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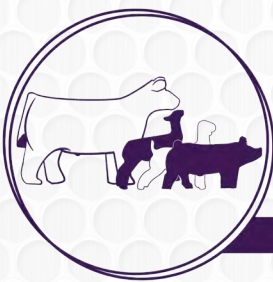


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WRITTEN BY AUSTIN VOYLES

How many times have you asked yourself or your family that exact same question over the last 90 days?? It seems as if this hiccup that ruined most of the Houston and Austin livestock shows won't ever leave us alone, so we can't help but begin thinking of ways to adapt and overcome, right?

One of the skills that must be possessed in order to produce crops or livestock is that inherent ability to do just that, modify your behavior given a set of circumstances out of your control. And our livestock community, volunteers, and fair board members have done just that, they've acclimatized to the situation and given our youth an opportunity to exhibit their livestock in the form of the virtual livestock show.

I am guilty of getting stuck in my own small town world, and forgetting that there are other evil pressures and uncontrollable factors weighing on the people and organizations that are associated with fairs and livestock shows, from big city mayors and political figures to animal rights activists all aimed at removing the livestock project from our culture.

Is the virtual livestock show just the beginning of the end of our lifestyle as we've known it? Hear me out, and don't automatically call the lynch mob to get me. There are changing pressures in our world that are driving decisions that will affect agriculture forever, and we forget, because it is so incredibly important to our lives, that livestock expositions is but a very small part of the agriculture sector as a whole.

There is incredible value in the virtual livestock show, and I commend those that have organized and sorted the hundreds that have taken place. But I think we would be mistaken if we thought this could not remove some viability from the normal, in-person livestock show, and for that, we need to be prepared. It feels as if we have given the wrong people the right bullets to damage our beloved livestock show, and that is frightening. Those that oppose animals in captivity or livestock production as a whole now have step-one in their tool bags used to dismantle our sport. Without in person shows, we aren't congregating with each other and exhibiting our livestock for the public to see, missing a valuable teaching opportunity!

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

FRIENDSHIPS AND CONNECTIONS

Friendships and connections made jump to the top of the list when I think about the most rewarding aspect to showing livestock. Buckles and banners won mean nothing when you do not have a good group of people surrounding you to celebrate alongside. I have been so. Blessed to establish several life-long friendships and connections through the livestock industry.

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

TIME MANAGEMENT

The most challenging aspect of showing livestock includes time management. Balancing my Barn work, with my cheerleading schedule, FFA activities, and National Honor Society can be a challenge. Finding a routine and sticking with it proved to aid in my success. I know learning good time management skills will benefit me in the future.

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

STAY MOTIVATED

Never give up and stay motivated! It is important to set some realistic goals for yourself, work hard throughout the year, and never give up until you reach those goals.

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

FAITH, PASSION AND HARD WORK

My most important values include faith, passion, and hard work. My faith defines who I am, and my passion for showing livestock drives me to work hard.

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

USE YOUR WHOLE ACRE

As Will Winter taught me, use your whole acre! It is very easy to get lost in a big show ring and to get mixed right in the middle of a crown. I have learned that it is best to stay away from the large crowd of pigs and to find holes in the ring. It is also very important that you know which side of your pig is better, and to show the best side to the judge. But above all, it doesn't matter how good of a showman you are, if you are not a good person. Congratulate your peers and cheer loud for your friends.

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

FIERCE PASSION FOR SHOWING DUROCS

I want to be remembered in the stock show world for my fierce passion of showing durocs. Since I was a little girl, durocs held a special place in my heart. If you know me, you know that I would much rather be showing a red pig than any other breed. My barn consists of mainly duroc pigs with a few crossbreds and I wouldn't have it any other way! I also want to be remembered for my dedication and passion to the swine industry.

[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?

TAYLOR SWIFT

I would take Taylor Swift out to lunch, as she is one of the most famous singer-song writers in the country. I would explain to her all of the endless opportunities 4-H and FFA provides for the youth and emphasize the scholarship programs. I would also make sure that she understands agriculture is the backbone of America and we simply need agriculture to survive.

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

FAITH, FEARLESS, DUROCS

My friends would describe me as someone who stands tall in my faith, fearless in all that I pursue, and loves duroc pigs.

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

COLLEGE GRADUATE

In the next 5 years, I see myself as a college graduate working hard at an internship or attending graduate school. I also hope to stay involved and give back to the agriculture industry in some way.

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

"Quit being mean be nice, man, we don't know what other people are going through... I've seen what the good can be if we allow the good to be good... just be nice. It doesn't take any talent to just be nice."

-WILL WINTER

[ELEVEN.] WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL?

WILL WINTER

My role model is Will Winter. Will works incredibly hard day in and day out and is constantly changing and improving the show pig industry. He worked hard with me to improve my showmanship skills and helped me grow into a better person outside of the ring. He has also influenced the lives of thousands of people reminding everyone to just be nice. Will is my go-to person before I head in to the show ring and I always seek to him for advice.

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

SETTLED DOWN AND HAPPY

In 10 years, I hope to have an impactful job in the agriculture industry. I also hope I am settled down living in a town I love and I am incredibly happy and love life.

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

IMPACT OTHER LIVES

I make a conscious effort to impact other lives, just as so many have impacted mine. I strive to be a better person every day for all of the younger showmen watching me and looking up to me.

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

SET REALISTIC GOALS

At the beginning of every show season, my dad and I talk and set realistic goals for the show season ahead of us. Every day when I go to the barn, I think of our goals and work hard to make the goals a reality.

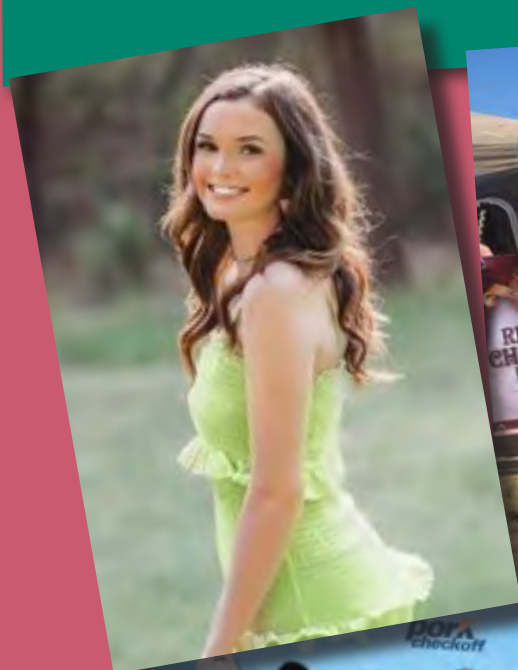
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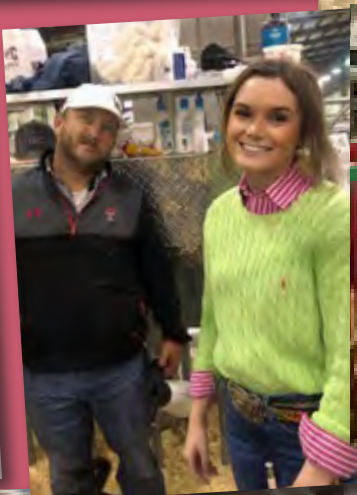
To me, success has nothing to do with winning banners or buckles. Success embodies being better than I was yesterday and always working hard to improve and reach my goals.

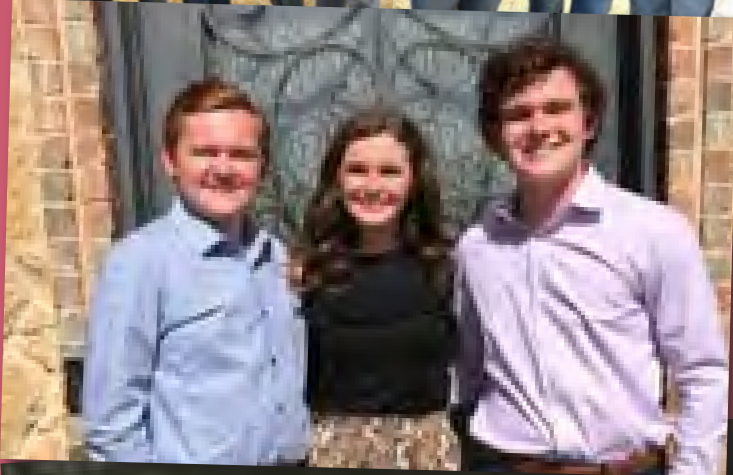


My name is Kiersten Michele Bourquin, and I am 17 years old from Lubbock, Texas. I am the daughter of Eric and Shannon Bourquin, and the younger sister to Colton and Payton. I have been involved in FFA for the past 9 years, and 4-H the past 4 years mainly showing pigs and have drug a few sheep around the ring. I attend Lubbock- Cooper High School where I am the Varsity Cheer Captain, FFA chapter officer, National Honor Society member. National Technical Honor Society member, and a Spanish Club member. I followed in my older brothers footsteps and started showing pigs when I was in the 3rd grade. Since then, my passion and drive for showing livestock has flourished. Colton and Payton inspired me to work hard and to become a better showman every time I stepped in the ring. My dad, Eric, has taught me everything I know regarding livestock and is always trying his best to set me up for success. My mom has become my best supporter and makes sure to never miss a show. I am so thankful for the sacrifices she makes so I have the ability to show livestock. I am also incredibly thankful for my family near and far that are always supporting me and rooting for me, especially my Grammy who lives in Heaven, as I know she is my biggest fan. My amazing grandparents, Grandma Sue, Grandpa Wes, PaPa, and Nadie are pretty incredible for always watching me show, whether it's online or live, they never miss a chance to see me show. The 806 show team has become my second family. I will forever be thankful for all of the help they have provided me, and I will carry all of our crazy and fun memories together with me for the rest of my life. I would like to give a special shoutout to Jay, Will, and Marisa Winter of Wintex Farms. I have had the privilege of showing mainly Wintex pigs the past 5 years and will never be able to repay them for all they have done for me. Because of their help and guidance, my family has worked hard together to reach big goals in the pig barn. As my time in the show ring is ending, I can't help but be thankful for all of the wins and losses I have experienced showing pigs. Showing livestock blessed me with the best relationships and life lessons which shaped who I am today. My next step will be graduating high school in May 2021, with plans to pursue a degree in Agriculture Communications.









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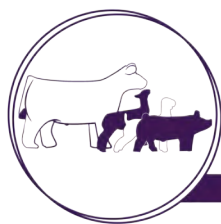
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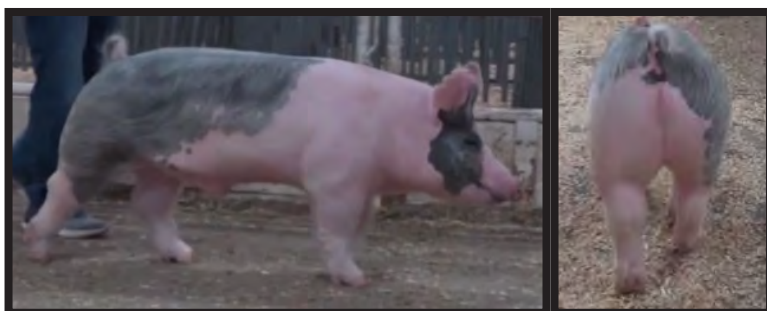
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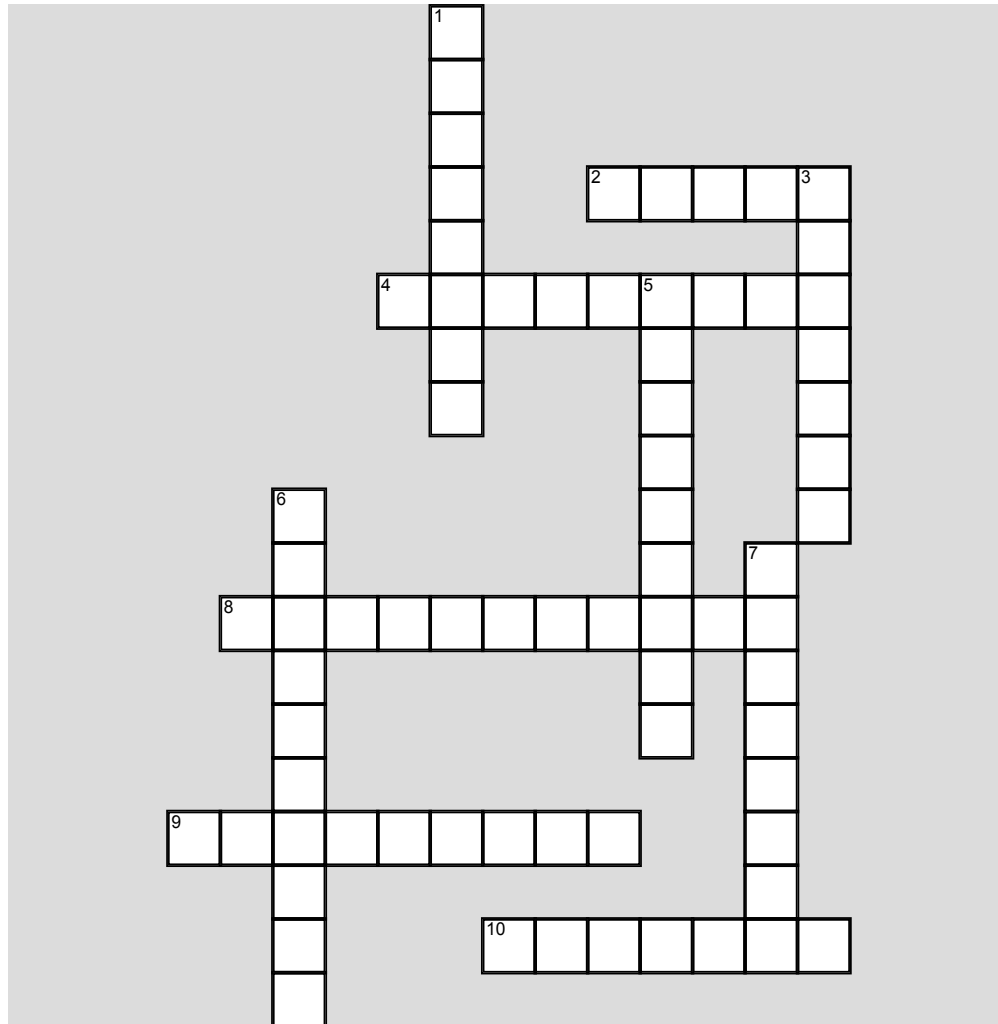
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Brian Martin has been a part of the club calf industry for almost 30 years. Along with his wife, Sherri, and their children, Stock and Saige, they own and operate Brian Martin Show Cattle in Hereford, Texas. When they started their business in 2000, they had a dream and Brian's knowledge that he gained while working for some of the best in the business but little else. In that time, the Martin's have experienced the highest highs and deepest lows.

In a very candid interview, Brian talks openly about his life and struggles, including about his skiing accident in 2013 which nearly took his life. In an industry that is often talked about with platitudes and feel-good memes, it can be hard to find someone courageous enough to openly talk about the struggles of raising great livestock. Brian's life experiences show that nothing worth having comes cheap, and often the price for success is everything you have.



UNDER THE INFLUENCE: BRIAN MARTIN
OWNER, BRIAN MARTIN SHOW CATTLE

INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY MANDY COWLEY

Tell us your background.

I grew up in La Vernia, Texas. My family was in the construction business. We had a few cows growing up. I started showing calves and clipping when I was young, and it went from there.



How did Brian Martin Show Cattle begin?

I went to work for the Rash's when I was 19 years old. While with them, I spent a lot of time going to Dean Kephart's place. I saw him raising cattle, and I thought that's where it all starts. I could see that someone could go spend 30, 50, 100 thousand dollars, but to raise a champion was the ultimate deal. I thought if I ever I got the opportunity, I would start doing that.

I started buying a few cows here and there. When I moved to Hereford in 1996, I worked for the Wall family. We won Fort Worth in 1999. I had bought the steer that won the show and his mother along with another pair from Andy McIntyre, who was working for Jirl Buck, for \$5,500. I was partners with Johnny Wall on them. When it all ended up, we got \$81,000. Johnny was like, hey, how about I keep the money and you keep all the cows. That's how it started. There were a bunch of cows. In 2000, I moved north of Hereford and bought a place, and I started my own operation.

Why did you choose not to attend college?

I water skied for about a month after graduation. My dad said, hey, you've got to get a job or go to college. What are you going to do? I said I was going to go to college. Well, I moved out and went to work for Bobby Maddox. He needed someone to help him at the Bernsen family. The Bernsen's were one of the elite families at the time. I graduated high school in 1991, and we had Grand Champion Steer in Fort Worth in 1992. After the show, I went with Bobby to work for the Rash's and worked there for four years.

What do you enjoy most about raising show cattle?

I like the fact of creating the winner. That's is the neatest part about it, to combine the two right animals and create the very best one to win a show.

When breeding cows, I think about all of it, genetics, phenotype. Every bit of it has to go into what you are doing. That is what is sad about this deal. There are so many genetic defects and so many things that can go wrong. it doesn't always go together as often as you wished it would. But I have really good cows. That is things. You have to keep your best ones. You have to buy the best ones. You have to spend the money to buy the right genetics.



Speaking of purchasing the right genetics, what are some of the best purchases you have made?

We have a cow we call 105. 105 produced Stock's Grand Champion Steer in Fort Worth in 2013. That cow is pretty special to me because me and Nick Reimann bought half of that cow from John Sullivan. I had several good cows with Nick, who was a dear, true friend to me. We just had so much in common because he wanted to raise the very best cattle, just like I wanted to. So, we started buying a lot of stuff together. If we found something, we bought it together.

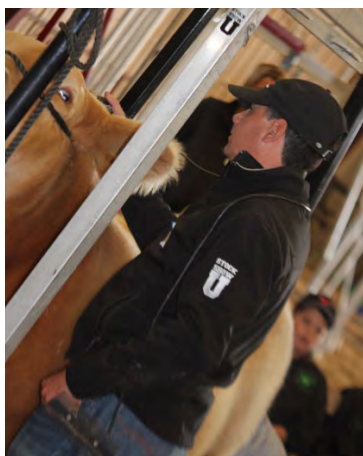
What has it been like to build your business from the ground up?

It's hard. Every day you have to be thankful. This business can make you get down so fast because you are always trying to stay at the top. Hey, it's not easy to stay at the top. Until you have been there, you don't really know what it's like. To be at that level is tough on everything. Especially in this business, you're not going to become a millionaire. It's going to be tough on your bank account.

What keeps you motivated?

I just love what I do. That is the biggest thing about all of it. It is a love and hate relationship when it comes to doing what we do. I started with nothing. I mean absolutely nothing. We worked hard to have what we have. You try to pay everything off as you go. Everyday there is a new challenge. Some days we are on top; some days we are on bottom.

Bobby Maddox said it best. He said we all get down on what we are doing. We all have bad days; we all have bad years. We all know life isn't roses every day. But, this is what we chose to do. You stick with it because you are good at it. You stick with it no matter what, through the good, bad, and ugly. This is what you do. That's why we keep doing it.



What is it like working together as a family every day?

You know, you love each other, but when you're out pulling a calf in the middle of the night, it's just tough. Stock can do everything now. We have taught him to do everything. And, Saige, we are teaching her to do everything. They go out at night and are checking cows at midnight and 3:00. Then, I check them again at 5:00.

Sherri has put up with so much stuff. Without her, I probably would have fallen off the deep end. Whenever we were living in our old house, Clint Petzold lived on the couch because he worked for us. Our kids were little then. There were nights Sherri would sleep on the couch with the baby, and Clint would be in the other room. Whenever you are trying to make it and make things meet, it is tough. Most people don't realize how hard it is to be successful and to stay successful. Most people think they can buy a champion, which you can. But, buying one is only a small fraction of the rest of it.

UNDER THE INFLUENCE: BRIAN MARTIN
OWNER, BRIAN MARTIN SHOW CATTLE

When you look back over your career, what are the successes that mean the most to you?

When Stock won Fort Worth. He was Reserve the year before with one that I bought from Mickey Peck, but, in 2013, he won with one I raised that was out of the cow that I owned with Nick and John. That right there is the pinnacle of everything when it comes to winning something. You win Fort Worth with one you raise. You can't even count on one hand the number of people who have done that in this business.

Saige had Reserve Grand in Fort Worth with one that we raised in 2016. That steer had won almost everything, every jackpot, every show, you name it. My expectations for Fort Worth were high because he looked really good. She didn't get pulled because the calf behind her ran up beside her. When things like that happen, you don't get pulled because the judge is looking at what is going on. So, I went back to the stall and started tearing down our stuff. A couple of guys called me and said I might ought to come back because she got pulled and is in the top 3. We had everything torn down and ready to load up. I walked back in there, and Saige was Reserve.

In 2013, you had a major skiing accident and fell 150 feet off a mountain. Can you tell us about that?

Stock had a hell of a year that year. In 2012, he was Champion at the State Fair. Then, the following spring, he was Champion in Fort Worth and Austin. At the end of the year, I jumped off a mountain, and it changed my life. Before the accident, I was on top of the world and winning everything and could do anything. I dehorned. I did surgeries on cattle. I clipped. One thing about it, I'm not scared to do anything. If I could watch someone do something, I could do it, and I did it. Well, when I woke up and started to get coherent, it took me a month to figure out, hey, I'm hurt. Even though I was in the hospital and telling them that I was OK after it all happened, I don't remember anything. Realistically, I don't remember anything for two months.

I broke both arms. I twisted my right arm twice. That is why I can't move my fingers because the nerves are shot. I have gone to so many specialists, and they all say the same thing. You take a stick and twist it twice and shatter it that bad, there is no fixing it. I crushed my heel. I split my head in half. I had a major concussion. I still have short term memory loss because of it today. Like, I forget people's name, but as we're talking, I will remember it. They said, the way I hit my head and that part of my head, that I would have permanent short-term memory loss. I didn't hurt my back. That was what was amazing, to have fallen that far and to have hit as much stuff as I hit.

Apart from the physical changes that resulted from your accident, how else did your life change?

I had to regroup and rely on other people. That has actually made my kids stronger and better at what they do because, used to, I did everything for them. They were there, but I didn't teach them the stuff I should have been teaching them. Instead, I was doing it. So, like Stock, we sent him to AI school. Guess what? He is the one who AI's all of our cows. Stock can clip with the best of them. He can pull calves. He can do everything.

And, Saige, we are getting her there.

I can AI one. I have figured out how to do about everything that I did. I can do it one handed. I can pull a calf one handed. Most people are having trouble putting on chains with two hands, and I can slip them on one handed so fast. It is amazing how, in time, things do heal.



You have said that Nick Reimann was a dear friend. He died in April of 2014, not long after your accident. That must have been an emotionally challenging time. How did you get through it?

I am a tough person. You can ask my wife. You can ask my kids. I'm a hard person. I don't show emotion very much. Just trying to be strong and successful has made me a hard person. Let's just put it that way.

If you could give any advice to 18-year-old Brian Martin, what would you tell him?

I would tell him to go to college, just like I have told my son. Go to college and become a banker. You can hire somebody to do the job that I'm doing because it is hard to make a living doing what I do. I have enjoyed it. I have got a ton of memories and a lot of pictures on the wall of winners and banners. Most people don't realize how hard it is to do what we do, day in and day out, and not have that mailbox money that a lot of these kids and families have. When things are tight, we have to say, hey, I need to sell this cow that really means something to me, but I'm going to sell her to so-and-so just so I can pay this bank note. That's how tough it is. I have been more successful than I could have ever dreamed I would be at 18. It has been hard, but it has been great. We are blessed.

Where do you see your program in 10 years?

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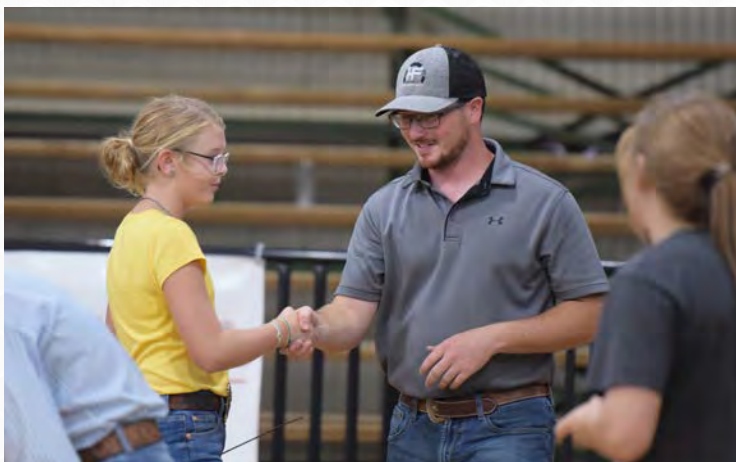
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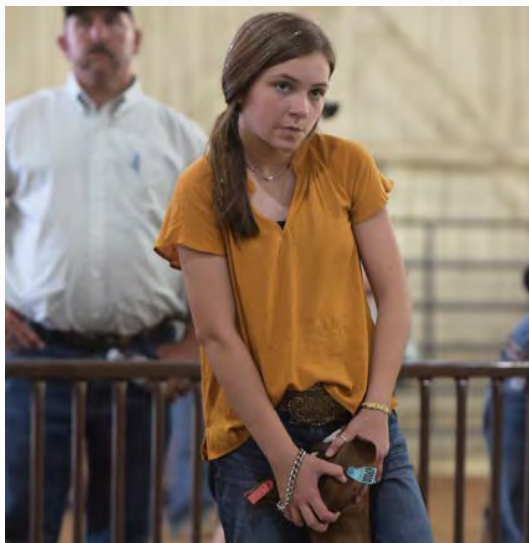
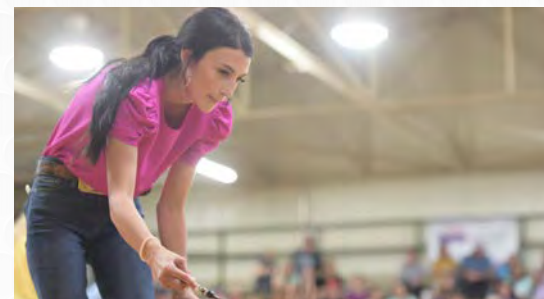


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In a year that is long on memorable moments, both good and bad, the Grand Champion Barrow Drive at the San Antonio Livestock Show must be recognized as one of the epic moments of the year. On that day in the middle of February, a 17-year-old exhibitor named Samantha Iselt showed the Grand Champion Barrow in what can only be described as one of the most emotional grand drives in recent history. Yes, the barrow was notable, but what made the moment so special was that the young lady, clad in her signature pink shirt and pink bow, who drove him has Downs syndrome. It was certainly an underdog-comes-out-on-top story full of joy and tears. But, like all success stories, this one didn't start with a handshake and cheering crowds. The back story is just as good as the happy climax. It is the story of how a big brother recognized his sister's natural talent and worked along with her parents to put together a program that produces champions. Along the way, their story demonstrates the power of love and teamwork.



Samantha, a senior at Lexington High School in Lexington, Texas, is the daughter of Tobin and Fonda Iselt. They describe her as a happy and caring young lady who enjoys playing outdoors and going to the beach. They will also attest that, as the parents of a child with Downs syndrome, they have been blessed by the tremendous love they have received from their her.

"When we first had a Downs syndrome kid, everybody said I don't know how you are going to deal with this. People don't understand Downs syndrome children. There is so much love coming from those kids. It's infectious. You can't explain the love coming out of them, and the love shown toward them. It is a God send," says Tobin.

Samantha also has an older brother, Coby Berger. Despite their 10-year age gap, Coby has always had a deep love for his sister. His mom and stepdad agree that the bond between Coby and Samantha is special.

"He has the biggest heart in the world. He was been that way even before Samantha. I think that comes from a loving mom and a loving dad," says Tobin.

It was Coby who first suggested that his sister start showing pigs when she was 10. Coby grew up showing pigs and after high school, had joined his dad, Cliff Berger, raising show barrows. One day, Samantha

was at Coby's house when he needed someone to walk pigs for him. He handed a bat to his sister and asked her to do it. She was a natural. Coby told his mom and stepdad that Samantha should start showing pigs. Although Coby was convinced, Tobin and Fonda were not quite so sure.

"We were a little nervous at first because we didn't know if she could do it, but Coby was so determined that, yes, she could do it. Once she started, we were amazed. We still are," says Fonda.

Samantha's aptitude for showing pigs translated into big success her first year when she won Reserve Light Weight Dark Cross in Houston. It was only her second major show. After Samantha's extraordinarily successful first year, Coby told Tobin and Fonda to not expect that level of success to be common. Most kids never reached that level of success during their time in the ring. But, Samantha certainly wasn't going to let Coby's prediction hold her back. Since 2013, Samantha has had numerous class winners and premium sale qualifiers at Texas major shows. She has also won Reserve Champion Light Weight Cross in Fort Worth in 2020.

Tobin and Fonda are quick to point out that Samantha's success is a team effort. It starts with great genetics. Samantha has purchased most of her pigs from Coby and Cliff. The Iselt's and the Berger's are a blended family. Often, this is a situation that can create friction and animosity but not in this case. In fact, although Cliff is no relation to Samantha, he is still personally invested in her success.



"It is not just Coby that helps with the pigs. Coby's dad, Cliff Berger, is a vital part of Samantha and her success. He will help her out and do anything for her, and she loves him. She always wants to see where Cliff is," says Tobin.

The next step to Samantha's success, according to Tobin and Fonda, is a sound feeding program. They say Coby is the driving force behind that. Coby provides the Iselt's with advice, and they are faithful to follow what he says. With help from Cliff and Coby, the Iselt's have developed a proven feeding program, and Samantha has developed into an accomplished showman.

"No one is harder on Samantha than Coby. But there is no one she listens to like Coby," says Tobin.

Samantha has also developed an eye for picking good pigs. Occasionally, she has even chosen her own projects to purchase and insisted on buying them even if Coby and her parents object.

Another key to Samantha's success is the exhibitors who help her in the ring. At smaller shows, Samantha has the confidence to show her pigs alone. However, at the major shows, she feels better when someone is there to make sure everything goes right. She has had many friends help her in the ring including Rusty Grimm, Shelby Drews, and Katelyn Iselt. Marla Iselt was in the ring with Samantha at San Antonio when she won Grand. And, Kamlynn Thomas, who helped Samantha before she graduated from high school, drove from Lubbock to San Antonio to see Samantha's big day.

Samantha not only shows pigs successfully but has also taken on the challenge of showing steers. Three years ago, friends had a steer that they wanted Samantha to show. They were sure that Samantha would enjoy showing steers and that it would be a great new adventure for her. They ran the idea by Coby first whose main concern was to make sure that the steer was gentle. Then he told Tobin and Fonda, who again were faced with the decision of whether to play it safe or accept the challenge. They took Samantha to see the steer, and just like with her pigs, she seemed to have an immediate connection with it. So, the Iselt's jumped in. Once again, Samantha found success right off the bat. Her steer placed third in San Antonio. This year, along with



her pigs, she has two steers on feed.

Tobin and Fonda feel the biggest challenge that Samantha faces in the show ring is not being taken seriously as a competitor. They want people to know that Samantha receives no advantages because she has Downs syndrome. In fact, like all exhibitors, there have been times that Samantha's pigs have gone straight to the truck without being pulled. Tobin and Fonda know that Samantha's success is attributed to hard work at home and hours of practicing showmanship.

"We know how much effort and time and work she puts in to get to that point. She didn't win because she has Downs syndrome. She won because she worked hard, she has an excellent pig, and she did what she needed to do," says Tobin.

Every year, Samantha has somewhere around 25 head of pigs on feed. Every day, she comes home from school around 4:00 in the afternoon and walks pigs until dark. She has a great way of connecting with her pigs. Many times, Tobin and Fonda will find her in the pen with her pigs, scratching them and talking to them. Samantha's parents call her the Pig Whisperer. Samantha's dogged determination can be summed up in her motto, "See it and be it." Samantha's grandmother, Jo Potts, gave her the phrase, and it is what Samantha says to herself when she is nervous and needing encouragement.

Of course, Samantha's story wouldn't be complete without telling the story of her champion pig. Samantha named the pig Big Boy I because he was a big boy, and he resided in pen I of Samantha's barn.

Like Samantha, Big Boy I had to overcome challenges in his life before he made it to the big day. On the day he was born in June of 2019, Coby farrowed out six sows, one of whom died. To make the best of a bad situation, he grafted piglets onto different sows. He noticed that the legs on one of the piglets were

crooked, and he couldn't walk very well. He told his dad that he was going to get rid of the baby pig, but his dad encouraged him to put him on a sow and see if he lived. Coby threw the pig on a sow that had given birth a couple of days earlier and didn't give him much thought after that.

After a couple of days, Coby realized that the little pig with the crooked legs could walk and that he had real potential. By three weeks of age, there was no doubt in Coby's mind that the formerly crippled pig was the best one he and his dad had ever raised. Coby had never put a pig aside for Samantha, but he told his dad that the pig was her San Antonio barrow. Many people tried to buy the pig from Coby, but every time he refused, even though some of the offers were hefty.

"That was a stressful six months. I've never raised one that good," Coby recounts.

Coby doesn't remember much about the Grand Drive in San Antonio. He does remember that Samantha told him that she "had it" as she walked into the ring. He also remembers the judge giving Samantha the fateful high five to declare her the winner. He says everything after that is a blur full of happy memories and disbelief at their good fortune.

A good story involves more than just a great ending. For Samantha Iselt, what has happened between her beginning and her impressive win in San Antonio is really the meat of the story. That's the part of the story that tells how Samantha's natural talent combined with the steady hand of her brother, the perseverance and love of her parents, and the caring help of other people in her life led to an unforgettable day in February. As Paul Harvey famously coined, "Now, you know the rest of the story."



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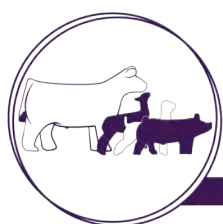
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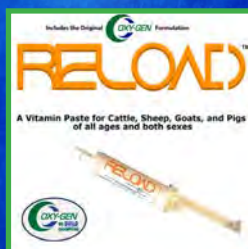
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PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF YOUR BACKGROUND, YOUR FAMILY, AND YOUR CHILDHOOD IN THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY.

I was raised in Camden, NC which is a small rural community in the far northeastern corner of the state, only about an hour from Kitty Hawk which is to the east and Norfolk, VA which is to the north. I began showing sheep at the age of 5 and around 12 years old my father and I started breeding and raising show lambs. We have been actively raising sheep for the past 25 years, and enjoy maintaining a small flock of around 30 black face ewes. I also showed cattle and pigs growing up but goats were just starting to come on the scene at that time. I was actively involved in 4-H and FFA through high school and after graduation I attended Butler County Community College in El Dorado, KS. I was fortunate to be a member of a competitive livestock judging team that will celebrate our 20th year anniversary this fall of winning the American Royal and NAILE. After Butler, I returned to NC to complete my bachelor and master degrees in Agriculture Extension Education from North Carolina State University. Currently I serve as the NC 4-H Youth Livestock Specialist for NC, and spend the majority of my time working with youth participating in livestock shows, judging contests, skillathon contests, or putting on seminars across the state. I have been married for almost fifteen years to Allison McCabe who works as the Eastern Regional Coordinator for Ag Education. We live about an hour east of Raleigh in the small town of Kenly and have two boys Zade (9) and Carter (4). Zade and Carter both enjoy showing sheep, goats, and occasionally a pig.

WHAT WOULD YOU CONSIDER YOUR FIRST EVER "BIG SHOW" TO SORT?

No question, the first big show for me was the Market Lambs and Market Goats at the 2016 Indiana State Fair.

WHAT IS THE FUNNIEST STORY YOU CAN RECALL IN REGARDS TO SHOWING OR JUDGING?

There have been lots of things happen over the years that one might find humorous and it is difficult to pick just one. However, if you want to hear the truly good stories I can tell, one day ask me about my Uncle Skeeter or my friend, Jaybird.

WHO WERE THE MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSON IN YOUR LIFE GROWING UP?

There are so many folks that had major impacts on me over the years and I am so grateful of their guidance. Both my Mom and Dad have always been very supportive, guiding, helpful, critical, tough, and loving. They always encouraged me to do my best and do what I loved. All these people have made me the person I am today.

PLEASE GIVE A DESCRIPTION OF YOUR LIVESTOCK JUDGING EXPERIENCE.

I attended Butler County Community College, in El Dorado, Kansas. This laid a strong foundation for understanding the fundamentals of breeding quality livestock. Additionally, I have several close friends that I enjoy discussing livestock with and what ideals are important and listening to their view points.

WALK US THROUGH YOUR PROCESS AS YOU EVALUATE MARKET ANIMALS AT A MAJOR LIVESTOCK SHOW.

In regards to evaluating stock, I love to watch them walk. I believe that after raising sheep and experiencing the challenges that come with trying to breed for skeletal correctness, you really have a greater appreciation for the good ones. Muscle, rib, and balance are extremely important traits to me as well. I continue to believe that good ones come in all shapes and sizes. For me, more than size is the fact that they are fresh, youthful, and appropriately balanced.

WHAT ARE THE PREFERENCES THAT YOU RANK AMONG THE MOST IMPORTANT IN REGARDS TO MARKET ANIMAL EVALUATION?

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HOW MUCH INFLUENCE DO YOU FEEL PRESENTATION (I.E. CLIPPING, FITTING, HAIR/HIDE QUALITY) HAS ON ANY JUDGES' DECISIONS IN THE SHOW RING?

In regards to fitting, we are all a sucker for those big fluffy legs. But let's be realistic with each other, they need to be blended in and somewhat proportional to the sheep. Additionally, I feel it is more critical that you have the hide in good shape and have them fresh in appearance and touch. These are show animals and it is important that they are presented appropriately.

WHAT IS THE MOST VALUABLE PORTION OF THE JUNIOR LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY?

I could write a book about the life skills one gains from being involved with the junior livestock program. As someone that spends every day working with youth, I get to see the rewards as kids grow up into successful adults. Some of the key things I believe it teaches are work ethic, the ability to make decisions, how to network relationships, and most importantly, perseverance and responsibility. Perhaps the most important part of livestock showing is the family time spent together. This can come from working in the barns, traveling to shows, and learning to accept wins and disappointments. It is hard to put a value on those experiences.

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST PET PEEVE WHEN JUDGING A LIVESTOCK SHOW?

My pet peeves in the show ring are smacking the animals or having a poor attitude. There is no place for this in the ring, so please don't get heavy handed. I often hear that certain families are really competitive and that is why they have a bad attitude, but that is no excuse. No one puts in the time and effort it takes and is not competitive. We all want to win but not at the expense of hurting animals or other people.

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?

My routine has been as close to the same for me for years. I get excited about every show I judge so I don't need any hard rock or heavy metal music to get pumped. I take a minute and say a prayer, and try to forget the rest of the world as I concentrate on the kids and animals in the ring.



THROUGHOUT YOUR TENURE, WHAT HAVE BEEN THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE JUNIOR LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY?

After coming home from Butler, I was asked to judge my first show in eastern NC. Even though it was small with about 40 total animals which included cattle, pigs, goats, and sheep, it was something I thoroughly enjoyed. I started to accept a few more opportunities as they became available. Since then I have concentrated my efforts on judging only sheep and goats and have been fortunate to judge shows in 22 states and Canada.

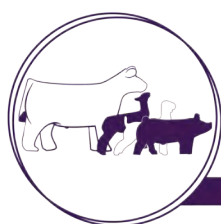
LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MEAL? ONE YOU COULD NEVER LIVE WITHOUT?

If you ask me what the best meal I have ever eaten is, it would probably have been at Mike Anderson's restaurant in Louisiana. Their broiled seafood platter and charbroiled oysters are unforgettable. I actually had to take my wife there later so she could try it. The food that would be the most challenging for me to give up would be Eastern NC vinegar-based barbecue. I was raised on pig pickin's and have wonderful memories of picking off the grill.





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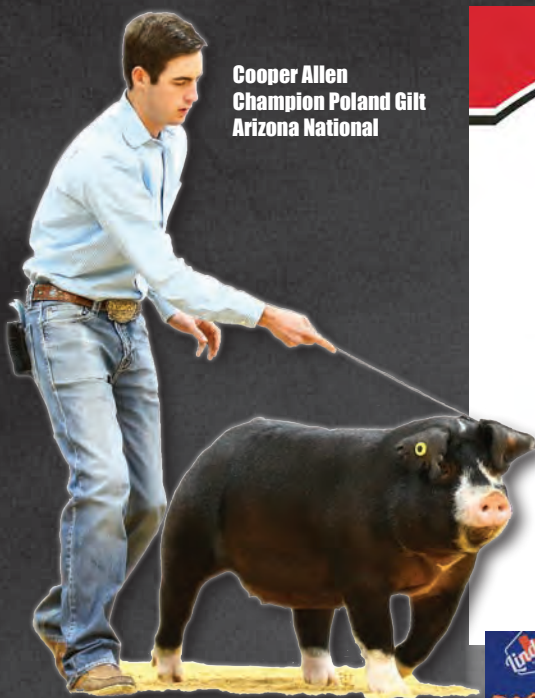
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From the day every person is born, he or she is guilty of sin. That is a difficult concept to understand. After all, how can a baby be guilty of anything? Yet, the standards for sin are not human standards. They have been established by the Creator of the Universe. By those standards, after the fall of Adam and Eve, every person stands convicted of their sins. In other words, charges have been brought against every person for the crime of violating God's laws. Therefore, we are all guilty and condemned to death.

How can the penalty be so high for sin? To understand the significance of sin, it is important understand the holiness of God. To be holy means that God is pure, without blemish. Therefore, God cannot contaminate Himself with our sin. But, God deeply desired to have a relationship with his creation. The only way to do this was through blood sacrifice because life is in the blood. So, to establish a relationship with His creation, God shed the blood of His son as the perfect sacrifice for our sin.

For those who believe in Jesus' sacrifice, their faith covers their sin. They stand convicted but not condemned. No longer will they pay the penalty of sin, which is death, but they are in right standing with God. They stand under the protection of God's blood and have been made righteous. (2 Cor. 5:21)

So, what is the practical application to the lives of Christians? If you are a Christian who does not feel burdened by your sin, it is time to seriously consider your standing before God. God does not want us to live in a way that separates us from Him. That is the real danger of sin. God loves you and wants His children to live free from the penalty of sin. That is why he paid the price for your sin. The horrifying penalty that Jesus paid for our sin should move every believer to obedience.

It is also important to consider the other side of the pendulum. For the Christian who lives in constant regret for their past sin, it is crucial to remember you are no longer condemned for your sin. Your freedom from that sin was paid in full. Your regret is not the tip on the bill. The Bible is clear. “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9).

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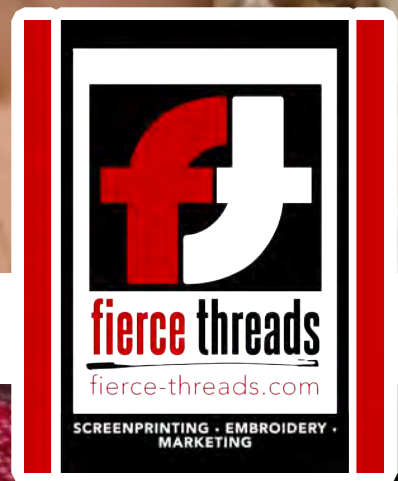
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MEET KORY

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

THE FEELING AND EXPERIENCE

It is extremely difficult to choose the most rewarding thing from showing livestock but when it comes down to it, the feeling and experience you get when yourself and close friends succeed in the stock show ring, trumps everything else.

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

BALANCED SCHEDULE

For me, the hardest part about the stock show life was making an easy and balanced schedule for all that I had on my plate. From working hard to maintain my grades in my AP and Dual Credit classes, to working my tail off in my sports practice and games and still making enough time to get in the barn and work with my animals has always been a stressful and challenging aspect of the stock show life.

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

CHERISH EVERY SECOND

I would tell that showman before going into that show ring to work as hard as he or she can and have as much fun as he or she can and accept what they get coming out of the show ring because showing is all a learning process. Every trip in the ring is a learning experience. So, when he or she comes out, they should work on what they did not do their best at but also commend themselves for what they did do good at. Every set up, every drop of sweat, and every success or not should be done and received with a smile on their face. I will also tell he or she to make the most of the time they have left because it will be over before you even thought it had begun.

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

HARDWORK AND PATIENCE

In the show barn, the values of hard work and patience are most important to me. A quote that I lived by as a showman was, "Keep your head up, because success does not come from giving up. Just be patient, work hard, and pray justly that you can do anything you put your mind to." Those words are what pushed me to be the showman that I was and had become in my 13 years of showing.

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

BREATH

BREATHE! As silly as it may sound, I sometimes forget to breathe when I am in the showring. With every move you make, believe in the skills that you have worked to obtain and breathe along the way to help get you through.

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

THE GIRL IN THE MAROON POLO

I would like to be remembered as the girl in the maroon polo shirt who fought through every challenge that came her way in the show ring. No matter what or who the competition, I want people to remember the fire of passion in my eyes as I competed against others for the success that we craved.

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

SPUNKY, MINDFUL AND PASSIONATE

If my friends were to describe me, I would like to think that they would say that I am spunky, mindful, passionate and above all, hardworking.

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

COLLEGE GRADUATE

In the next five years, I see myself in grad school, working towards fulfilling half of my dreams of becoming an agricultural lawyer and then shortly after, working towards getting a degree in forensic and investigative sciences which will go towards my other half of my dreams of also helping collect evidence to solve criminal investigations.

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

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

PROVERBS 3:5-6

[TEN.] WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL?**FAITH AND CALEB SNAPP**

My role model is not one, but two people, twins to be exact. These twins were born at 27 weeks which means that they were 13 weeks premature. This left them with a condition by the name of Zone 1 retinopathy of prematurity. What this basically does is cause them both to have abnormal growth of blood vessels in the eyes making them both legally blind. Combined, these two have had over twenty-four surgeries to help improve their sight over the years. Along all of that, these two have showed many goat and lamb projects at major shows, went to school and maintained good grades, obtained a FFA area officer position, had a place in their high school marching band and have both been accepted to the colleges they applied for. Despite their condition, these two have been successful in everything they do not because they are lucky but because they work hard and never give up. Every dream and hope that they have for themselves gets worked for, not wished for. These two individuals are Faith and Caleb Snapp and they are the two people that inspire me the most.

[ELEVEN.] IMAGINE YOURSELF 10 YEARS FROM TODAY. WHAT GOALS AND AMBITIONS DO YOU HAVE FOR YOURSELF, PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY?**TO BE A GREAT ROLE MODEL**

Personally, for me, I hope to be a great role model for all kids whose dreams are bigger than they expected. Growing up I had a lot of big dreams that I have yet to fulfill. In 10 years from now, I hope that though Personally, for me, I hope to be a great role model for all kids whose dreams are bigger than they expected. Growing up I had a lot of big dreams that I have yet to fulfill. In 10 years from now, I hope that those dreams come true so I can be an example for those who think their dreams and goals are too big for them to reach. Professionally, I want to be out of college with all the degrees I've wanted to have and hopefully have a great job.

[TWELVE.] WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO BE A GOOD LEADER, AND TO PUT FORTH YOUR BEST EFFORT?**MY FAMILY**

There are a couple things that motivate me. One, my family. Everything I do is to make my family proud. All my family has ever done is for me and I want to repay them with my hard work and dedication. On a more specific note though, I do what I do for my little sister. I want her to always see me as a good example of hard work and integrity. I want her to be more successful than me so I've always put forth my best effort to challenge her to be the best she can be because I know she is capable.

[THIRTEEN.] HOW DO YOU GO ABOUT SETTING GOALS IN ORDER TO BECOME MORE SUCCESSFUL?**THERES NO PERFECT WAY**

To me, there's no perfect way to set yourself up to be successful. Yes, you can do your best to make an orderly manner but there is always going to be something that sets you off track. All you must do is roll with the punches and do your best to come out on top.

[FOURTEEN.] TELL US WHAT "SUCCESS" MEANS TO YOU**WHEN YOU FEEL THE JOB IS DONE**

Success to me is not about the materialistic things. The banner you carry out of the ring or the ribbon you receive is not the only thing that should define success. Success to me is when you feel like the job you've done this time was better than the last. Success to me is the smile you carry out of the ring and the joy you have in your heart when you're finished.



My name is Kory Humphrey and I graduated from George West High School in May of 2020. I was number 16 in my class out of 76 with a grade point average of 98.7. My parents are Tommy and Mable Humphrey and have been a huge factor of my stock show life. As many people know now, my father is known as THE goat man. But ironically, my father did not bring me up into the start of my goat showing career. My mother did. I started showing goats at my primary principals house, who later became another father like figure and best friend to me, Mr. Pat James. Every day after school my mom would pick me up from school and take me straight to the barn. We worked for hours on end trying to prepare these goats for show day. And for 13 years this was my life. Little did I know that at 5 years old that this life would become something I loved more than anything in the world.

In my time in the show ring, I won Reserve Grand Champion Overall in the San Antonio Market goat show in 2018 and then won Grand Champion Overall in the San Antonio Market goat show in 2019. In 2020, I also went on to win Grand Champion overall market goat at the Fort Worth Stock show and Rodeo and attended my first national show in Kansas City, where I was placed top four in the Senior Showmanship competition. I then attended the Denver National stock show where I became the Champion Senior showman. I won my local county show one time and reserved it six times and also won six years of showmanship in a row. Those are just some of the many accomplishments I have obtained in my time in the ring.

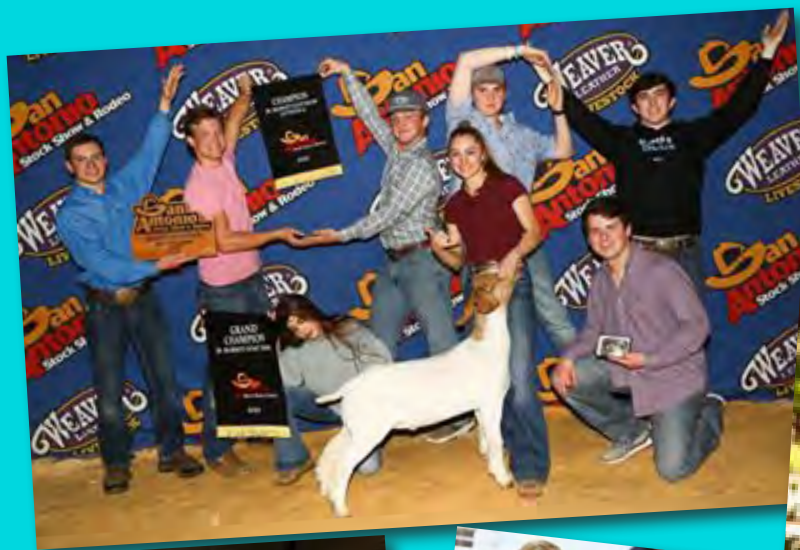
In high school when I say, "I did it all," I mean that I did it all. I was a three year class officer, I was a five year FFA member and an officer four years in a row in which I served my hometown chapter, I was a four year FCCLA member and an officer for one year, I was inducted into the National Honors Society my Sophomore year where I served as a member my Junior year and an officer my Senior year, I was also a floral club member and officer for two years and lastly I was a Spanish club officer for one year of high school. I was a three year varsity player for my volleyball and basketball team and was voted senior captain for both sports my senior year. In my time with those sports I receive Academic All-District all three years, an honorable mention award, co libero of the year and 1st team all-district. I played softball and ran track for two year before COVID-19 hit. In my time during those sports I was named 2nd team all-district pitcher and made multiple regional appearances in many track and field events. Along all of that I served much of my time to my church, local blood drive and coat drives and much more. I served as an alter server and lector at my church for eight years.

One of my most memorable experiences within the agricultural industry was my time as a "spotter." My job as a spotter was to guide and individual throughout the ring and tell them things they needed to know when they needed it. Luckily for me, my job brought me one of my best friends in the whole world. I started spotting Faith Snapp my sophomore year of high school in the lamb and goat ring. One of my favorite memories with Faith, was the Keep It Weird Jackpot Show. In our time together we had won many blue ribbons and division champion banners but we were still anticipating an overall banner to be in our clutches. Faith and I took in a class 1 market goat and came out on the top! Winning first place in the class, we went to the division and came out of the ring with a reserve champion lightweight banner. And finally, by the grace of God and Faiths amazing showmanship skills, at 2am, we did it. Faith won the title of Reserve Grand Champion overall in the goat ring. The smiles, tears and sweaty hugs is all any showman can ever hope and dream for.

The agriculture industry has taught me so many things in just a short amount of time. Because of the people and the lessons of the industry, I truly believe I am ready for anything and everything that comes my way. I will be attending Texas Tech University where I will pursue a degree in Ag Communications with a minor in general business with a focus on pre law. In hopes of becoming a lawyer one day.







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And though these portrayals are not all that bad, they miss the point. My favorite description that defines a cowboy is someone who can replace a uterine prolapse in a 1000 lb cow on the open range armed with nothin' but a rope and a horse.

The combination of skills required to accomplish that feat speaks volumes about a real all-around cowboy.

Of course, the kind of cowboyin' required depends on the job. Gatherin' wild cattle in Arizona is as different from checkin' feedlot pens in Nebraska as drivin' a Nascar entry is from operating a backhoe. But if a cowboy can rope and ride and knows cattle, they could soon learn each other's job.

By the end of the Rancher - Sodbuster Wars, the cowboy often found himself in the employ of farmers. As soon as diesel replaced alfalfa as fuel, farmers eliminated horses from their livestock operations. Squeeze chutes, calf tables, pens, aluminum gates, 4-wheelers and semi's took the place of the cowboy, his rope and his horse.

And the farmer cowman conversion is still occurring. A rancher in Saskatchewan invented "The Mobile Cow Catcher". It is an amazing piece of winter shop time genius. The Mobile Cow Catcher attaches to the side of a pickup. It looks like a prop from the movie Waterworld. If you didn't see that, it might be best described as a 'swing set, orthopedic hospital bed and supermarket automatic door-opener' combination.

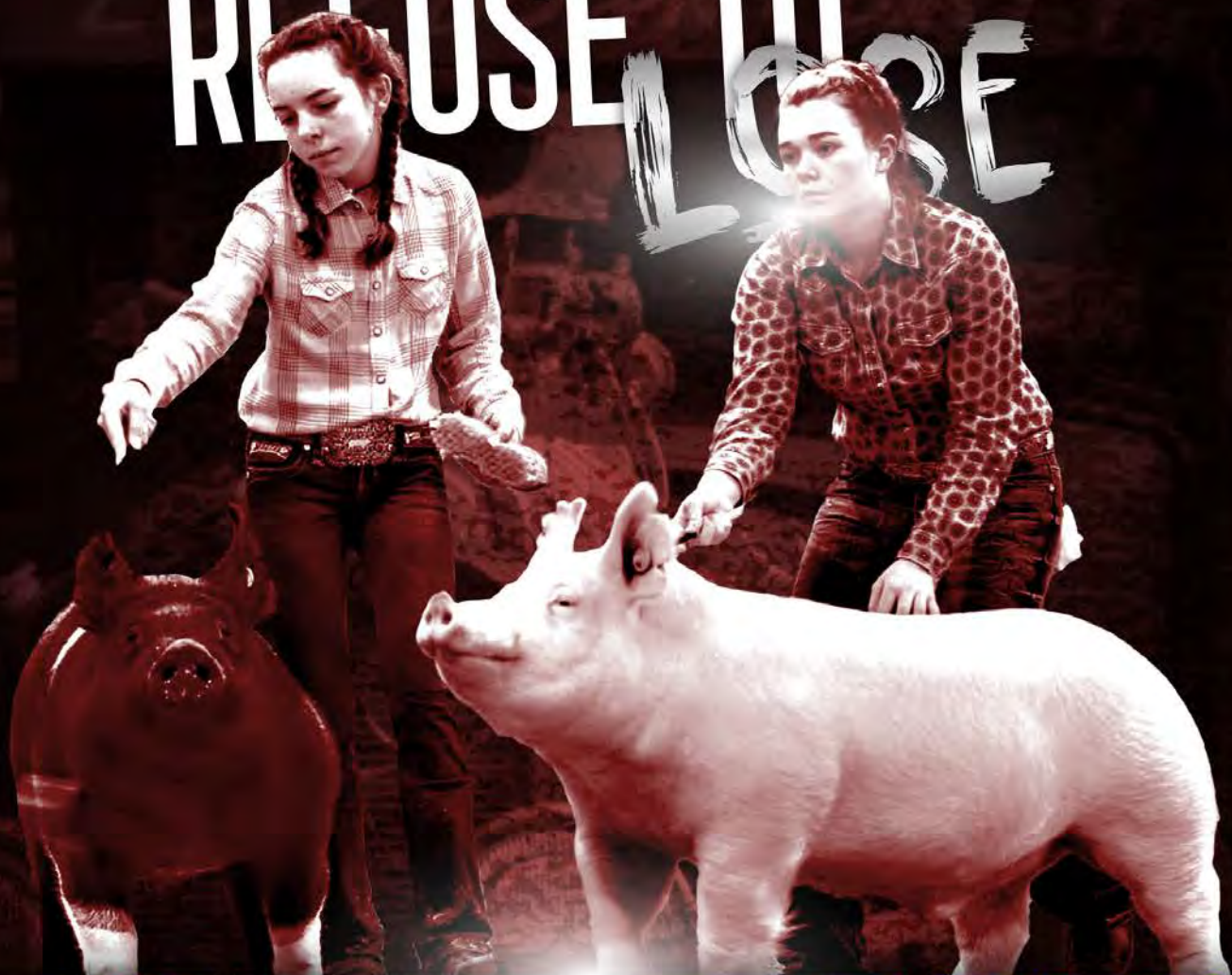
You run the cow down with yer pickup, capture it like pickin' up a winrow, then leap out and attend to her problem.

The rancher, Mr. Halyung of Robsart, Saskatchewan, figured his invention would save a lot of cow wrecks, especially for those cow people who aren't too handy with a rope and a horse.

And he may be right. Someday we may see Batman in a movie sayin', "Don't worry, Nell, I'll catch yer cow and replace that prolapse. Robin, fire up the Mobile Cow Catcher... We've got to remain compassionate!"

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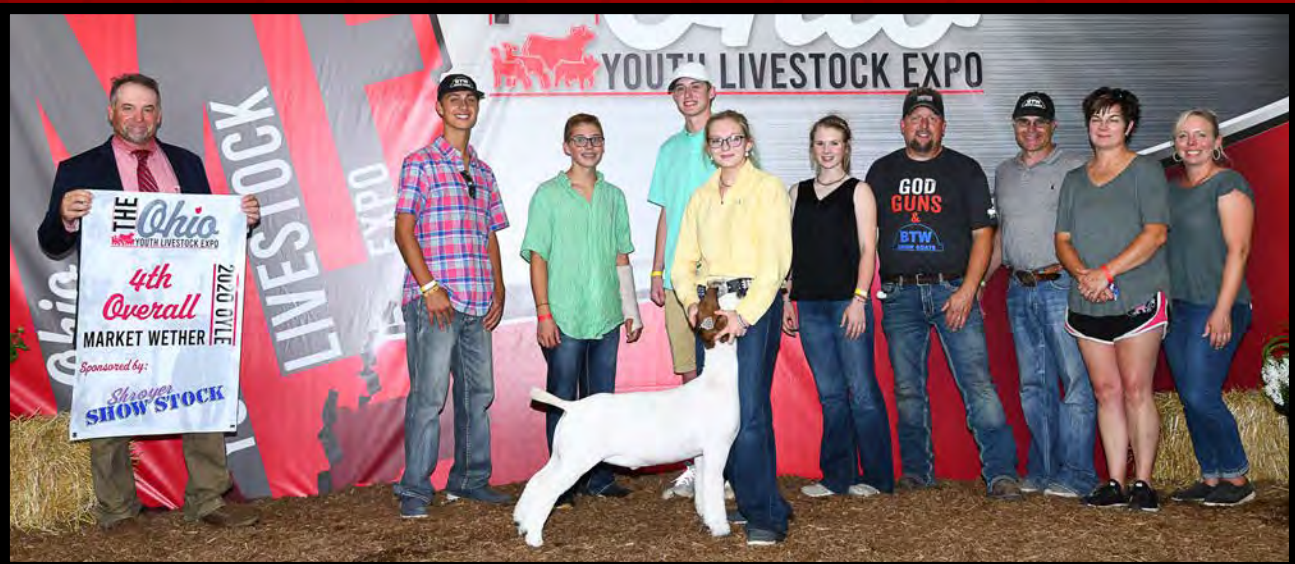
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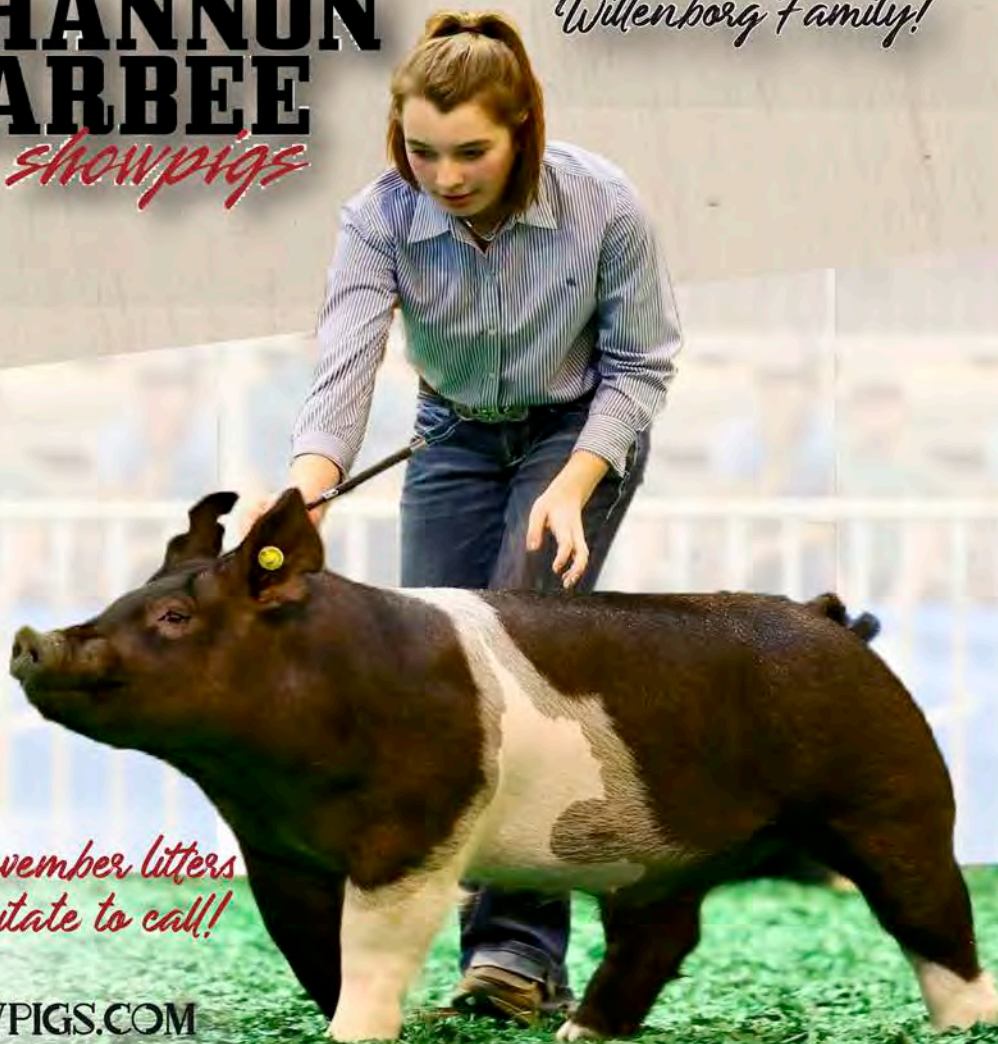


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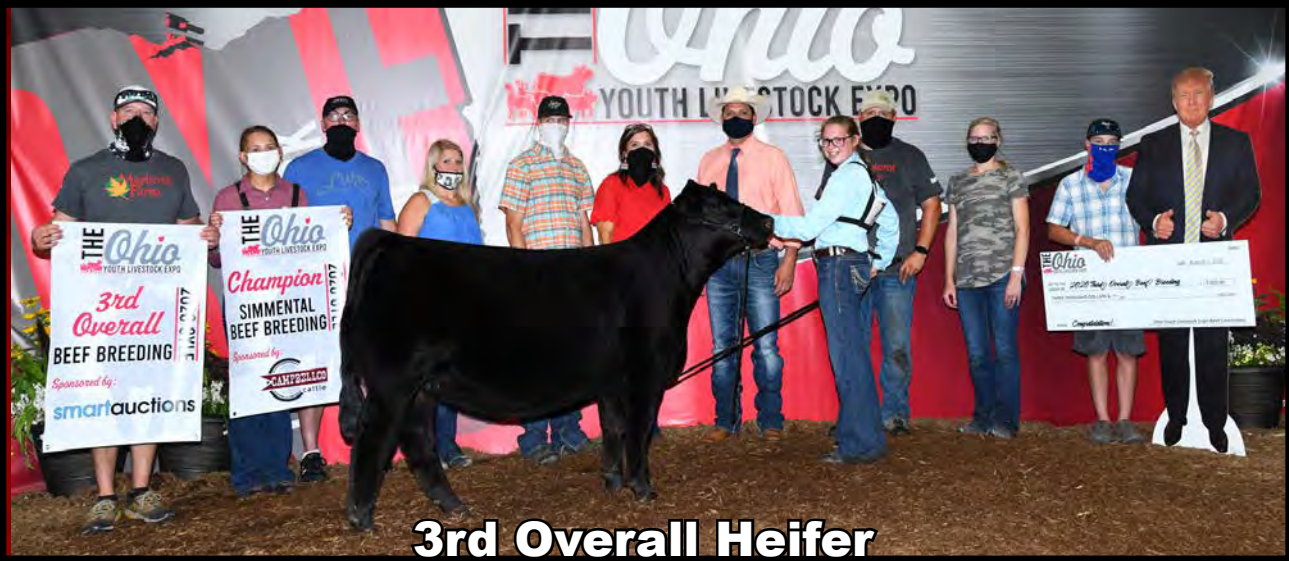
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NO -BAKE STRAWBERRY CHEESECAKE

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 c. Heavy cream, whipped
- 12 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 c. sugar
- 2 1/2 c. strawberries, stemmed and hulled
- 1 graham cracker pie crust

Instructions

In a large bowl, combine whipped heavy cream with softened cream cheese and sugar and stir until completely combined. (If cream cheese clumps remain, transfer mixture to a stand mixer or use a hand mixer. In a blender or food processor, puree 2 cups strawberries. Fold strawberries into cheesecake mixture. Pour mixture into prepared pie crust, smoothing over top with a rubber spatula. Slice remaining 1/2 cup strawberries and arrange on top of cheesecake. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate until firm, at least 4 hours.

GARLIC AND PARMESAN ASPARAGUS

Ingredients

- 1/2 pound fresh asparagus
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 3 cloves minced garlic
- 3 tablespoons parmesan cheese

Instructions

Preheat oven to 425°F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with aluminum foil and set aside. Rinse the asparagus and trim off woody end pieces. (Or snap as in the picture above) Spread out in a thin layer on top of the prepared cookie sheet. Drizzle the asparagus in olive oil, and then add salt, pepper, garlic, and parmesan cheese. Using tongs (or your hands) toss the asparagus to evenly coat and, then lay out into an even layer again. Bake in the preheated oven for 8 minutes. Remove from oven and serve immediately.

COWBOY PASTA SALAD

Ingredients

- 1 pound dried mini pasta shells
- 1 pound hickory smoked bacon, diced
- 3/4 pound lean ground beef
- 1 tsp cumin
- pinch red pepper flakes
- salt and pepper
- 1 1/2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup barbecue sauce
- 2 Tbs Spicy Brown Mustard
- 2 Tbs Worcestershire sauce
- 2 1/2 teaspoons hot chili sauce
- 15 ounce can whole kernel sweet corn, drained
- 2 cups cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 5 scallions, diced

Instructions

Bring a large pot of water to a boil; cook pasta until al dente according to package directions. Drain and rinse under cold water. Drizzle with a little olive oil to prevent sticking.

In the meantime, saute bacon in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat until crispy, about 10 minutes. With a slotted spoon, transfer to a paper towel lined plate to drain off grease. Wipe out skillet, leaving a little of the bacon grease. Add the ground beef; cook, breaking it up with a wooden spoon, until cooked through and no longer pink, about 3 minutes. Season with the cumin, red pepper flakes, and with a pinch of salt and pepper. Drain off fat. Set aside to cool completely.

In an extra large bowl, whisk together the mayonnaise, barbecue sauce, mustard, Worcestershire sauce, and hot chili sauce until combined and smooth. Add in the cooked pasta, bacon, beef, corn, tomatoes, cheese, and scallions; toss to combine and coat.



PAN FRIED PORK CHOPS

Ingredients

- 1 teaspoon seasoned salt, plus more for seasoning
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper, plus more for seasoning
- 8 pork breakfast chops
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- Cayenne pepper
- 1/2 cup canola oil
- 1 tablespoon butter

Instructions

Salt and pepper both sides of the pork chops. Combine the flour and some cayenne, salt and black pepper. Dredge each side of the pork chops in the flour mixture, and then set aside.

Heat the canola oil over medium to medium-high heat. Add the butter. When the butter is melted and the butter/oil mixture is hot, cook 3 pork chops at a time, 2 to 3 minutes on the first side. Flip and cook until the chops are golden brown on the other side, 1 to 2 minutes (make sure no pink juices remain). Remove to a plate and repeat with the remaining pork chops.

MEXICAN RICE CASSEROLE

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 to 1 whole large onion, chopped
- 4 cups long grain rice
- Two 14.5-ounce cans whole tomatoes
- One 10-ounce can diced tomatoes and green chilies
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon turmeric
- 6 to 8 cups low-sodium chicken broth (more if needed)
- 1 1/2 cups grated Cheddar
- Fresh cilantro, chopped, for serving

Instructions

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Heat the oil in a large dutch oven and add the garlic and onions. Cook, 3 to 4 minutes. Reduce the heat to low and add the rice. Stir constantly, making sure the rice doesn't burn. Cook over low heat, about 3 minutes. Next, add the whole tomatoes, diced tomatoes, cumin, salt, pepper, cayenne and turmeric. Stir to combine and let cook, about 2 minutes. Finally, add the chicken broth and stir the mixture together. Bring the mixture to a boil, and then reduce heat to low. Cover, and simmer until the rice is not quite done, 10 to 15 minutes. Top with the cheese, and then bake with the lid off until the cheese is melted and the rice fully cooked, about 15 minutes. Serve with chopped cilantro.

ONE-POT CAJUN CHICKEN PASTA

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken thighs, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 1/2 teaspoons Cajun seasoning
- 2 medium green bell peppers, stemmed, seeded and cut into 1/4-inch strips
- 1 small yellow onion, thinly sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 12 ounces penne
- 4 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- One 14.5-ounce can diced tomatoes
- 6 ounces cream cheese, cubed, at room temperature
- Kosher salt

Instructions

Heat the oil in large pot over medium-high heat. Add the chicken and Cajun seasoning and cook, until the chicken just starts to change color. Add the peppers and onions and cook for 3 to 4 minutes. Stir in the garlic and cook until softened, 1 minute. Add the pasta, chicken broth and tomatoes and bring to a boil over medium-high heat. When it boils, continue to cook, stirring occasionally, until the pasta is al dente and the sauce is thickened and reduced by about half. Remove from the heat and add the cream cheese and 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt. Stir until the cream cheese is combined and melted.

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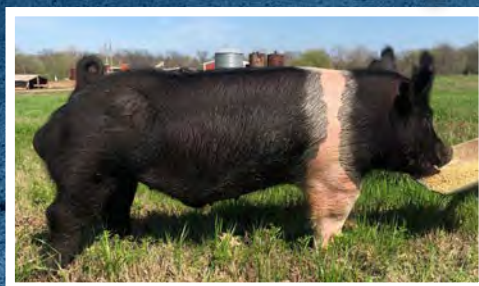
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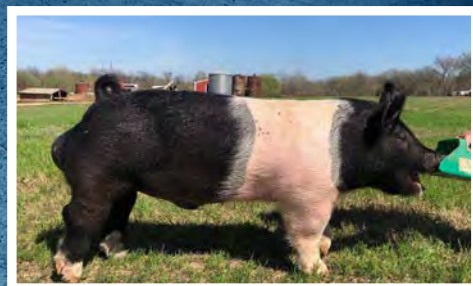
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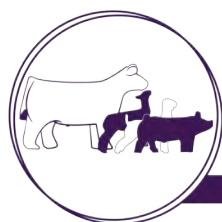
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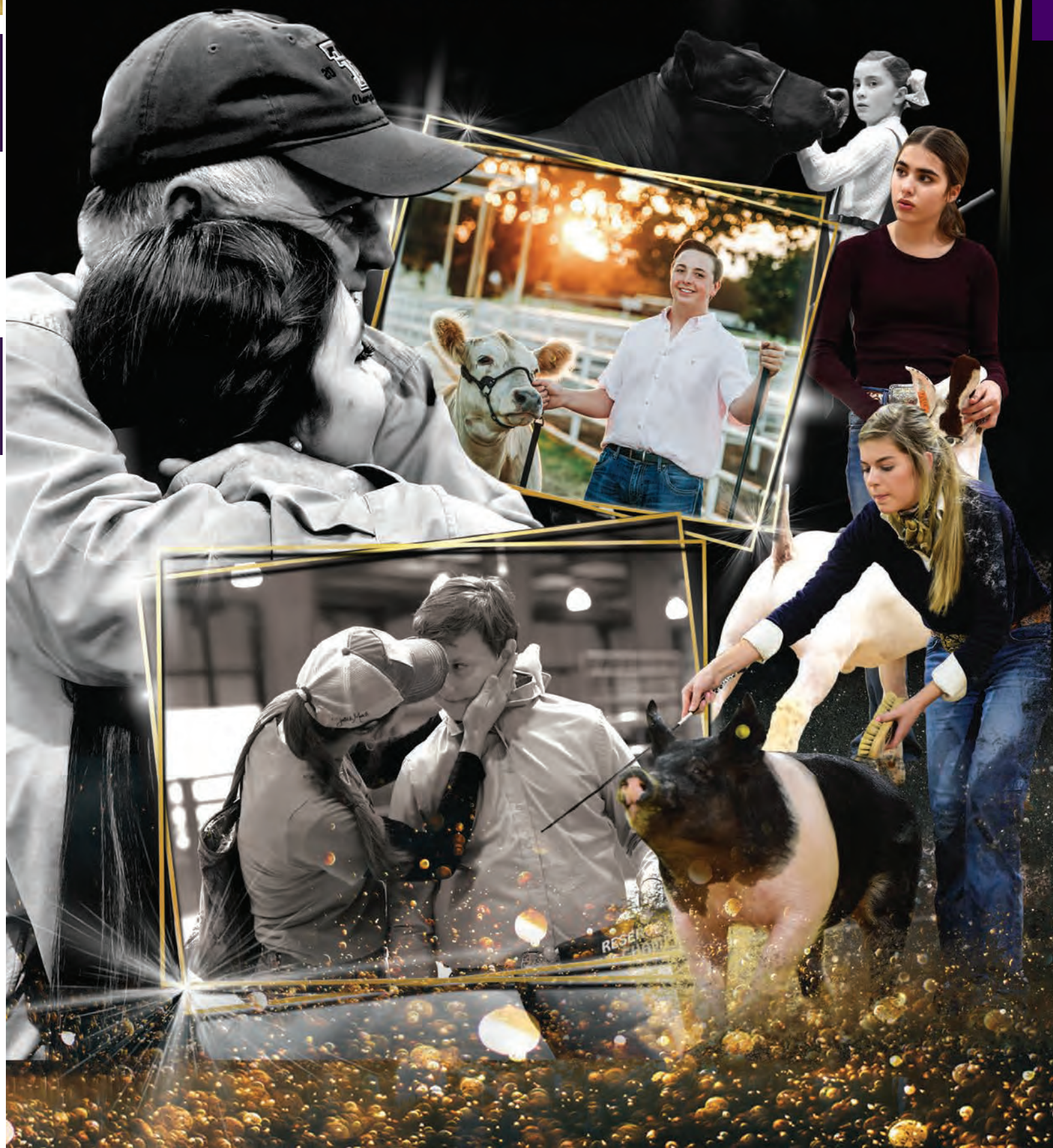
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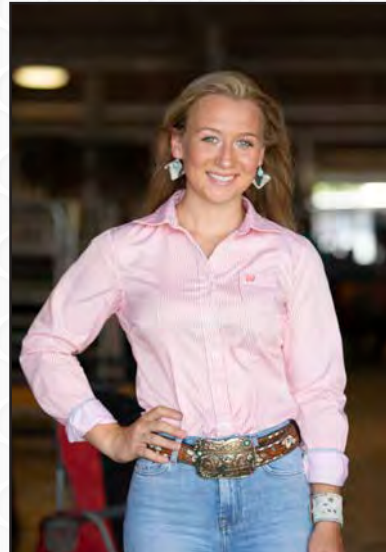
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