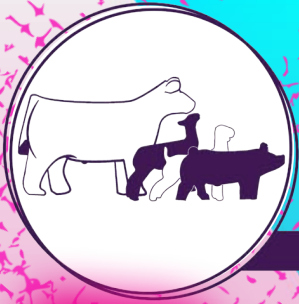


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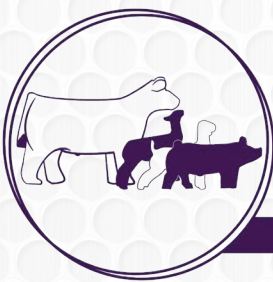
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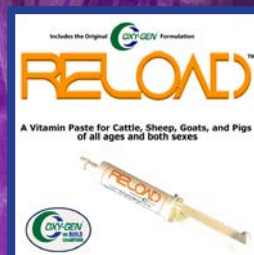
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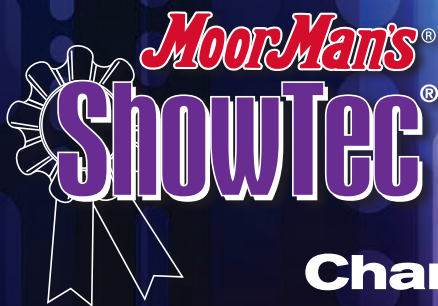
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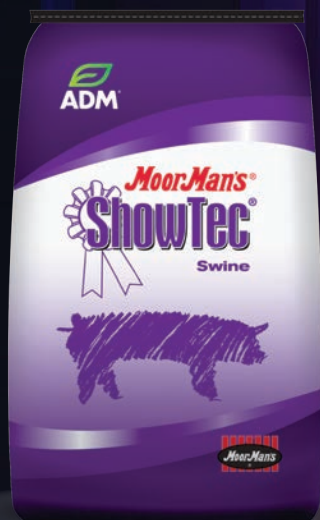
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There are all kinds of diseases that can be brought into the pig barn that can be very harmful to baby pigs but truly all ages of hogs. One of the main ones is PED, which stands for Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea. PED is much more severe in younger animals, they will have watery diarrhea, mucus and vomit, and will likely die from dehydration. The death rate in weaned animal is 1-3%. Which probably doesn't seem all that high. However, if you are in a barn, there could be hundreds of animals that could be affected. Just one pig being affected could affect the whole barn.

PED is HIGHLY contagious, just one piece of dirt and feces that could be on your shoe from an infected barn, could contaminate an entire barn. That is why pig breeders are so diligent about you covering your shoes. Because, if you have been in an affected pig barn and bring it into theirs, you could be affecting not only the health and safety of their animals, but you would be affecting their livelihood as well.

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

REWARDING EXPERIENCES

There are so many things that came to my head when thinking of all of the rewarding experiences I've had while showing livestock. But, by far the most rewarding is the relationships I've made with people from all over the place. The major shows bring so many diverse people who share the love for livestock into one place. It's crazy how you get to know so many people through this industry. I've made some of my best friends through showing.

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

TIME MANAGEMENT

Managing my time has been a huge struggle for me during my time showing. Trying to navigate between working with my livestock, having a job, and participating in all my school clubs like student council, NHS, Clubettes, and FFA has been really difficult for me. Honestly, I'm still trying to figure it out.

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

PUT YOURSELF OUT THERE

Put yourself out there. Make new friends. Showing livestock is so rewarding but the connections you make during that time are those of a lifetime. When it's crunch time you need to be serious, but have fun, that's the point of it all.

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

HARD WORK, COMMITMENT AND RESPONSIBILITY

Throughout my years in the barn, I've learned that hard work, commitment, and responsibility have been the most important values. Hard work is the obvious one, but commitment and responsibility play prominent roles in my day to day life showing livestock. I know that I have to go out and feed and work my animals daily. Being committed to my projects is what's brought me success through the years. These three key factors are what's made me the showman I am today.

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

LOOK AT THE JUDGE

Look at the judge. I know it's silly, but I grew up showing pigs and I've been told numerous times while showing goats that you can tell I'm a pig showman because I never look up. So as silly and simple it is, just look at the judge every once in a while.

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

THE GIRL WITH THE CHESTERS

The girl with the chesters. My very first pig was a chester, and my very last pig will be too. I've had durocs or spots here and there, but not once at a texas major have I shown anything but a chester. I can't pinpoint a specific thing that makes me like them so much but I just do. They are by far the cutest pig, they have the biggest personality, and maybe they're jerks but they come around. Not only that, but I want people to remember me for being optimistic.

There have been many times I've cried in the barn, many. But I always pick myself back up and get back to work. I want anyone to know that they can come to me in the show barn. Not only are my chesters important to me, but the experience that everyone else has in the barn. You don't know if a kid is going to their very first or very last show. It doesn't take anything to be nice and curious to others while you're in the showbarn.

[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?

PATRICK SWAYZE

If he was still alive, hands down Patrick Swayze. Ever since the first time my mom and I watched Dirty Dancing I have been in love. I know it's silly but Johnny Castle was definitely my crush. After I freaked out a little bit, I would just explain what we as FFA members represent and advocate for agriculture. I find it extremely important to teach others what we know about agriculture and have conversations about current issues. Some people don't know much about the industry and I think it's vital to understand it and appreciate it.

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

THE MOST SOCIAL

My friends know well enough that they know I'm the most social, talkative, passionate person. I can talk to anyone about anything and I can talk forever. I've sat and talked to total strangers for hours. I just like getting to know people and share my experiences. Which kinda leads into the passionate aspect about me. I can talk about nonsense for hours, but when I'm talking about something I'm passionate about, I could talk for so much longer. FFA is a great example, I join all kinds of teams, committees, and jobs (even if I don't have time for them) to further my knowledge about the FFA. I constantly think about ways to better my chapter and my team. When I find something I care about I throw myself into it.

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

GRADUATED WITH A MAJOR IN AG POLITICS

I plan to be graduated from college (hopefully A&M) with a major in Ag Politics. I'm not completely sure what career I want to go into but I have a start.

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

Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.

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[ELEVEN.] WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL?

SAVANNAH JAYE WEST

Savannah Jaye West. Ever since I could remember I've looked up to her. Savy embodies everything I want to be. Her success not only in the showbarn, but in so many other aspects of her life drives me to be more like her. The way that Savy carries herself through everyday life and holds her head up through struggles inspires me to be more lighthearted and to enjoy the little things. I think of her more like a big sister because I've always been able to go to her for anything. Every little girl deserves a big sis like Savy. Her dedication and hard work is what made her so successful and I aspire to be at least half of the person she is.

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

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In ten years I hope to have settled down. But, more importantly I hope to have impacted some people's lives. A long term goal of mine is to be an inspiration to little girls like Savannah is to me. It's important to me to make a difference, even if I'm not aware of it. I want to always be in the right mindset and the best position to be a light in someone's life. I know how it feels to need someone during tough times and I hope I can be that person for people.

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

MR. KELLEY

It's not a what but a who. My ag teacher Mr. Kelley. Even before I was a part of his program, he pushed me to not only be the best I could be, but to try new things as well. He has always believed in me through the ups and downs and expected nothing but the best from me. Words can't explain the lasting impact he has made on my life and I am so grateful to have been a part of his program. I can only hope I am as motivating and impactful as he has been for me.

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

BABY STEPS

Take baby steps. I tend to set really far fetched goals for myself, and breaking them up into baby steps helps me achieve my goals and not get too overwhelmed. I often find myself stuck because I'm overwhelmed because I try to do everything at once, but taking a break and focusing on little bits at a time help me get a grasp on things.

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

THE FEELING I GET WHEN MY HARD WORK PAYS OFF

Success to me is how I feel about myself. Happiness and confidence in myself and my work is what defines success to me. Through all the banners, ribbons, and buckles, the way that I felt while it was all happening is what stuck with me. The pride I felt in myself is worth more than anything in the world. Success isn't in the physical things, it's in the emotions you feel when you've achieved something.



My name is Gracelynn Jo Daniel, I am currently a senior at Dumas High School. I am the daughter of Boon and Tiffany Daniel, a little sister to Colter and Tanner, and the aunt of the sweetest little boy. I participate in many things including being Senior Class President, Clubettes President, Dumas FFA Chapter President, NHS Treasurer as well as being a part of the FPC of Dumas youth group.

I started showing as soon as I could. If you know anything about me you know that I'm crazy about chesters so obviously my first pig was a chester. I've shown for ten years. Out of those ten years eight of them have been with pigs (I took a break in 2015), I've shown goats for six years, and I've also had a few sheep, heifers, and steers scattered throughout.

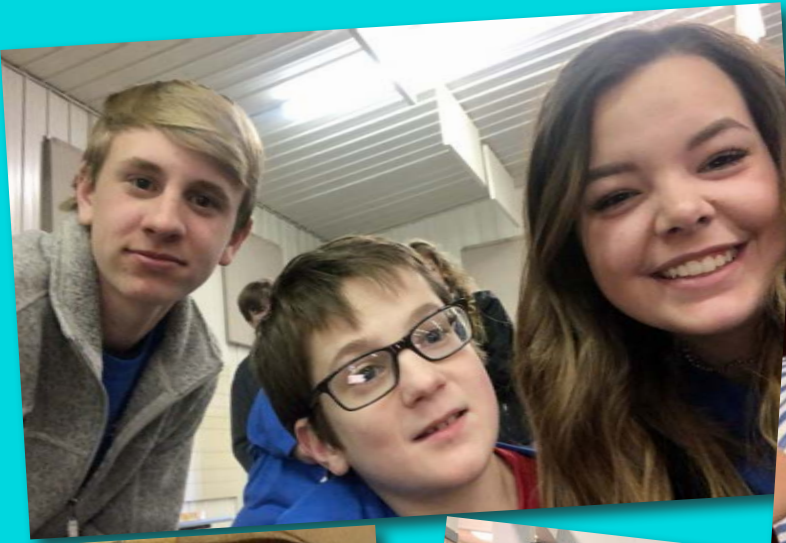
My family have been my biggest supporters. There aren't enough words to describe the unconditional support my dad has given me throughout the years. He's supported me through the blood sweat and tears that come with being a showman. He is the most hardworking, passionate man I know and I am eternally grateful for all the experiences he has provided me with. My mom serves as the peace-keeper in the barn. She has ended so many heated disputes between me and my dad about the silliest things. She never fails to pick me up when I'm not at my best and I can't thank her enough for the endless support she gives me. My brothers are always rooting me on, Colter never misses a show and Tanner can't wait to see the pictures later on.

I want to give a special thank you to Mr. Kelley and the Schacher Family. Mr. Kelley, my ag teacher, has been my biggest motivator. He doesn't let me cut corners or miss out on anything. There are so many opportunities he has blessed me with and I want to thank him for helping me grow into the person I am today. And the Schacher Family, Coby, Jamie, Rylee, Raynee and Reed. Growing up with yall has been one of the biggest blessings in my life. I can't thank y'all enough for all of the late night games at the barn and the trips to pig sales. The kids have been like the little siblings I never knew I needed. Y'all are like a second family to me and there aren't any words to describe how much I appreciate your love and support during my years in the barn.

Being a part of this industry has been this biggest part of my life. I wouldn't trade the memories for the world.

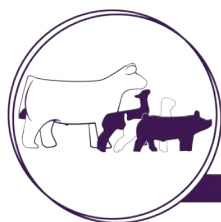








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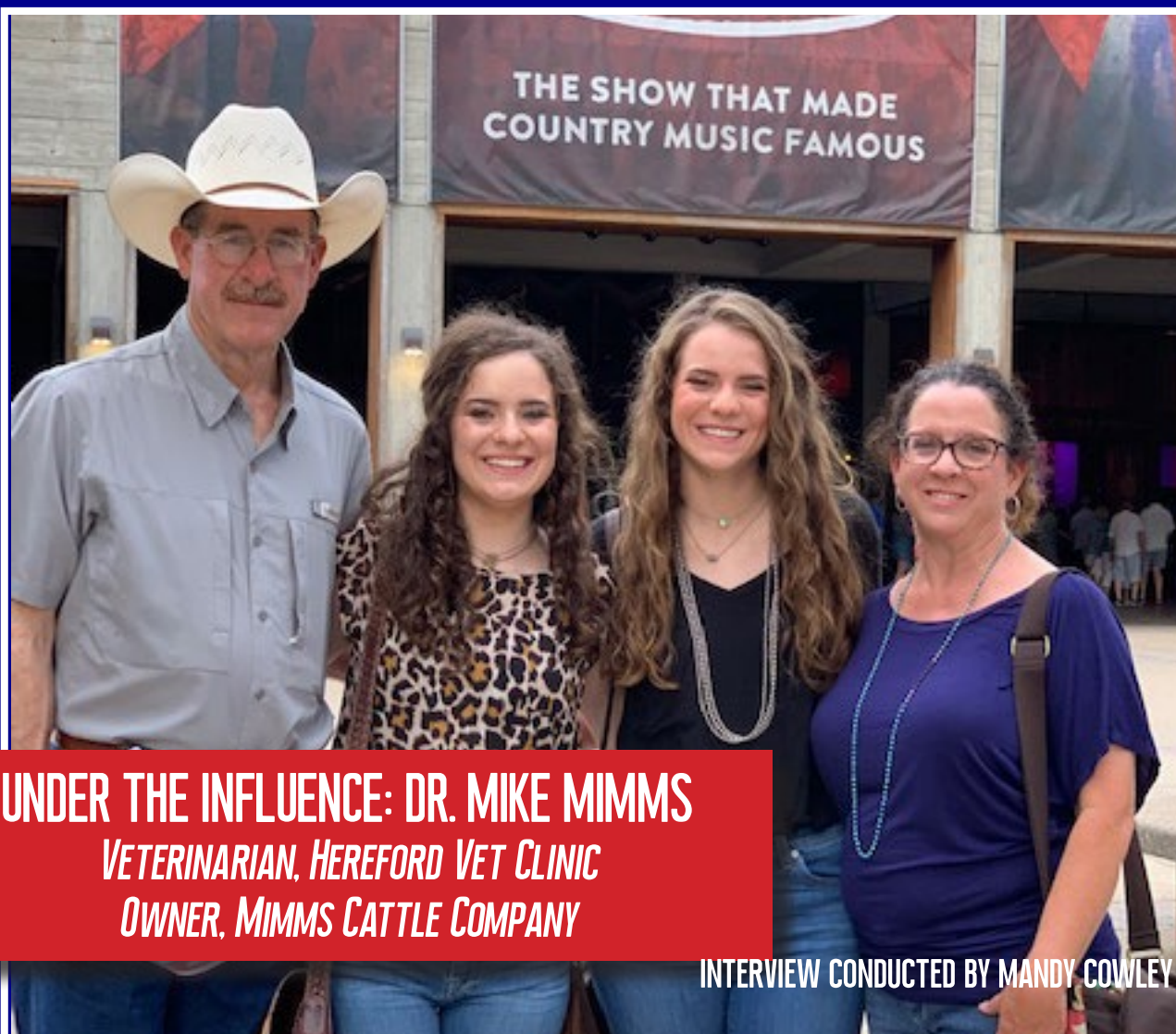
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One of life's greatest pleasures is doing what you love for a living. Dr. Mike Mimms, DVM, has made a career doing what he loves, producing high quality cattle. As one of the nation's leading embryologists, Dr. Mimms has a thriving practice in Hereford, Texas, where his focus is on providing the best results for his customers. Calling upon his 35 years of experience, he has developed embryo transfer techniques that analyze each donor individually and optimize the use of follicle stimulating drugs. His love for producing high quality cattle doesn't just happen in his clinic. He also owns and operates Mimms Cattle Company, which has produced numerous major show winners throughout the country. Mike, along with partners, founded Donors Unlimited, online and live sales which give buyers the opportunity to purchase high quality breeding cattle and embryos. Just as passionate as Mike is for cattle, he is equally passionate for his family and his Savior, Jesus Christ. It is a pleasure for Purple Circle to feature a man who has had such a tremendous impact on the club calf industry.



UNDER THE INFLUENCE: DR. MIKE MIMMS
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Tell us your background.

I grew up in Lazbuddie on a cow/calf operation and farming. I have had cattle and horses my whole life. We grew a variety of crops and had a ranch leased in New Mexico. I went to high school in Lazbuddie. I got an Animal Science/Pre-Vet degree at Lubbock Christian University. Then, I went to Vet School at Texas A&M and graduated in 1985. I always had an interest in reproduction and embryo transfer. The technology was just getting started right before I got out of vet school.

My first job out of vet school I went to Hamilton, Texas, and worked at the Hamilton County Vet Clinic for four years before I moved to Hereford. I was in a mixed practice at Hereford Vet Clinic for the first few years I was there. Gradually, I started doing more embryo transfer until it started to overwhelm me. I wasn't doing the embryo transfer until after the clinic closed. There were a lot of nights I was working until 2 or 3 in the morning for several years. Finally, I was able to commit all my time to embryo transfer. It has been like that for the last 15 years.



Tell us about your practice at Hereford Vet Clinic.

We flush a lot of cows. We do 1500 conventional flushes a year. Our busiest time is in the fall with club calf production, and we also have registered breeders with fall calving herds. But we are busy all year. We only stop on holidays and the week of Christmas. We put in about 3,500 to 4,000 embryos per year. Most of the transfers are done in large groups on the farm.

One thing that is unique to this area right here is we don't have to stop collecting embryos from donors because of the heat. The nighttime temperatures are conducive to collecting embryos year-round.

We have resident donors at the clinic, and we manage most of the donors that we flush, although we do on the farm flushing. We are now doing IVF aspirations, transporting the oocytes to an IVF lab for culture and returned to us for transfer or freezing.

What is IVF aspiration?

That has been one of the new things we have taken on within the last 6 months. It is similar to the typical human embryo transfer. When we get into cows that have uterine pathology and fertility problems, it bypasses some issues that those donors can have, and the procedure can be done more frequently. Using an ultrasound guided needle, the unfertilized oocytes are aspirated out of the follicle on the ovary. A lot of cows you will aspirate 25 to 35 oocytes, which are unfertilized. Then those are fertilized in the lab 24 hours later and cultured for the next week. Basically, the embryos are matured outside of the cow until day 7.

It is a higher level of technology and requires a lot of quality control in the laboratory keeping the growth medias sterile and working right. Still, for some cows, its more productive than conventional flushes. It's more expensive to do, but on a lot of donors, it's the only way you are going to get more calves.



What are some things you feel are unique about your practice?

One of the unique opportunities we have is dealing with a lot of problem donors that are not being productive somewhere else. Last year, at one point, we had cows at Hereford Vet Clinic from nine different states, and they were all cows that came in who were not making embryos. We have a system to get these cows lined out that involves getting the super ovulation dosage and shot protocols right for that cow, and every cow is different. We use ultrasound to count follicles on the day of heat. We factor that into our recovery information and make dose adjustments. Most practitioners don't use the system we use to get the dose right on donors because they don't see the cows until flush day. They email their customers a dosage protocol and send them the drugs, and they show up and flush embryos out of the cow's uterus. They don't have the information to make the correction on the dose that is necessary. If we have a customer that is giving the drugs at home and they are having a problem, we will tell them to bring the cow in so we can scan her. It's a critical thing. The data we have analyzed in the past shows only 3.9% of the flushes that we set up have no embryos recovered. Across the industry, it's very common to be overstimulating and overdosing cows with FSH products, and that's the cause of most of the issues. They are a physiologic unit, and not every cow reads the book. Through the years, we have come up with a few tricks that made certain cows work that had not been working before. The offspring of these cows are valuable enough that the clients are literally needing the production of those cows to make their programs as good as they can be. Even after 35 years, I still get excited about getting good batches of quality embryos out of a cow, especially one that has been difficult to get lined out. The national average per flush is about 5.1 embryos. The last time I pushed the data, I looked at 1500 flushes we had done. We were right at 8.9 embryos per flush.

Outside of the traditional advantages that people know about embryo transfer, what is something that you see as an advantage that someone may not perceive?

The one thing that is nice is that anyone can raise a good one these days without having to be a large producer. They can go out and find a female and make some incredible animals without having a large operation. Anybody can purchase an embryo that can make a good one. So, it has opened up to where there is a lot of new opportunities coming without having to purchase a lot of land and have a large operation.



What advice would you give someone regarding embryo transfer?

I think you have to manage your expectations. I have seen people who have tied up a lot of money in a cow that they think will set the world on fire, and either the cow is not very productive as far as embryo production goes or they don't generate the offspring that is expected. You know, just because a calf begins as an embryo doesn't make him special. Just because a mating has made a very outstanding offspring in the past doesn't mean it is repeatable. We calve about 225 embryo calves per year. Looking back on some of the best individuals I have ever raised, I can tell you it is difficult within that same mating to make one the same, but then there are some other matings that are consistently nice. Also, you can have the best one and the worst one coming from the same flush. So, the genetic variation is unexpected for some people. I see a lot of people that are just getting into the business, and they don't realize the attention to detail to make it work. The whole process from start to finish is like a lot of links in a chain. They all have to be tended to. Some of our best results come from producers who pay attention to everything. They take good care of the cows nutritionally. Their mineral program is good. Their supplemental feed is good. They do everything right, and they get better results than the guy who just wakes up one day and decides it time to get cows ready to breed.

Some of the biggest disappointments come when someone thought they could buy this expensive cow and then buy cheap recipes. They put a lot of dollars worth of embryos into junk recipients, and it was a train wreck from the get-go.

How do you determine if a cow should be a donor?

I used to wait until a cow proved herself, but cows will get old before they ever prove to you based on your breeding decisions that they need to be a donor. I put a little emphasis on pedigrees. Of course, in the club calf industry, if you have an individual with the right structure and the right color, then you make the decision that you need to be flushing this cow. I have had some cows that I deemed to be very important that fell off the map after one set of calves, and I have had cows that have some age on them before I ever realized how good they were. Somewhere in there you make the decision I'm going with this and hope for the best.

I tell people that the embryo deal in cattle is an every-other year thing. By the time we are breeding cows for the next crop, the calves on their side have not turned the corner, so you misread them. By weaning, it's like this thing's incredible, and we don't even have any more calves bred like that coming. Then you have some matings that are a mistake, and you need to cut your losses and go on. Part of the expense of doing this is making mistakes.

How did Mimms Cattle Company begin?

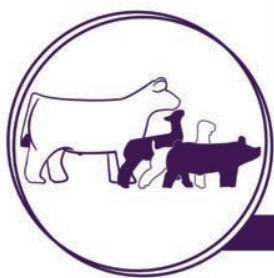
Growing up I always had cattle that were mine. I didn't have any cattle the years that I was in vet school and in Hamilton. When I moved to Hereford, I thought, I am going to find a place and buy some cows. I grew up showing steers, and I had some interest in raising them. Around 1989, I found a piece of land that I could lease and bought some cows. For a while, I had a small herd of about 35 cows. Along the way, there was a steer or two that did some winning, but never won a major. Then in 2007, we had the Reserve Grand at Fort Worth. It exploded after that. We had the Grand in Denver in '09, the Grand in Austin in '09, the Grand in Fort Worth in '10, the Grand in Louisville in '10, the Grand in Fort Worth again in '11, and then we won class 11 in Fort Worth two more years. Good luck chased us down and beat on us for a while. We also had the 2019 Grand in San Antonio which was sold as a confirmed bull pregnancy in the Donors Unlimited sale.



How did Donors Unlimited begin?

In 2004, a friend of mine, Jimmy James from Oklahoma, started flushing cows with me. He had big ideas. He said, "We need to have a cow sale." I thought whatever; I have too much going on to deal with something like that. He said, "I'm serious. We could sell a flush on one or two of those cows. Sell some embryos. We'll sell a bunch of pregnant recip's." I didn't really have time to start something new, but Jimmy was convinced it would work. Jimmy introduced me to Craig Reiter, who we hired to do the marketing for us. We had the sale in Eastland the first year. The next year I suggested we have the sale at my place, and the sale has been there ever since. There have been several major show winners that have come out of females or embryos that have been sold at the sale. I am happy with the way it is run, and we get a lot of positive feedback.

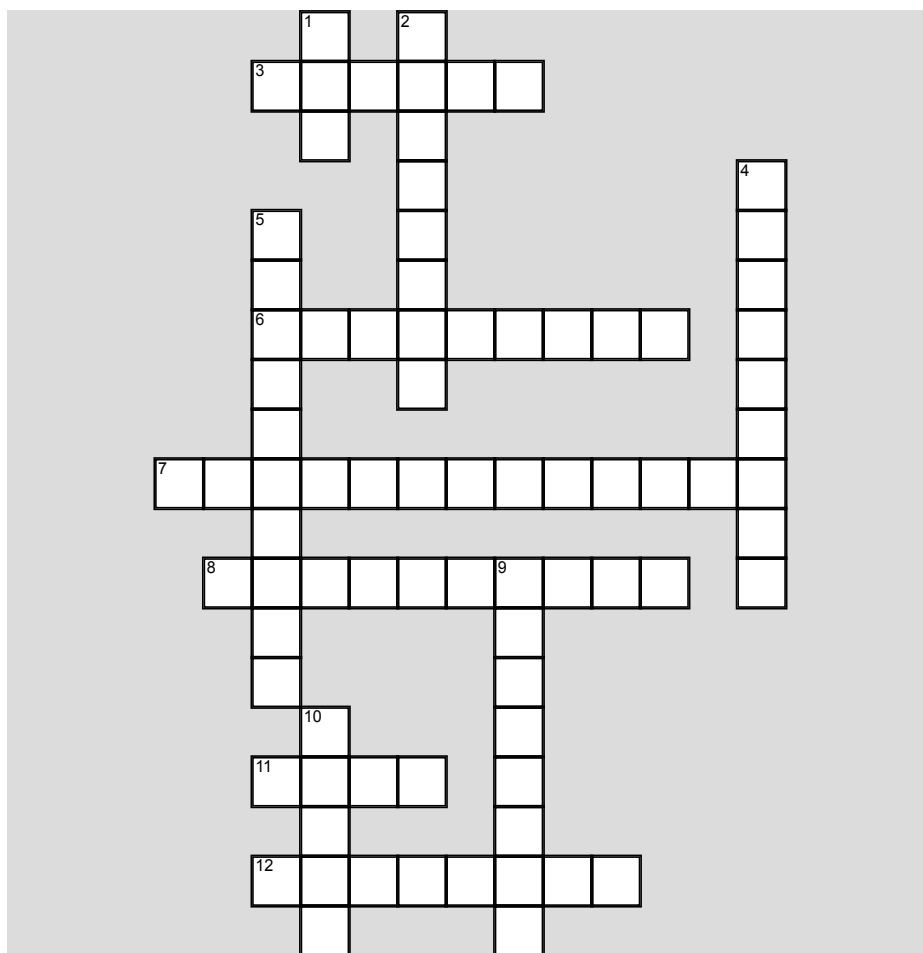
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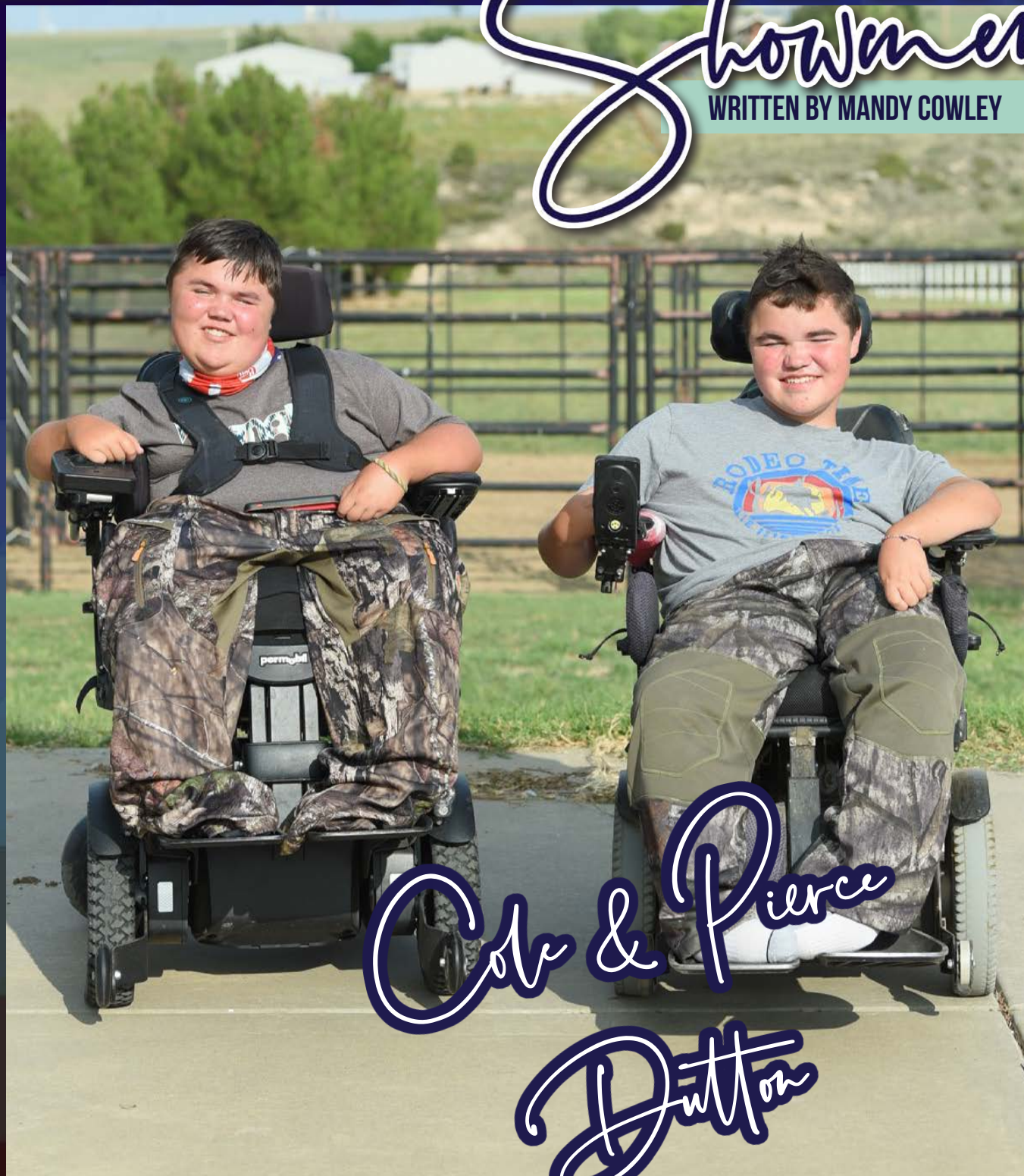


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Cole & Pierce
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The phrase "take it in stride" was first used as an idiom in the early 20th century. Like a horse who doesn't change its stride in order to clear an obstacle, the term refers to someone who chooses to accept their circumstances as a matter of course without changing their mindset or mood.

Cole and Pierce Dutton, who recently moved to Bushland, Texas, seem to have a knack for taking life in stride. Their choice to take life as it comes has been a valuable tool in dealing with the debilitating and life-threatening disease that they both have, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD). The disease has put up numerous obstacles in their lives, but they haven't wavered from their course of living their best possible life.

THE HIGH OBSTACLE

Both Cole and Pierce were born in Boerne where their dad, David, was a veterinarian and their mother, Kera, was a dietitian. The boys, who are two years apart in age, showed no signs of any abnormality until Cole reached first grade. It was at that time that a teacher noticed that he was struggling to keep up with the other children during PE. Following genetic testing, Cole's doctor diagnosed him with DMD. At the time, Pierce showed no symptoms of the disease, but knowing that the disease is caused by a genetic defect, the doctor suggested that Pierce also be tested. The test came back positive.

Muscular dystrophy is a term describing a group of genetic diseases which cause muscle weakness. Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy is the most common form of muscular dystrophy in children. Although it was first recognized as a disease in the late 1800's, it was not until 1986 that scientists discovered that the disease is caused by a genetic mutation that alters the production of a protein called dystrophin. Dystrophin works to keep muscle fibers together. The disease is usually diagnosed



between the ages of 2 to 6 years and predominantly occurs in boys.

Like most people, David and Kera had a very rudimentary understanding of DMD when their boys were first diagnosed. They spent hours researching the disease and finding the best treatments for their sons. A lot of what they read was not encouraging.

By the time Cole was in the fifth grade and Pierce was in the third grade, both boys were experiencing significant decline in their motor skills. They would become very fatigued by the end of the school day. Both boys began using a wheelchair.

"Fifth grade was probably the hardest because it got really hard to walk by the end of the school year," says Cole.

FINDING THEIR PLACE IN THE SHOW WORLD

When Cole was in the fourth grade, friends in their county, John Mark and Teri Matkin, wanted to see if Cole would be interested in showing goats. Both David and Kera had grown up showing livestock and were receptive to the idea and to the Matkin's help. As it turned out, goats were a great way to introduce the boys to stock showing. Cole showed goats for two years. He showed at his county show and at two major shows.

When Pierce was old enough to start showing, he had no interest in goats. He had always liked cattle and wanted to show a steer.



Pierce's first steer was a calf that his dad raised on their ranch. He wasn't anything special, but the steer proved to Pierce and his parents that showing steers was something the boys could do. Watching Pierce show steers gave Cole the incentive to switch from goats to steers.

Pierce is very frank about why he likes showing steers better than goats. "They make you more money!" says Pierce.

In the steer barn, the Dutton's found their place. The boys love everything about showing steers, from working with breeders to buy the right cattle, to breaking their cattle and getting them accustomed to their chairs, to feeding the cattle, to finally taking them in the ring. Although their disability does make it more difficult to show cattle as compared to other exhibitors, the joy they receive from showing far outweighs any of the inconveniences.

"It's challenging, but it's not. It is fun to do. It just takes a little bit extra time. The steers are good to us," says Cole.

Cole and Pierce use action track chairs when they show. These specially designed chairs have track wheels which allow the chair to roll over rough terrain. The Dutton's have modified the chairs to add a bar for leading the steers and changed the arms to make it easier for the boys to use the joystick.

Not only did the boys find their passion in the steer barn, they also found a loving and supportive group of friends. The people that they have shown with from Kendall County have been understanding of the Dutton's needs and have gone out of their way to be accommodating and generous.

"The people we have shown with in Kendall County have been the boys' biggest supporters.

That's nice because, when we show up at shows, they know what you need, how much room you need, how much tack you're bringing. They're all about helping you do anything. That was awesome," says Kera.



One of the things that is a real source of pride for the boys is that they purchase their own cattle to show. Their dad and mom gave them the money to purchase their first steers, but since then, the boys have worked with breeders throughout Texas to purchase the right cattle to meet their goals. The boys also have a few cows which they breed to raise show steers.

Through the years, the boys have enjoyed much success with their steers. They have received brands in San Antonio and Houston, and this past January, Cole won Grand Champion Steer at their county show. It was a sweet victory because their supportive stock show friends from Kendall County were there to celebrate his win.

The Dutton Boys have learned numerous life lessons from stock showing.

"I like the whole process, but putting your head down and getting it done, whatever it takes, that's my favorite part," says Cole.

"You have to work for your own reward. Hard work pays off," says Pierce.

KEEP STRIDING OUT

Although the boys enjoy showing together, their interests outside the show ring are different. Cole loves to hunt and has hunted in many places in the United States and in New Zealand. Pierce loves farming and plants. He also enjoys pickup trucks and making aftermarket modifications to his truck.

Although it would be easy to dwell on the challenges and difficulties of their disease, Cole and Pierce have always chosen to focus on the positives in their lives. According to their mom, this "can do" attitude is rooted in a couple of factors.

"David and I have never said I don't think you can do this. We always say you can do this. It has never entered our minds to say we shouldn't try that. But, then it is a blessing that they have great attitudes. That is a God thing," says Kera.

One of the ways the boys display their good attitude is through how they view their relationships with other people. Although the boys know they are different from their peers, they choose not to see themselves differently, nor do they believe that others do, as well.

"I don't think people look at it as a disease. I think they see it as an inspiration and treat you like a normal person," says Cole.

Friends in their community who have been inspired by Cole and Pierce have worked to help them through the Dutton Boys Foundation. The foundation was started to help raise money to cover the significant medical bills that the Dutton's have incurred. Much of the equipment that the boys use is not covered by insurance.

"It has been instrumental in allowing the boys to do the things they love. We certainly wouldn't have two of the action track chairs, that is for sure," says Kera.

FROM THIS POINT FORWARD

Much has changed about the treatment and prognosis for people living with Duchenne's. "When I first got all the information about the disease, I didn't want to



read any of it because it said that people with the disease only live to be twenty. I thought I can't deal with that. So, I just put it away. But, as the years have gone by, the research has gone forward and has found there are treatments that make life better for boys living with Duchenne's. We don't ignore it, but we also don't live in it," says Kera

Cole and Pierce are fortunate to have a family friend who also has Duchenne's and is now leading a productive and happy life into his 30's. Their friend serves as a role model and inspiration for them. Cole and Pierce choose to focus on the positive things they see in their friend's life.

The family recently moved to the Panhandle of Texas where Dr. Dutton is now serving as a faculty member for the new Texas Tech University School of Veterinary Medicine. Although it has been a big change for the boys, like the rest of life, Cole and Pierce have taken it in stride. Cole is attending West Texas A&M University where he is majoring in Agricultural Business. Pierce has started his junior year at Wildorado High School, where he is a member of their unique FFA program which has its own herd of Angus cattle.

In the future, Cole and Pierce want to continue to raise show cattle. They are both looking to continue their education in a field that reflects their interests. Regardless of where life takes them, Kera knows what has carried them this far and will continue to carry them into the future.

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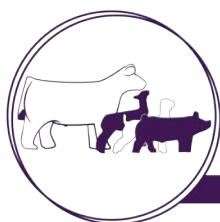
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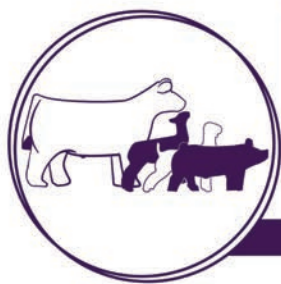
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INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED BY MANDY COWLEY

The Friday Night Fiesta is the premium live auction for show wether genetics in the country. The sale, which takes place Labor Day Weekend in San Angelo, features donor prospects from the nation's premier programs. This year's sale averaged over \$7,000 on 43 lots with the top selling doe bringing \$30,000. Every animal sold at the Fiesta represents years of struggle to produce the highest quality, most consistent genetics. From the weather, to the health of the animals they raise, to determining successful marketing strategies, finding ways to stay at the top of the stock showing game weighs heavy on every program. Purple Circle asked breeders at the Fiesta what is their biggest challenge when producing top quality livestock.



I think working to continue to improve every year. It's one of those things where you can't stop trying to get better. I think that is probably the hardest thing to do, to try to keep adding those pieces every year that you need to keep getting better.

JAMIE SMITH, BLUE TEAM WETHERS, ZEPHYR, TEXAS

The challenge, I would say, is staying relevant with the changing times and a changing industry. Blocking out your preference and focusing more on what the industry demands.

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The biggest challenge is definitely keeping them healthy in the environment we raise them in. We are in the central part of California south of Sacramento. We are very flat. If we get any amount of rain, the environment that they live in gets pretty muddy. We have to bed pens very heavily. We want to make sure they stay healthy and don't get pneumonia.

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Getting exposure. Having people come by your place. Your marketability, in general. I think there are a lot of people raising a lot of good ones these days. Being able to market these things and getting people to come look at them is a huge challenge.

**LANE HALFMANN, HALFMANN BROTHERS,
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The biggest challenge for our program is continuing to be better every year. Continuing to make better genetics and come out with something new. Continuing to provide everyone with good stock.

**DYLAN DOAK, OUTLAW SHOW GOATS,
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I would say getting our goats out there for people to see in other states. We are trying to get our wethers marketed to people throughout the country. The internet makes it way easier but getting people to come to the live sales continues to be a challenge. We have started using CCI, which is a much better option to get the live sales broadcasted over a wider area.

**KARISA PFEIFFER, PFEIFFER FARMS,
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The biggest challenge for our program is raising goats in Nebraska. The climate where we live is cold and wet and hot and humid.

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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 central Missouri where my family and I still raise Angus and Charolais cattle. I was a member of the Judging Team at Butler Community College and Kansas State University where I received a bachelor's degree in Animal Science. I received my masters and PhD from the University of Illinois while focusing my research in nutrition and management strategies for heifer and bull development systems. During my graduate program I served as the livestock judging team coach for the U of I. following the completion of my PhD I accepted a position at Oklahoma State University to serve as an assistant professor and the livestock judging team coach. Additionally, I serve as an extension specialist focused in beef seedstock management and selection for livestock production systems. My wife Christy gave birth to our son Norman in July.

WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT OCCUPATION AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY?

I accepted a position at Oklahoma State University to serve as an assistant professor and the livestock judging team coach. Additionally, I serve as an extension specialist focused in beef seedstock management and selection for livestock production systems.

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

My grandfather Norman Henley was very influential in my childhood. He was a lifelong cattlemen and respected gentlemen that showed me how properly manage livestock and the land they occupy. Additionally, Dr. Scott Schaae was my coach at K-State. I not only credit him for sharpening my evaluation skills but he also mentored me in becoming a successful show judge.

PLEASE GIVE A DESCRIPTION OF YOUR LIVESTOCK JUDGING EXPERIENCE.

I have judged livestock shows in 30 states including the following state and national shows in the past few years: NAILE, NWSS, FWSS, KILE, NM State Fair, WI State Fair, MN State Fair, IA State Fair, Iowa Beef Expo, IL State Fair, and the OH State Fair.

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

Right out of college I was afforded the opportunity to evaluate the Jr. Charolais show at the NWSS. This was the breed I grew up in showing cattle, it was very humbling to be asked to evaluate the cattle in such a historic venue.

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

I think COVID-19 has forced the adoption of youth livestock expos that do not rely on state funds.

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

I am an instinctive evaluator. I think cattle need to hit me with quality from the get go. I want stout, bold ribbed, and thick ended steers that have a big and attractive hip and hind leg. Plus, I want them to move with athleticism.

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

MUSCLE & COMPOSITION
BALANCED LOOK
STRUCTURAL CORRECTNESS

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 presentation is huge. I believe a steer
need to look like he needs to win.

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

Compared to all the possible youth development
activities, I believe that a disproportionate
amount youth that showed livestock become
successful students, employees, and family
members. This is because showing livestock
establishes the key principles of respect,
responsibility and accountability.

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

During a county fair showmanship contest I
asked a showman "how big of Rib eye area
does your steer have?" young man paused then
said "72.....just like the ones at the big Texan."

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

in terms of cattle presentation, it would be
when people do not blend the hair on the
back of the tail and leave a "poof".

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?

Coffee and reflection... I like to get in a zone



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

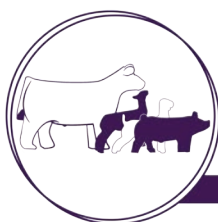
I don't think I could bear the news of never
getting to eat a medium rare ribeye, asparagus,
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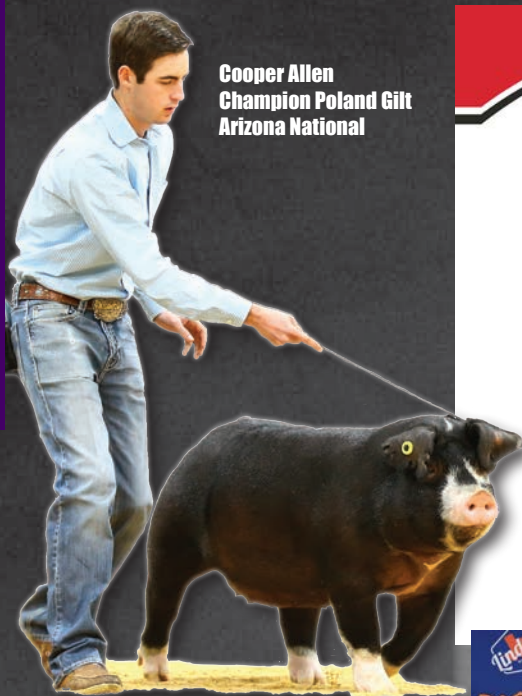
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[ONE.] WHAT IS THE MOST REWARDING THING YOU'VE GAINED FROM SHOWING LIVESTOCK?

FRIENDSHIPS I HAVE ACQUIRED

When I look at my past of showing, I realize that the best thing it has given me is the relationships I have acquired. I am truly blessed to be acquainted with the individuals I have in my circle. I have my history in the show barn to thank for that.

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

STAYING FOCUSED AND DEDICATED

For me, the hardest thing about showing is staying focused and dedicated. It takes a lot of hard work and hours at the barn to be successful. Personally, I am involved in a lot of things and to get where I want to be with my animals, work at the barn has to come first.

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

NEVER GIVE UP

I would make sure that they know to never ever give up. That has always been a key value of mine. No matter how hard things get, no matter what you are doing, set your mind to your goal and give it all you've got until you can't anymore.

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

ALWAYS HAVE RESPECT FOR OTHERS

The values that are most important to me are: never giving up, always being grateful and kind, and always having respect for others. These three things are personal goals of mine and things I love to see in other people.

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

UNDERSTANDING YOUR ANIMAL

There are several things that I like to remember when I'm in the ring, but the one that I believe is the most important is understanding your animal. All animals are different in the way they should be presented and the way that they like to be presented. The happier you can keep your animal, the longer you can go with it.

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

ALWAYS RESPECTFUL AND GAVE THEIR BEST

When my show career is over, I want to be remembered as someone who was always respectful and someone who always gave their best effort when in the ring.

[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?

DONALD TRUMP

If I had to pick a celebrity to talk to about agriculture with, I would pick Donald Trump. I feel I could genuinely enjoy sharing my experience in the ag industry with someone who is extremely successful. Not only would he be someone who can share excellent advice about leadership, but I am sure that he would be interested in the way the industry works from a personal perspective. I would tell him all about my history with the industry and how it has affected me in my life.

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

SOMEONE THEY CAN RELY ON

I couldn't really predict what they would say about me, but I would hope that they would see me as someone to rely on and call when they need help. I also hope that they see me as a good leader, a fun guy to be around, a genuine behaving character, and someone who always gives their best effort to reach their goals.

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

DOING SOMETHING IMPACTFUL

In five years, I plan to either be in college or have graduated. I hope that I can get my degree and be able to become successful and do something impactful in life.

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

I know that it is a whole chapter instead of a single verse, but this chapter reminds me that God is there in everything I do.

PSALM 23**[ELEVEN.] WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL?****MY SISTER AND MY MOM**

When I think of role models in my life I can think of many people I look up to, but the two people that are the most impactful come to mind. First is my sister, Riley. Her work ethic is second to none, and she combines taking care of responsibilities with enjoying life better than anyone else I know.

When I envision someone who can show a hog almost perfectly, I immediately think of her. She is the epitome of a showman who can show circles around you and then shake your hand and be respectful afterwards. She has taught me the importance of always trying your hardest and how to be humble. The next person who I see as another impactful role model is my mom, Jill. My mom taught me many things and was the best person I knew. She taught me everything a mother should teach her son and more. She showed me how to treat others with respect and kindness. She showed me how to prioritize life toward success. She taught me the importance of having a relationship with God. But above everything else, she taught me how to love unconditionally. I looked up to her for that and I am so thankful to have had her as a mom. Everyday, I try my best to make her proud.

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

In ten years, I hope to be graduated from college and have a career that I am passionate about. Hopefully, I will have a family and be happy with my life ten years down the road from now.

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

The main thing that drives me to be a good leader and try my hardest is the fact that people are always watching me. Leading by example is one of the most effective ways to lead others. People expect me to give my best and be a leader for younger kids all the time and I don't want to let them down.

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

I always try to set my goals high and work the best I can to get there. Going the extra mile will never hurt, especially in the show barn. First, I try to understand what needs to happen to get to my goal, and then I work for it.

[FIFTEEN.] TELL US WHAT "SUCCESS" MEANS TO YOU**THE FEELING I GET WHEN MY HARD WORK PAYS OFF**

Success can be viewed in many different ways. For me, it is the feeling I get whenever my hard work pays off in the end. Setting a goal and working tirelessly to achieve it is the best version of success in my opinion.

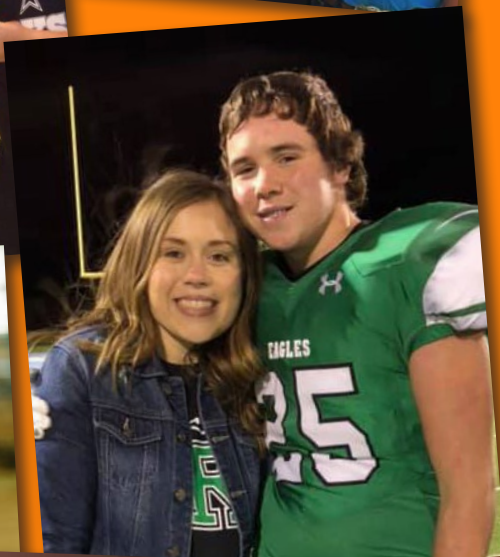


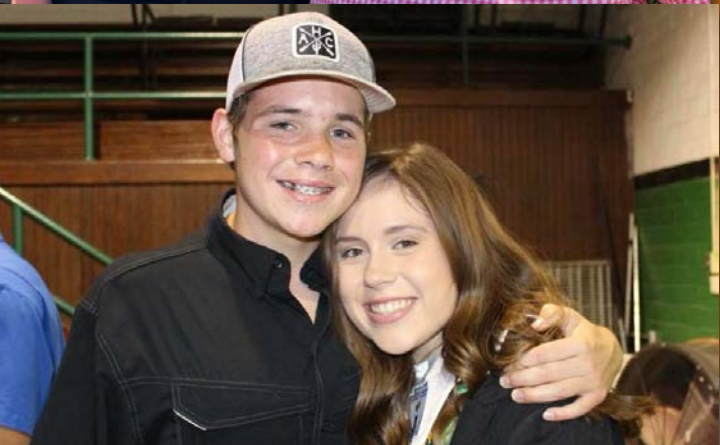
Hi, my name is Randen Reep! I am the 17-year-old son of Cody and Jill Reep and the brother of Riley Reep. Coming from the small-town of Ropesville, Texas, I have been fortunate enough to have been surrounded by agriculture my entire life, specifically cotton and livestock. I am currently a senior at Ropes High School where I am involved in football, FFA, 4-H, UIL and FBLA. After I graduate in May, I plan to attend Texas Tech or Oklahoma State University majoring in animal science or agribusiness.

Having the chance to show livestock from a young age is the best thing that has happened to me. The people I have met and the opportunities I have had the chance to take have made me who I am today. As my time within the show industry is coming to a close, I would like to thank all of you who have been there for me since day one. To name a few, I would first like to thank Kyle Stephens and Chance Waldrup

for taking the time out of their lives to always make sure I had what it took to be successful in the show ring. Thank you to all of the families within our show group who have loved my family and I as one of their own. Thank you to the Appleton family for never leaving my side throughout the years. Lastly, thank you to my mom and dad for their selfless and loving hearts that has shaped me into the man I am today. Although it is a bittersweet that this chapter of my life draws to a close, I am beyond excited to see what is to come.









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- 8 ounces of premium maple sausage
- Salt 2 Tbsp of butter
- 2 Tbsp sugar
- 2 small Gala apples, cut into 1/2 inch cubes
- 2 cups cubed, peeled, sweet potatoes (1/2 inch pieces)
- 1 small onion, chopper
- 4 fried eggs
- Black pepper, to taste

Instructions

Place potatoes in a medium saucepan. Add enough water to cover potatoes by about 1 inch. Stir in 1 tsp salt. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to medium-low; simmer 10-12 minutes or until potatoes are tender.

Melt butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Stir in sugar. Add apples, cook 10 minutes or until tender and golden brown, stirring frequently. Transfer to plate; cover to keep warm.

Cook sausage and onion in the same skillet as the apples, over medium-high. Heat 8-10 minutes or until the sausage is cooked thoroughly, stirring frequently; drain.

Drain potatoes.

Add sausage mixture with apples; mix well. Top with eggs. Season with salt and pepper.

Courtesy of jimmydean.com



BACON WRAPPED LITTLE SMOKIES

Ingredients

- 1 package of Little Smokies
- 1 package of bacon
- 1/2 cup of brown sugar
- Toothpicks

Instructions

Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

Cut bacon into thirds and roll one piece of bacon around each little smokie. Secure the bacon with a toothpick.

Dip the wrapped little smokies in brown sugar and place on a cookie sheet, lined with foil.

Bake for 10 minutes, flip the little smokies, and cook for an additional 10 minutes.

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CROCK POT CHEESY CHICKEN

Ingredients

- 4 large chicken breasts, boneless
- 1 medium onion chopped
- 8 pieces of swiss cheese
- 1 tsp garlic salt
- 1 tsp pepper
- 1/2 cup melted butter
- 1 10 oz can Rotel
- 1 10 oz can cream mushroom soup
- 1 1/2 cup dry stuffing mix
- 1 8 oz chicken broth

Instructions

Spray a crock pot with a non stick spray.

Place onions in the bottom of the crock pot with the chicken breasts. Sprinkle with garlic salt and pepper.

Top each piece of chicken with two slices of swiss cheese.

Add stuffing mix and pour melted butter over chicken.

Pour Rotel and cream of mushroom soup over chicken and add chicken broth.

Cover and cook on low for 8-10 hrs, or high for 6 hrs.

TURKEY RANCH CLUB WRAP

Ingredients

- 1 tortilla wrap
- 2 oz smoked turkey
- 1/2 slice sharp American cheese (or cheese of your choice)
- 2 slices cooked bacon
- 1 Tbsp ranch dressing
- 2 tomato slices
- Romaine lettuce

Instructions

Spread ranch dressing over the center of the tortilla wrap. Add turkey, cheese, bacon, tomato, and romaine. Fold sides in and roll up.

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5 INGREDIENT BEEF ENCHILADAS

Ingredients

- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 cup chunky salsa
- 1 10 oz can red enchilada sauce
- 8 tortillas, corn or flour
- 1 8 oz package of thick cut shredded four cheese Mexican blend

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees and lightly spray a 9 x 13 inch baking dish with nonstick cooking spray. In a large skillet, brown the ground beef over medium-high heat. When brown, drain the grease and return the meat to the pan on a medium-low heat. Stir in the salsa and cook until heated through. Remove from heat.

Pour about 1/2 the can of enchilada sauce in the bottom of the prepared baking dish.

Warm the tortillas. Add about 1/4 cup of meat mixture down each of the tortillas and top with 1 heaping Tbsp of cheese. Tightly roll each tortilla up and place in the dish, seam side down. Pour the remaining enchilada sauce over the tortillas and sprinkle the remaining cheese over the tortillas in the pan.

Tightly wrap the dish with aluminum foil and bake for 30-35 minutes.

Courtesy of southernbite.com

CINNAMON SUGAR DONUT MUFFINS

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups all purpose flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/8 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp nutmeg
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 large egg
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup butter, melted and cooled
- For the topping:
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 2 tsps cinnamon
- 5 Tbsp butter, melted

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease muffin cups or line with paper liners.

In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, and nutmeg.

In a smaller bowl, beat the egg. Add the milk, vanilla extract, and melted butter. Mix well to combine.

Add the wet ingredients to the dry ingredients and stir until moistened. Be careful not to over mix.

Spoon batter the muffin cups about 1/2-3/4 of the way full.

Bake in preheated oven for 20-25 minutes.

Allow muffins to cool for 5 minutes before removing from the pan.

For the topping:

In a small bowl, mix together the cinnamon and sugar. In another small bowl, melt the 5 Tbsp of butter.

Dip the cooled muffins into the butter, then roll in the cinnamon sugar mixture.

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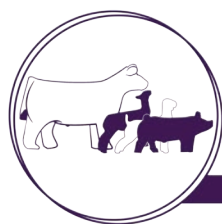
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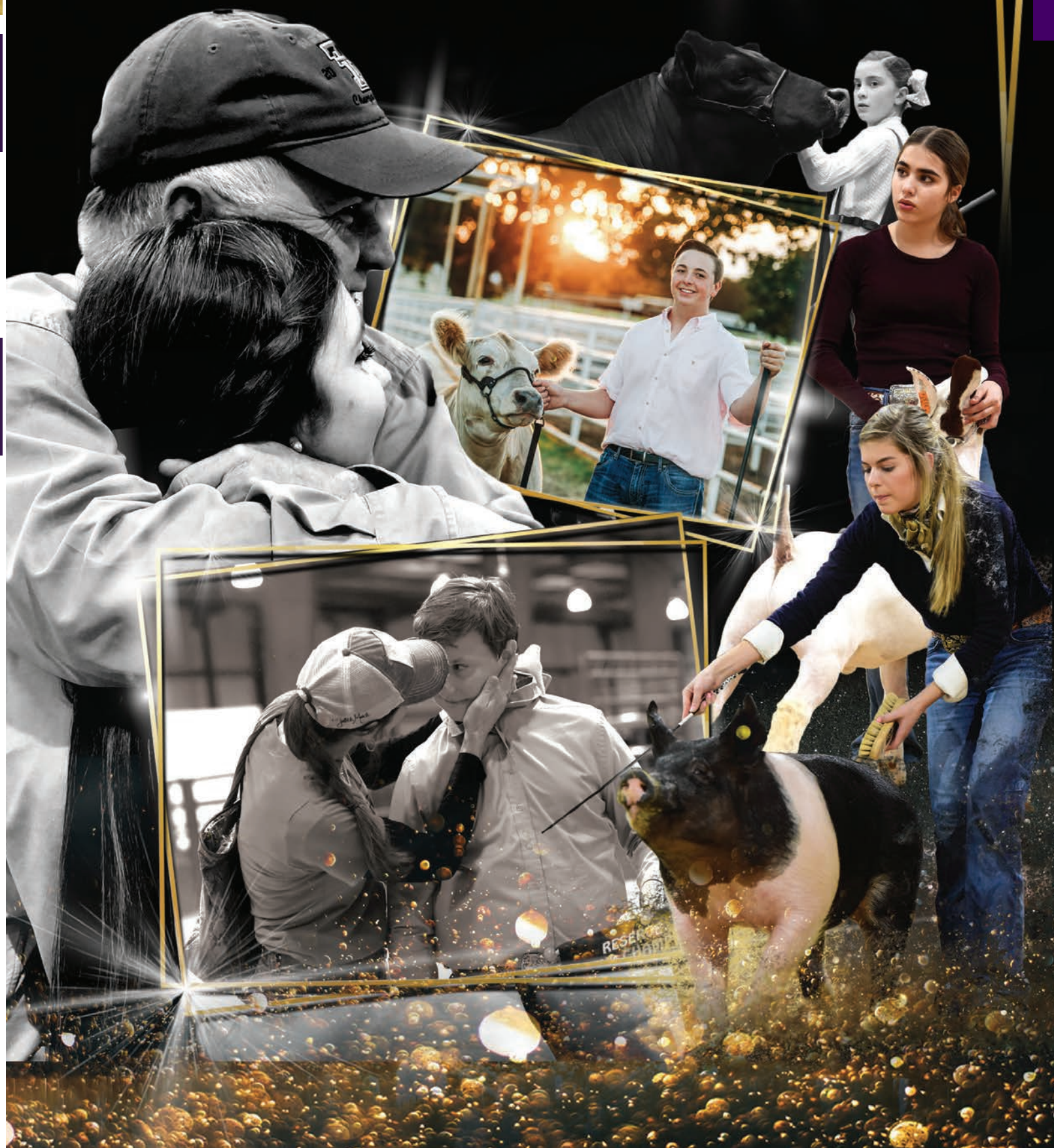
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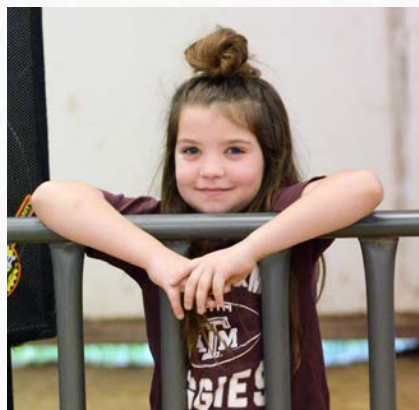
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