had to offer, but livestock shows have been what my life has revolved around. I do not remember a time when life didn't involve livestock and agriculture. My parents, Scott and Christy Hoyle, instilled a love for the industry in me at a very young age. My mom was an Ag teacher and my dad a veterinarian, meaning livestock were just a part of everyday life. I think I fell in love with being in the ring the first time I drug my very unhappy Pygmy goat into peewee showmanship with the help of one of my mom's students. With that first blue ribbon, I was hooked. From there my passion just grew. My mom switched jobs to teaching high school science to spend more time with us, and to my dad that just meant we had extra time and we could start raising our own market goats. So we did, and for the next few years I hit every local jackpot. My older cousins were still showing at this time, and they helped my family and I meet the first person who allowed me to find success, Mr. Allan Morgan. When I was six, I attended a small showmanship clinic he put on in a town near me, and from that point on he was a constant fixture in my life. When I was old enough to start showing at the state fair Mr. Allan was the one who helped me make the sale for the first time, and the one who helped us meet countless other people all over the state of Texas who have contributed to my success. My dad fell in love with the livestock world right alongside me, and before I was ten, we were driving all the way to Big Spring, TX for showmanship camps. After our second trip out west for camp, I won my first Arkansas State Fair with a red-legged goat from Mr. Doug Frey, I called French Frey. At those camps, we were able to meet breeders and coaches who are still a huge part of our lives. We began venturing outside of Arkansas and made the NAILE our first national show. This was where I won my first National Showmanship title, gained some self confidence and decided that I wanted to not only show on a national level, but compete there. By this point, I had added sheep to my barn, but we had yet to find the same success as we had in the goat barn. So when I was 11, my parents decided to go out on a limb and Facebook message Tyson Rule, simply asking if he wanted to get some sheep in Arkansas. That was a huge turning point not only for my show career but also for my family. We made our first trip to Iowa one spring break, straight from my state archery tournament. My parents and Tyson hit off, and soon his daughter and I were best friends. I began to find the longed for success in the sheep barn, and also in showmanship. We expanded our barn, and added national shows to our list. With Tyson pushing my dad we slowly but surely added several of the major shows, attending Arizona National, Sioux Empire, Aksarben and the National Western. Along the way, we have been fortunate to hang some banners at all of these shows. The summer before my senior year Tyson talked my dad into a mini vacation for a showmanship camp in Iowa. There, Chastin Leggett gave me the confidence boost I needed to have an absolutely unimaginable senior year in the showmanship ring.

I could never total the hours we have spent in a truck, or the late nights making up weeks worth of school work, but I wouldn't trade them for the world. I know that I will never be able to thank everyone individually, but I do have just a few things I want you all to know. To my parents, thank you for never once thinking my dreams were too big, for the countless hours and dollars spent on our road to success, and for always always making Jack and I your number one priority. Most importantly, thank you for always encouraging me to work harder, and be better than I was the day before. To the countless breeders who have gone out of their way to help me, thank you for having faith in a small town girl with big time goals. Thank you for believing in my abilities, sometimes more than even I did. To the friends I have made along the way, thank you guys for becoming an extended family. Thank you all for always only being a phone call away, for the late night life talks despite the time differences, and for always picking right up where we left off no matter how long it has been. Finally, to all of you, my family, my grandparents, show family, friends, coaches, and the breeders, thank you for helping me to become who I am today; nothing you have done has gone unappreciated and I will forever cherish each and every one of you.





