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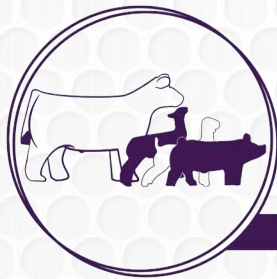
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"To me it's the most important selection criteria. To the majority of the goat world it's the most undervalued and misinterpreted piece of the puzzle. Structural correctness is the foundation in which the livestock is built upon. It is literally the skeletal building blocks to which we add all the tangibles to. To me it's how the stock is built, constructed, or put together. And if we don't get their skeleton and all its angles correctly positioned, we lose all the bells and whistles that should be prioritized in the ring (balance, squareness, genuine width, etc)" **-WCH, TEXAS**

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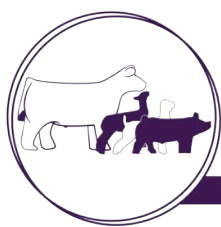
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[ONE.] WHAT IS THE MOST REWARDING THING YOU'VE GAINED FROM SHOWING LIVESTOCK?

LIFE-LONG CONNECTIONS

While the buckles and banners make pictures look pretty, the life-long connections I've made with breeders, other exhibitors and industry professionals are irreplaceable. I'm so thankful to have friends near and far that would do nearly anything for me and I wouldn't trade those connections for any buckle or banner in the world.

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

CHANGING TRENDS

The unknown amongst the livestock industry is challenging as the trends are constantly changing. The phrase "One man's opinion on one given day," is thrown around livestock shows very often and can sometimes be frustrating, but it's so very true and can be applicable in our daily lives.

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

TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO GROW

Take every opportunity to grow. Jackpot season is a great opportunity to get ring time, watch some of the best showmen, and compete against some of the best livestock. Although you may not always win, take time to appreciate those around you who allowed you to be there and work toward being the role model you look up to.

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

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

I believe that strength in numbers is most important in any operation. Without my support system of my family, ag teacher and countless breeders, I wouldn't be able to do what I love or be the person I am today.

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

TRY NOT TO MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE TWICE

Try not to make the same mistake twice. I absolutely love showmanship more than any show ring there is because I feel as though it is the one thing I can control if I allow myself to take the judge's advice and grow through each triumph and failure.

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

HUMBLE IN WINNING

When I graduate, I want to be remembered as the person who was always humble in winning and losing, and who was always willing to help others and give my all, no matter the situation.

[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?

SADIE ROBERSON HUFF

If given the opportunity, I would take Sadie Roberson Huff to lunch and tell her about the endless opportunities within the FFA organization beyond sows, plows, and cows, and how the organization has evolved over the years to provide skills and over 2 million dollars in scholarships annually to assist young agriculturalists in working toward one of the 250 agricultural career pathways.

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

"Delaney is the person who would do anything for anybody. She is always ready to help no matter what it is and always there to support, no matter the distance. Although we're competitors in the ring, she is the first one to congratulate me when we get out and grab a spray bottle to help me get ready for the next class. So grateful to call her a friend!"

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

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In the next 5 years, I hope to have my bachelor's in Animal Science from Texas A&M University and be accepted to the school of veterinary medicine working toward my DVM in mixed practice.

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

He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you."

MATTHEW 17:20

[ELEVEN.] WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL?

MR. ORUM

My biggest role model is my ag teacher, Mr. Orum. He has never given up on me no matter how many mistakes I make and is always willing to give his time to help me grow as a showman, student, and character as a whole. Although he is not a man of many words, he is so impactful and I'm grateful that I've been influenced by him.

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

GRADUATED FROM VET SCHOOL

I would like to have graduated from vet school and be working a mixed practice, specializing in animal chiropractic, but above all, I hope to be happy and have an opportunity to give back to the amazing industry who has made me who I am today.

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

THE KIDS THAT LOOK UP TO ME

The kids that look up to me. Over the years, I've watched the younger kids in my community pick up my habits and styles in the show ring or even just around the barn at home. The realization that someone is always watching motivates me to be the best role model for the next generation of agriculturalists and drives me to be a better person.

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

WRITE DOWN SMALL, REALISTIC GOALS

Write down small, realistic goals that will lead up to your ultimate goal and never stop challenging yourself. It is important to recognize that you and others may not have the same versions of "success" and that's okay!

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

LEARN FROM THE LARGEST MISTAKES

Success is so different for so many people. I believe that success is when you achieve the smallest goals and learn from the largest mistakes that have molded you into who you are as a person and use them to build and serve others.



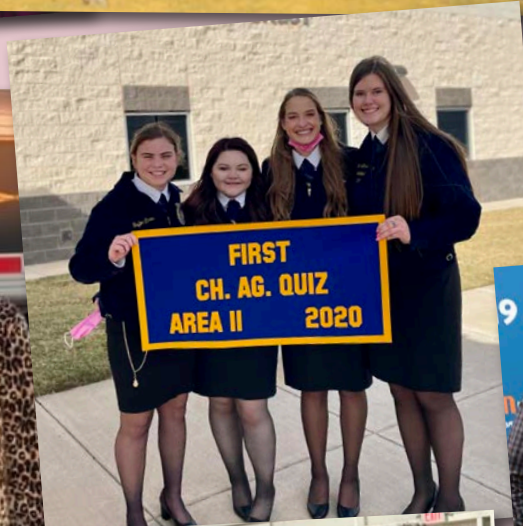
My name is Delaney Brown and I'm 17 years old from the small town of Seminole, Tx. My parents are Kurt and Destiny Brown and my older brother is Kameron Brown. If you were to see my family and our above average height, you'd automatically think we make up a pretty stellar basketball team, but thankfully God had other plans when he allowed me to fall in love with FFA. I began my FFA career with showing pigs and have since competed in many chapter agricultural quiz, radio, creed speaking, veterinary science, and cotton classifying contests. Since being in high school, I've served as a chapter officer for 4 years as well as the Mesa district 1st vice president and an Area II vice president.

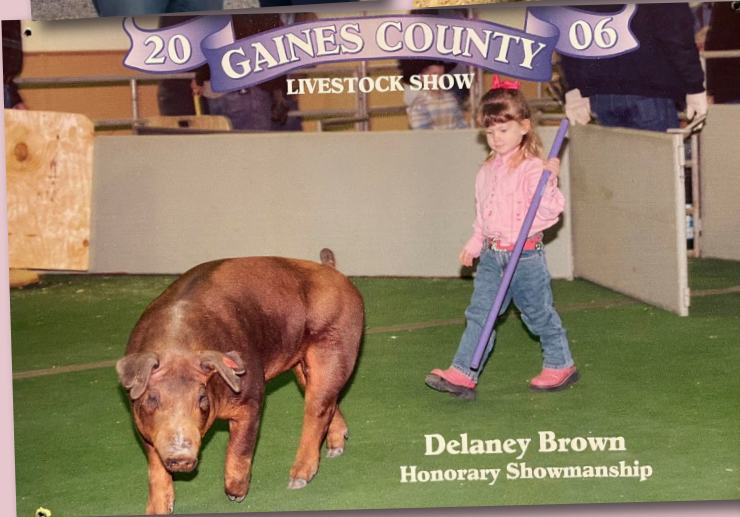
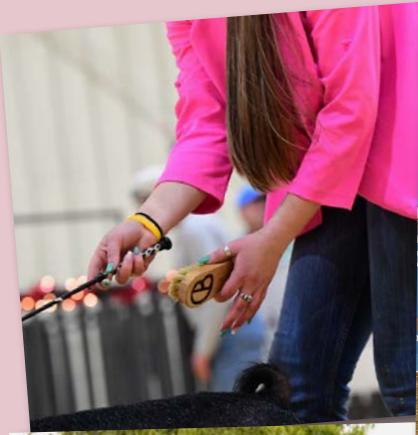
I began showing in the 3rd grade where we showed sheep for 2 years and later began showing pigs. Although pigs are clearly my favorite, you can catch me in a sheep or cattle ring every now and then. Looking back, I remember going to my first jackpot and saying I wanted to win the buckle up on the stand and by God's grace and a lot of assistance from other families and my amazing ag teacher, we did just that. After that, I made it my goal to win showmanship, and I won my first showmanship buckle at my county show in 2016 and have never looked back. Although all the buckles and banners were fun and impressive in the moment, now they sit in the corner of my room, but the memories and relationships I've made will last forever.

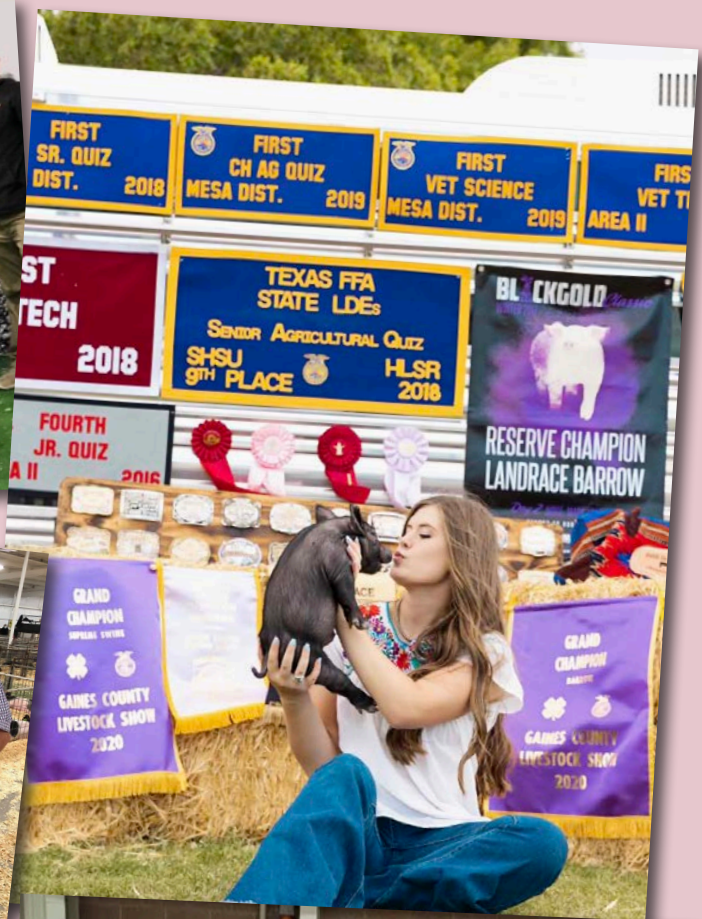
Thank you to all the breeders who have placed hogs in my hands and allowed me to represent you. Thank you to the Therwhanger family for taking me as your own and allowing me to grow as a showman. Mr. Orum, thank you for taking me and sacrificing time with your family to allow me to achieve my dreams in and out of the show ring and never settling for any less. To the many show families who we now claim as our own, thank you for always supporting me and pushing me to grow, I love y'all! Thank you to my parents for being there for me no matter what and enduring many long days and sleepless nights to allow me to do what I love. I'm so grateful for the support of many sponsors throughout my showing career and hope to be able to give back to the show industry through my future career as a veterinarian.

As I embark on my last few shows, I no longer have buckle and banner goals, but impactful, lifelong relationship goals. I'm so very thankful to have been a part of this industry and all it has to offer and I'll forever be thankful.









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RESERVE SPOT - COLTON HUSEMAN
CHAMPION YORKSHIRE - ASHLYNN PEUGH
RESERVE YORKSHIRE - KYNDI SMITH
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RESERVE CROSSBRED - ABIGAIL WYATT

RING B

CHAMPION BERKSHIRE - LAUREN BRASHER
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CHAMPION DUROC - MORGAN FORBES
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RESERVE POLAND - DAKOTA GARNER-STOVALL
CHAMPION SPOT - AVA LUKE
RESERVE SPOT - GRACIE SHERMAN
CHAMPION YORKSHIRE - ASHLYNN PEUGH
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Tell us your background

I wasn't introduced to the stock show industry until my brother entered a calf scramble and started showing cattle his freshman year of high school. A year or two later, I turned nine, and we purchased a couple show pigs for myself. We fed them in a group on a self-feeder and, honestly, had no clue. We did pretty good on the county level, and I loved it.

So, we expanded to feeding for majors. We never had much money to throw at it, but over the years we out-worked most and were able to have some decent success. We did what we could, learning on our own. As the years went on, I made the sale at the majors and had a breed champion or two, and we were extremely happy with what we were able to accomplish. At Hamilton High School, I was active in FFA and played sports. I was on some judging teams and did quite a few CDEs. I became a Chapter and Area FFA Officer. After graduation, I went to Tarleton. During college I worked on the school farm, mainly in the swine center. I was also a member of the 2009 National Champion Meat judging team.

How did you get started raising goats?

I had never been around goats and honestly hated the idea of them growing up. During my time at Tarleton, I was fortunate to meet Allan Morgan and helped him out occasionally working goats. During that time, the goat deal caught my eye and I was pretty intrigued with it. I was hungry for a challenge so I gathered some money and bought eight yearlings from Allan. I realized it was going to be hard to breed does with no buck. I honestly hadn't thought that far ahead. Luckily,

Allan hooked me up and we had a few kids born that round. He also helped me get the one male sold and that first check made a poor college kid feel like a millionaire. My last semester in college, I had 10-12 does. I needed to complete an internship, and Kevin Mock and his family had recently moved to Hico which was close and seemed like a great opportunity. I had met Kevin several years before through buying pigs and knew he was raising goats very competitively. Luckily, we worked out an intern position and was also offered a full-time job once I graduated. Right after my wife, Leah, and I got married, we found a place in Hico that we could somewhat afford. We were working during the day and trying to build and run the farm at night. We started slow and after a couple years had around 30 does. I decided it was time to grow and try this full-time. We were fortunate to meet some great people, have a little luck and make it work.

You mentioned working for Kevin Mock during and after college. What were some of the things you learned while working for him?

During college and working for Kevin, I was able to learn quite a bit about livestock and the show industry in general. Aside from the livestock, I feel the people were the most important. While I was starting out with Kevin, I was able to make connections with show families, breeders, feed companies, etc., many of which we are still heavily involved with. That networking was priceless to me at the time. I was also fortunate to travel a lot of miles with Kevin where there was always something to pick up or learn from.



UNDER THE INFLUENCE: MAYCON STORK OWNER AND OPERATOR STORK LIVESTOCK

Your program went from very humble beginnings to the heights of success very quickly.

Can you tell us about how that happened?

The first couple years, we didn't have much success but were learning and building. While interning for Kevin, I was able to use a couple of his bucks, and they worked very well on the set of does I had assembled. We were able to sell a wether at the Friday Night Fever sale to the Matkin family who went on to win San Antonio in 2015. I also was able to send one to a good friend of mine, Kevin Thomas, for one of his students who ended up Champion Division One at Houston. We definitely entered the scene out of nowhere. That first win will always be the most special for us.

What was it like for you to experience such great success so quickly?

Early on it was hard to believe. I have been in the stock show industry since I was nine, but I had never experienced any type of success on that level. When we were showing, if I placed fifth or sixth in San Antonio or had a sale maker somewhere, we were happy while showing \$150-\$250 pigs. I had always watched and envied those guys who were winning majors. Once we were able to reach that level, it was overwhelming to say the least. It didn't take long to realize that we had to keep pushing forward and had to remain competitive and relevant in order to sustain our business. Too many in this industry get comfortable or relaxed, and they are wiped out by the next generation. To sustain longevity, you better stay hungry. It seems added pressure has always been good for me. It seems to push me harder. We have definitely been blessed the last few years to have been successful on the major and national show trail.

You raised a buck called That's What She Said, who has had a tremendous impact on the industry. What is his story?

She Said's mother was the first baby born out of that original set of yearlings from Allan. We bred her to Chubby Chaser at Mock's the first round, and she produced that Grand at San Antonio in 2015. The next round we used a buck called Neon Lights and had a very nice male we retained who later became known as, "That's What She Said." My wife is the one to ask, question, or blame about such a popular name...

You have worked with many successful feeders over the years. What would you say are things that they do that lead to their success?

I would say it encompasses a variety of qualities, but I believe you must start with drive and confidence. Honestly, yes, money helps, but the drive and the want-to and remaining aggressive helps more than anything. There are a lot of high dollar ones that get burned. I know that's a cliché, but it is true. The most overlooked keys to success, in my opinion, are daily routines and daily maintenance. It is very important to maintain a consistency within your program. Lots of people can feed one, show one, or fit one but staying true to a program throughout the year is very important. Too much advice from too many people is not a positive. Also having practical livestock experience is a must. If you let your guard down and overlook a health issue or nutrition issue, the rest won't matter. To me, the stock show industry itself is extremely removed from the livestock industry as a whole, but when you are feeding them, you have to go back to the basics of animal health, housing and comfortability of a project. Having a production animal background is a huge advantage.



You mentioned that you started out showing pigs. Recently, you started raising pigs. Why did you begin that endeavor?

As a family we are going to focus on the pig side of showing for our children, and I feel raising a few is a good way to have them involved early and become invested. It has also been nice going back to the species where the passion for this industry began. Plus, honestly, I was kind of bored and needed something to mix it up.

Why have you chosen to make a career in the stock show industry?

There are two parts that keep me tied to this industry, one being more selfish than the other. First of all, there is nothing else I have found that trumps the competitive nature and passion developed in this industry. Being able to create something and build a program that can be successful is as fulfilling as anything to me. I also love the amount of responsibility, knowledge and life skills we are able to instill in these children in such a practical way. This business makes the next generation better.

What advice do you have for those who are interested in starting their own herd of show animals?

You are going to have to be resilient. Without a doubt, there are more bad days than good ones. From the outside, people look in, much as I did when I was a kid, and think it looks pretty simple. Anyone who has been in the trenches knows that is not true. Things just don't go right, whether it be bad flushes, death loss, or getting your teeth kicked in at a show, but if you stay committed and do it right, good days will come. I can assure you, a good day in this industry makes up for a whole lot of bad days. You better focus on the end goal and be rooted into a long-term plan. This industry doesn't cater to the quick satisfaction mindset. Things will knock you off course, and roadblocks will never end. But those good days are coming, and you can't take them for granted. Another thing that I have always believed in is that you can't get too wrapped up in what you want animals to look like or think that you are going to change the industry. I have never raised one simply because that is what I want to look at. I raise what the industry is demanding at the time. As the majority opinion changes, I will try to adapt. That's not necessarily a popular concept to everyone, but again my opinion. I also believe heavily in a collaboration between each other in our industry. You can't be successful on your own for very long, and it is a great advantage to find a team to work with if possible. Finally, don't be afraid to ask questions and surround yourself with people you can learn and benefit from. Everyone has something they can teach you if you are willing to listen.

How would you describe where the goat industry is in terms of what judges are looking for?

Honestly, I would say there is a wide variety between the guys that are judging. Some are more power and muscle oriented and some are more look and soundness, but we are definitely starting to merge it more than we used to. There are guys talking about feet, legs and build more, which is refreshing. They are looking for a more appropriate, universal type animal, although I still don't see a very distinct pattern. There is definitely less consistency than in the other species due to a wider variety of backgrounds judging. I think goats are by far the most diverse in terms of what the judges want because we have multi-species guys sorting most of the shows.

How would you describe the type of goats you want to raise?

I have got to have some extras to look at for sure. Something that is different and hard to build excites me. I do appreciate build and structure, but there has also got to be a degree of power and muscle to go along with it. A good blend with some added bonuses would be my goal to make every time. My biggest concerns are when we talk rib shape and body cavity. I am way out when they get deep, flat or plain. Those are easy to make, and I have very little interest in them.

What would you say is the most challenging part of your job?

First, I would say the unknown. There are many facets to being self-employed. When you have a young family, it can be scary having so much uncertainty ahead. This last year has been a perfect example of that. We will always come back and make it back stronger, but there is never a lack of challenges before us.

Second, I would say outside expectations. Whether it is someone coming to buy a show goat, breeding stock or semen, generally, expectations from buyers can be hard to fulfill. This business is hard to make predictions in and, unfortunately, there are very few second chances in this industry. Our goal is never for a customer to have a bad run, but it is going to happen and is never easy to accept. Keeping faith and staying positive will go a long way.



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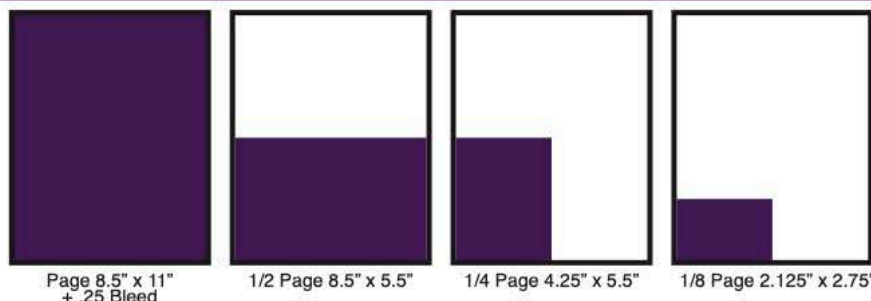
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TRAILER SAFETY

Written by Rori Phillips

Growing up in the agricultural industry, it is second nature for most people to know how to pull a trailer. Whether it be hauling livestock or chemical, it's common for teenagers to be hauling before they even have their driver's license. It's a huge and necessary part of our daily operation. However, since most of us have grown up hauling, we become complacent with the necessary safety factors to haul properly. Checking trailer lights, matching the hitch ball to the trailer, using safety chains, and checking the tires on the trailer are all safety measures. Even if you have grown up hauling livestock to and from shows or are about to embark on your first trip to a major, hauling isn't something to be taken lightly.

There are many factors that can affect the safety of those in your vehicle, the animals, or goods you are hauling as well as the safety of other drivers on the road. I had the opportunity to talk with Jake Waldrup with D & D Trailer Sales in Seguin, Texas and get some advice and facts from his experience there. "The most important part of pulling a trailer is to get something from Point A to Point B, and doing it safely", Jake said. Throughout our conversation, Jake emphasized the importance of being comfortable with the trailer that you are hauling and knowing it thoroughly. At the end of the day, the one thing that you, as the driver, can do correctly is knowing the trailer you are using and how to set yourself up for success when hauling. "Knowing your trailer is a key part to know if something is wrong," Jake told me. He also told me that being able to use your trailer efficiently will ensure a better experience overall with the functionality and safety of the trailer.

Pulling a trailer adds an entirely new skill set to the driver. The skills used throughout the entire process of hauling help the driver to be sure that they have used the necessary safety precautions for their trip. The process of hooking and unhooking a vehicle to a trailer requires knowledge and numerous steps, and missing one could compromise the safety of all involved. The number one cause of trailer accidents is the hitch ball is not being the correct size for the trailer. It is important for the hitch ball and trailer to match in size. If the ball is the incorrect size it could ultimately result in the trailer coming off the ball. Another way to make sure that the trailer is secured correctly is by using safety chains.

Before heading out on a trip, most people check the pressure of their tires on their vehicles to ensure that they are ready for the trip. But people often forget to check the tires on the trailer. Another thing to look for on your tires is dry rot and cracking, especially if the trailer is stored outside.

Hauling can add extra strain on the engine of the vehicle. Making sure that your vehicle's maintenance is up to date is a key part to ensure safety in arriving

at your destination when hauling anything. Checking the basics of the vehicle can add peace of mind while hauling. Using the trailer brakes in a proper manner can ensure that the vehicle and trailer will both stop when expected. Electric brakes can oftentimes have more power to efficiently stop the trailer than hydraulic brakes. Larger stock trailers will more commonly use electric brakes to guarantee a timely stop. Hauling will also affect the gas mileage of the vehicle used. I myself have run out of gas while pulling a trailer. Newer model vehicles will have a countdown of miles until the tank is empty. However, technology is never foolproof. Instead of cutting it close and rolling into the gas station with just a few miles left, I encourage you to stop and fill up with fuel. The weather can also add to the fluctuation in fuel performance. Speaking from experience, I urge you to stop for fuel before it is too late.

Most people's pet peeve with people pulling trailers is when the lights are not hooked up properly. Before leaving, double-check to make sure that all the lights work efficiently. Making sure that all of the trailer lights are on and working properly is the best way to keep you and the other drivers around you safe, especially at night.

If you have little to no experience with hauling, it would be very beneficial to practice driving with a trailer. Practice backing up to a trailer and hooking up to it. Then, drive in an open field and practice making wide turns and backing up. Knowing how to effectively and efficiently pull a trailer is the best situation possible for all involved. Knowing that the trailer weight will have a significant impact on the vehicle's ability to stop and how to account for the extra stopping time is a huge way to prepare for safe driving where more frequent stops occur in places like a city. Making wider turns helps assure that the trailer tires do not hit or ride up over curbs.

Before hitting the road, take a minute to do a final check of the trailer. Be sure the trailer is tightly secured, safety chains are attached, and the animals or whatever is being hauled is properly secure. While hauling, be aware of the weight of the trailer and how it will affect the accelerating and stopping. The best way to ensure that you, what you are hauling, and other drivers stay safe is to go back to the basics of hauling. Check things before you leave and drive safely.



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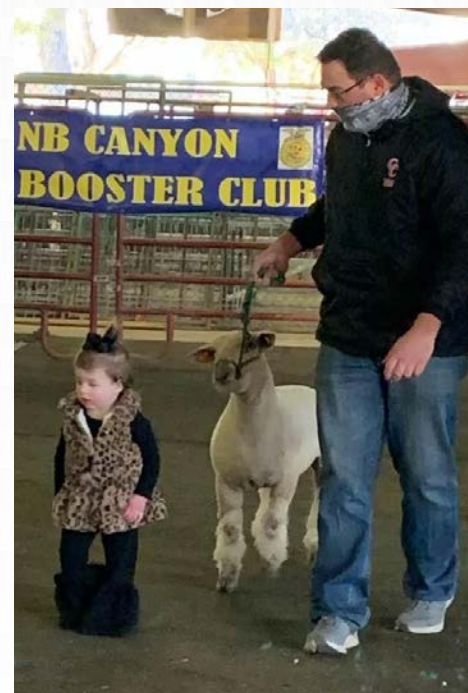


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You never truly realize the impact that small, caring actions have until the person who spreads them is taken from you. If you have spent any time in the livestock barns in West Texas, you would be sure to notice the contagious smile and extremely helpful hand always lent from our dear friend Caden Horton.

Taken from us too early, Caden leaves a legacy behind that shines light on who we want to be as humans, cattlemen and neighbors. Here are some of the meaningful messages we learned from our time with Caden.

A BIG SMILE AND A GOOD LAUGH CAN GO A LONG WAY.

When reflecting back to time with Caden, it is certain he was going about his way with a huge contiguous smile on his face. "Some of the people who reached out after Caden's passing didn't even know him well," said Craig, Caden's father, "but that is just Caden, he just stuck out as a friendly guy in the show barn."

A friend of Caden's shared that one time he asked her to go work a show with him, with much better intentions in mind. "He didn't need help," she said explaining how she missed being in the barn and could always use the extra cash. "The funny thing is that how he went about it," she said, "he just acted like he needed so much help. I knew he didn't but the fact that he did that for me meant the world."

If there is anything we are going to miss the most about Caden, it might be his willingness to give laughter and happiness without trying and something we will sure miss around the high-stress show day atmosphere.

KNOW NO STRANGER

Maybe it was his big smile or his big personality, but if you met Caden once, it'd be easy to call you a friend for a lifetime. "We had an overwhelming amount of people reach out to us after his passing, but more than I would like to admit I would have to ask 'now who is that again' and not even his brother knew all the masses of people Caden considered friends," said Caden's mother, Kenni with a laugh. "But that is the kind of kid he was, Caden knew no stranger and it ended up leaving him with some very special friendships."

Being a part of the livestock industry also set Caden up with a long list of friends, especially when realizing he had been showing goats since he was only 3 years old. Craig laughed when realizing how long Caden had spent in the barns and at shows. "We fought a nasty case of goat itch for six months because we couldn't get Caden out of the barns," Craig said. When you spend that much time in the barn and are as friendly as Caden, you are bound to have a list of people you call friends.

"It was amazing how people from all over the country were giving their condolences," Kenni said. "We had people from Tennessee, Alabama and all over reach out. More often than not, they simply knew Caden from helping them load out or ultimately just lending a helping hand."

CELEBRATE THE SMALL WINS, YOUR OWN, BUT MOSTLY OTHERS

Craig and Kenni reflected that Caden was often more excited for the victories of those he helped, than his own. Winning only five buckles in his show career, some of his biggest moments were when the people he loved did well.

“Caden showed up and treated every show like it was Fort Worth,” Craig said. “And the fun part in that mindset is that he celebrated the win like it was Fort Worth too.”

“The buckles that mattered to Caden weren’t the five he won,” Kenni said, “but instead the ones where he helped someone get their own” as you could hear the proudness she had for her son. Craig added that “there were a lot more buckles that people got partially because of his help, he was far more proud of those than any individual win.”

Many people shared how great Caden was with kids. One friend said “Caden taught me to ‘do it for the kids’,” something you were sure to see Caden doing while helping the cattle barns. With the challenge of paving young showman through the industry, the small wins seem so much bigger.

Caden always wore black because “it looked best against the backdrop”. We hope to continue to be like Caden and show up with the mindset of how winning can be exciting but helping others succeed is the grandest victory of all.

DEMAND PERFORMANCE

Craig spoke about the rare times when Caden didn’t have that big smile across his face was when he felt those around him could show up and perform better.

“If anybody that said Caden was always sweet, they didn’t know him,” laughed Craig. “But what they meant by that is that Caden always demanded performance.” Kenni shared that he always expected the best from people, and often used his blunt honesty to share when someone isn’t showing up their capabilities. “He was kind, but he was honest,” Kenni said.

Craig shared a time they watched Caden judge showmanship, remembering him smiling and interaction with the juniors. “But then he starts talking his reasons and he holds nothing back,” laughed Craig. However, Kenni said it is because he did it to help the kids down the road. “It is a serious thing, and he treated it as such,” Kenni said. Craig and Kenni both shared that his honesty and desire for people to do better was respected by the parents of the junior showman that day and others who worked with him.

Caden simply lived by “Show right, feed right and do right” and expected others to live by that as well.

“The best way to put that is if you were in Caden’s camp. He was gonna tell you exactly what he thought and he expected you to do what was right, and to perform” Craig said, “But if you did, it didn’t matter to Caden. He was going to make sure no one else was going to tell you that.”

TAKE CARE OF THOSE IN YOUR CAMP

Everyone who spoke about the character of Caden would comment on his fierce loyalty and willingness to do what’s right for the people he loved. More than any of his other outstanding qualities, his friends, family and those around him grew from seeing how fiercely he loved and respected those he called dear friends.

Caden is the oldest son of his five siblings, with an older sister, two younger brothers and the baby girl. Caden’s parents shared “no one else better fight with his brothers, that’s his job” as they laughed. Kenni said “but more importantly no one better look crossways at his baby sister,” showing how protective he could be as the big brother.

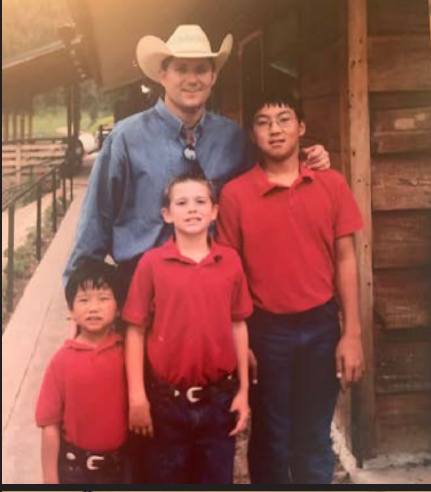
But family loyalty is sometimes expected, however a recurring theme when receiving condolences people often shared that they viewed Caden as family.

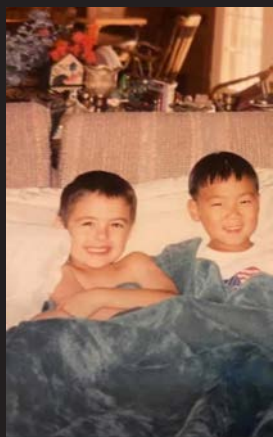
“Everybody said he was a brother. He was a son. He was family,” Craig said. “And the reason they said that was because the thing that was the common denominator, and I may be bragging here, but it was Caden. He loved people like they were family. And he treated him like they were family. And he did it authentically, intentionally and with loyalty.”

Our time with Caden was short but was rich in him showing us ways to better live our lives. Caden’s passing has led to endless stories of how he impacted lives forever, and the legacy he leaves with us. Though we will miss the smile on his face and our time with him in the cattle barn, we are left with some impactful messages he left and the standard of acting authentically, intentionally and loyalty for those we care about.

ARTICLE WRITTEN BY YOUR FRIEND, DARBY O’CONNOR







Kenneth Caden Horton, 22, of Hale Center passed away in a car accident on Tuesday, December 2, 2020 in San Angelo, Texas where he attended San Angelo State University majoring in Ag Economics. Memorial services were held at 1:00 P.M. Monday, December 7, 2020 at Harvest Christian Fellowship in Plainview with Jackie Qualls officiating. Arrangements are under the care of Kornerstone Funeral Directors.

Caden was born on January 22, 1998 in Incheon City, South Korea arriving in Lubbock, Texas into the arms of his parents, Craig and Kenni Horton and his big sister, Kelsea on August 7, 1998. He was the big brother of Cash, Cale and Kentlee and uncle to Kutter.

Caden graduated from Plainview High School. He was a believer and baptized at the North Groesbeck Church. From the age of three, Caden's passion in life was the show ring; whether he was preparing for the show, showing in the ring or judging animals. His love of the show ring was only surpassed by his fierce loyalty to all he loved.

He is preceded in death by his grandmother, Brenda Marsalis.

He is survived by his parents Dr. Craig and Kenni Horton; brothers, Cash and Cale Horton; sisters, Kelsea Bradshaw and Kentlee Horton; nephew Kutter; grandparents, Mike Marsalis, Kenneth and Pam Horton; aunts and uncles, Chris and Susan Horton, Jason and Amy Horton, Kimberly and Jason Schumacher, Van and Kelle Marsalis, a large extended family and many friends.

The family suggests memorial contributions be sent to the Caden Horton Love Fund, Vista Bank, P.O. Box 1020, Hale Center, TX 79041.





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I got my start in livestock judging through 4H, and this experience was a primary interest for me as I went to Iowa State. At Iowa State I was a member of the meats, livestock and animal evaluation teams. Our meats judging team was named Reserve National Champion Team. I was a member of the National Champion Livestock Judging Team at Iowa State, and was high individual in the national contest at the North American. While in graduate school, I coached livestock judging teams at both Michigan State and Iowa State. The 1992 and 1993 teams that I coached at Iowa State were National Champion teams. Over the years, I have been very fortunate to be asked to judge numerous shows across the U.S. and abroad, which has provided an opportunity to interact with many talented and outstanding young people and livestock leaders. I have judged in 35+ states, at events ranging from county fairs to national shows. I primarily evaluate junior market lamb, goat, steer and heifer shows.

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

I am a native of Oxford, Iowa, a small town in east central Iowa where I was raised on our family livestock operation. I was active in 4H livestock projects including sheep, livestock judging, and public speaking. My siblings and I showed market lambs primarily. I attended Iowa State and earned a B.S. in Animal Science. My advanced degrees include an M.S. from Michigan State and Ph. D. from Iowa State in Animal Science. In 1998 I came to Virginia Tech, where I am a Professor of Animal Science and have a primary extension appointment with both beef cattle and sheep responsibilities. My wife Lori and I have two daughters, Kaylee and Leah. They are very active in junior livestock programs and show lambs, goats and pigs; and also other competitive events including judging and skillathon. I am one of the leaders for our local 4H livestock club.

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

I am a Professor in the Department of Animal and Poultry Science at Virginia Tech. I have a primary extension appointment with both beef cattle and sheep responsibilities. My primary areas of interest include applied genetics, carcass composition, and animal management. I work closely with our livestock producers and industry, and provide education related to these topics, as well as conduct applied research to answer relevant questions. I also teach an advanced livestock management class, and advise students. I am very fortunate that my position allows me the opportunity to judge junior livestock shows across the country, and give back to the program that has been so important to me as well as my family.

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

Ring awareness and eye contact are very important showmanship attributes. Exhibitors should be aware of how the show is being conducted, movement of animals ect. by watching the show prior to entering the ring. Striking animals in any fashion has absolutely no place. We all need to remember that we are representing production agriculture to the public through our actions and how we conduct ourselves. Providing a positive and accurate image of animal care is very important.

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

My father has been the most significant influence. Given the nature of our home operation I was able to experience the industry from many different perspectives. The late P.C. & Paige Walters of Educator Suffolks also had a huge influence, we partnered on rams with them when I was showing and they were great sheep people. In many ways they were ahead of their time, and I think their type of sheep would be very well accepted today. As a judging team member and coach, I have had the opportunity to visit their operations and learning from them has certainly shaped my philosophy. As a graduate student, the faculty members I had as mentors had a tremendous influence on who I am today.

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

As they hit the ring, I evaluate and compare each individual animal to an ideal. Market animals need to be compositionally correct by having ample muscle and product, while being optimal in their degree of finish/market readiness. These factors directly relate to our objectives in producing mean animals, and therefore initially carry the most weight in my decision-making process. Specifically, I look for livestock with natural base width and proper muscular shape. I evaluate finish as I handle them, along with other visual indicators. Along with this, I desire market animals that have a stout, productive look with adequate rib shape, proportional body depth, and functional capacity. This productive, functional appearance also includes youthfulness and freshness. I appreciate livestock that are well balanced and structurally correct, and maintain this balance and correctness while on the move. In summary, I prefer market animals that are complete- combining all these attributes while not necessarily the most extreme in any one area. The elite ones do all of this and have that extra presence about them as well.

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

Livestock should be presented to look their very best at the time of the show. This includes the basics of being clipped smoothly, clean and well groomed. My preference is a very natural and fresh look. These things contribute to the overall impression and quality of the animal.

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

Junior livestock projects are extremely valuable for many reasons. The most important of which really has nothing to do with livestock. In my opinion the biggest value of the program is the use of these projects to instill life skills in young people. These skills are much bigger and broader than animal feeding and management practices. What are most important are the life skills- such as dedication, hard work, honesty and integrity, sportsmanship, and others that these projects convey. These factors along with the hours spent with family, friends, mentors and good livestock people are extremely valuable in our young people's development. In the society we live in, unfortunately it is very easy to overlook these things and lose sight of what's important. I take the role I play as a judge in this process very seriously. I enjoy giving back to the program which has done so much for me as well as my family.



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

Over the years, I think the quality of the livestock represented in junior programs across the country has improved. The depth of quality that we see at nearly every level of competition is amazing. I think this is a direct result of youth doing a much better job breeding, selecting and caring for their projects. Along with this, the resources, information and expertise to do so is much more readily available given technology advancements. How we receive information and our access to it has certainly changed and when used in positive fashion this has been beneficial. The care and management of our animals is more fine-tuned than it use to be. So while lots has changed in terms of the type and kind of animal, and how we care for them - what has remained constant is the value of the program in raising great young people.

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

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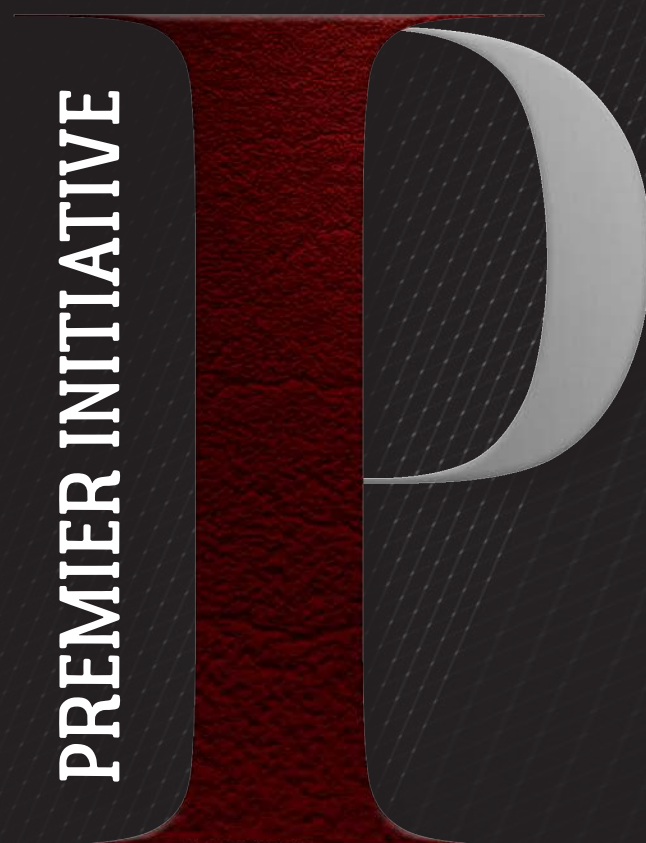
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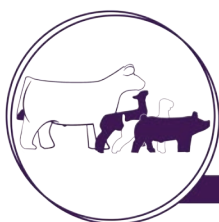
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LET'S GIVE'EM SOMETHING TO *talk about*

INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED BY MANDY COWLEY

There seems to be no shortage of uncertainty these days. Although many hoped that 2021 would usher in a sense of normalcy, that hope has quickly been replaced with continued doubt. When the Texas major show season was brought to an abrupt halt in March of last year, many people felt that the pandemic would be over within a few months, and they purchased projects feeling confident that by the following spring, everything will have returned to normal. Unfortunately, as we approach another spring, that sense of hope has been replaced by the grim reality that the stock show schedule continues to remain in the hands of local, state, and national officials. With the continued uncertainty comes concerns about what stock show families will decide to do in regard to purchasing next year's projects. Many breeders feared that last year's sales would be significantly impacted by the pandemic and subsequent shutdowns, but, for many, those fears were laid to rest. Now, those fears are rising again as several national shows have canceled, and there is talk by government officials of continued shutdowns. Those concerns led to the month's question, "If the spring majors are canceled, will that affect your decision to purchase show animals this spring, and if so, how?" At the Odessa Stock Show, I asked parents of steer exhibitors, who are scheduled to begin buying next year's projects in the coming months, this question. Although nearly all agreed that cancellations would cause them to alter their buying pattern, they also said that they plan to purchase steers again because they believe in the importance of the program.



"I was just talking to one of my friends earlier about how canceling the spring majors would affect everything because right now is the time to start buying our new crop for next year. So, it is like you are sitting on the fence. Do you buy or do you not buy? With cattle, it is not cheap. Where we get in a situation is that we also raise show cattle to sell. Our hearts are in it, and our livelihood is in it. We will always buy show cattle as long as there is somewhere to go. The main reason we do this is because it teaches our kids so many values: hard work, dedication, and life skills. They meet lifelong friends. I grew up in a barn. We will purchase for next year and hope everything is normal."

TIFFANY SWAN
SHALLOWATER, TEXAS



"If the majors are canceled, it will affect our decision because of the money. We will probably cut back on the number of cattle we will feed. We dropped off from 17 the year before to 4 this year."

WILLIAM GILL
MIAMI, TEXAS

"Financially, yes, it will affect a lot of our decisions. However, the kids love it, and it is a good project for them. So, I think, regardless, you still do it. Just on a smaller scale than we normally would."

STEPHANIE DAVIS
LUBBOCK, TEXAS



"Sure, that would affect the way we think about going forward, buying cattle. It's tough to spend a lot of money on projects if you don't know if you will have a show and sale to go to. We might look at cutting the number that we buy or spending less. Maybe have the same number of cattle but not spend as much."

KELLI HINSLEY
FLOYDADA, TEXAS



"We would be disappointed if the shows cancel, but as soon as they open, we will be there."

COLE CRISWELL
IDALOU, TEXAS



"As a breeder, it is going to affect sales because a lot of families rely on trying to make a sale hole or even a floor check to buy the next year's project or even pay for feed. So, it is going to affect calf sales for sure. People may only go down to half of what they normally buy or cut their overall budgets by half. It will affect sales for sure. As for my own family, next year will be my daughter's first year to show, and she will be able to show at her first majors in 2022. Therefore, we will definitely show. We are in this thing."

JOSH MARTIN
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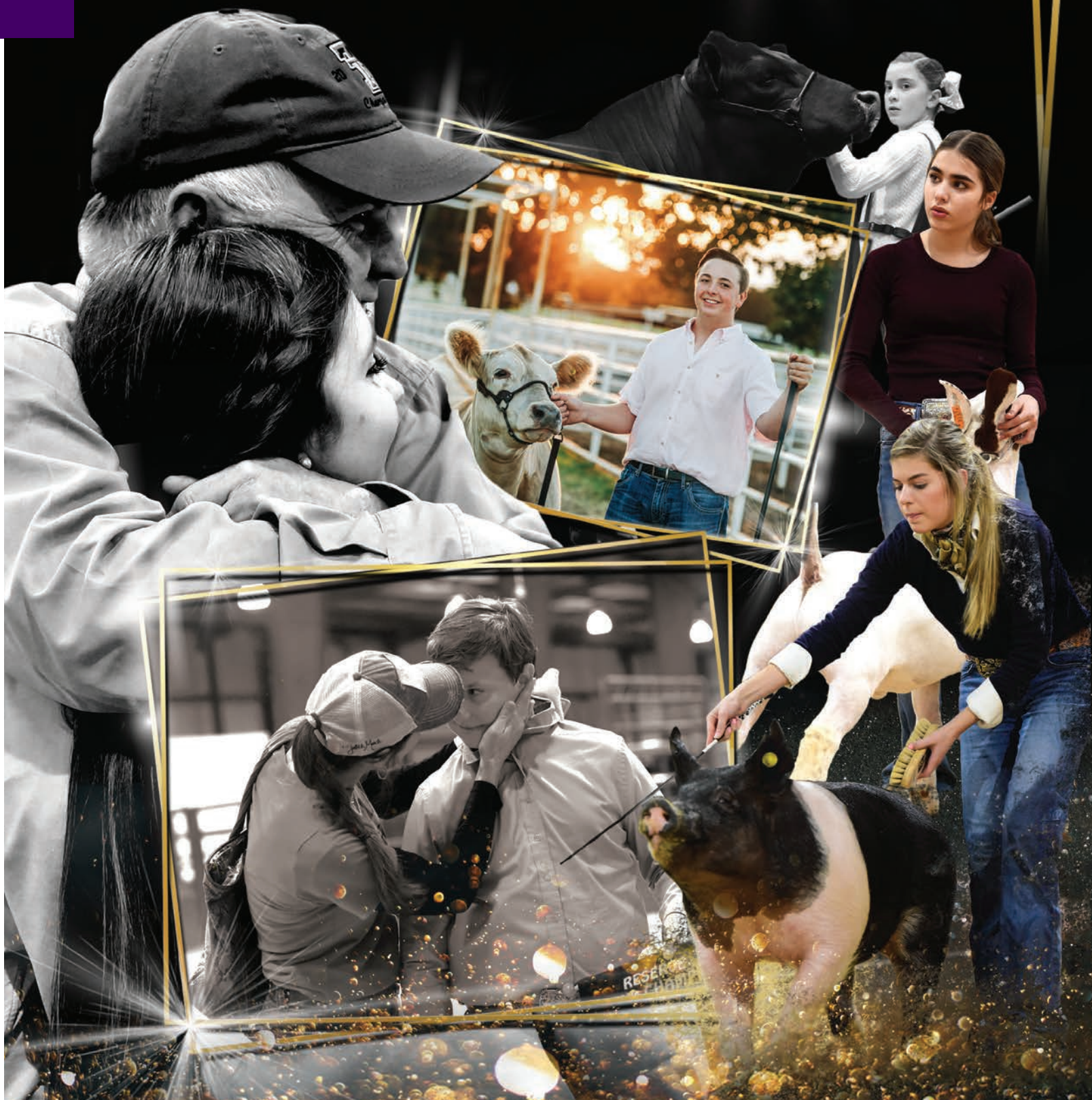
“But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.”

1 Peter 3:14-16

It is probably safe to say that most of us are well practiced at having an argument on our preferred social media platform, whether that argument be about politics or the latest decision by the county stock show board. The internet has made information readily available that can back up our arguments and prove the validity of our way of thinking. Many people read current event articles or watch videos for hours to keep abreast of the latest happenings and how the talking heads filter those events through the spectrum of their political and personal beliefs. But, as Christians, we must ask ourselves if we are spending as much time studying the Word as we are studying what our political leaders are saying. Can we quote the Bible like we can quote the Constitution or the Bill of Rights? Do we know the stories of the faithful servants from the Bible like we know the personal history of our favorite political leader? Can we defend the basic tenets of the Christian faith like we can defend the basic tenets of conservatism or liberalism? This world is temporary, and the Bible tells us that God gives us our political leaders. So, why don't we, as believers, spend more time learning about things that are eternal rather than temporal? As the verses above state, we should be able to give proof for the hope we have in Jesus. This includes two parts. We must be ready to give an account of the wonderful things that Jesus has done in our lives, and we must be ready to tell the world why we choose to say that Jesus alone is the way to salvation. In a Church that seems to be increasingly satisfied with a watered-down version of the Bible, true believers must be able to defend the fundamental beliefs of Christianity, including that Jesus is the Son of God who is fully God and fully man, that the Cross was necessary for salvation, that Jesus was resurrected, and that the Bible is the timeless and infallible Word of God. We must also remember the last part of the verses which instructs us to live gentle, honorable lives that cannot be slandered by those who disagree with us. The critics of the Church may be able to revile our beliefs, but they cannot deny our good works. So, let us demonstrate our faith in what God is doing by spending more time in His Word and less time in the news. This does not mean that Christians should stick their proverbial “heads in the sand”. This means that we are demonstrating that God is greater than any circumstances or government. After all, “the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:7)

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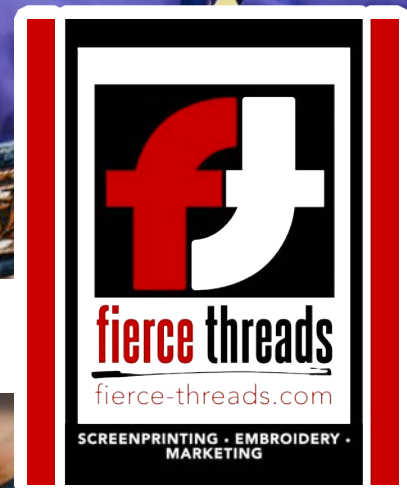
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[ONE.] WHAT IS THE MOST REWARDING THING YOU'VE GAINED FROM SHOWING LIVESTOCK?

DEVELOPING A STRONG WORK ETHIC

The most rewarding things from showing livestock are developing a strong work ethic and meeting the best people you'll ever be around. There have been many friendships made in the barns that won't be forgotten.

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

TRUSTING THE PROCESS

The most challenging thing about showing livestock is trusting the process. A lot of the time we may have doubts, but never lose sight of the end goal and the road to getting there.

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

OUTPERFORM OTHERS IN THE RING

Always outperform others in the ring. I understand that we all may not have the best of the best livestock in our barns, but the one thing you can control is how well you and your animal work as a team. Don't be afraid to put another 10-15 minutes in each day. That extra time working with your animal adds up quick!

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

WORK ETHIC, HONESTY, AND TRUST

The values that are most important to me are work ethic, honesty, and trust. You can accomplish anything you want with those three values.

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

TRY NOT TO MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE TWICE

The most important showmanship tip is to know your animal. Whether it be a goat, lamb, steer, hog, etc.. find the best and worst parts about your animal. Know how to accentuate the best parts and hide the not so great ones. Specifically for goats, only drive them to the point at which they look good until a judge comes to handle them.

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

HONEST, HARDWORKING AND HELPFUL

When I graduate, I want to be remembered in the stock show world as an honest, hardworking, and helpful individual.

[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

The celebrity that I would take to lunch to discuss 4-H would be Donald Trump. We would discuss all there is to know about the industry and how amazing it is.

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

SLIGHTLY STUBBORN WITH A SMILE

My friends would describe me as hardworking and slightly stubborn with a smile on my face. I always try to stay positive. Especially in the unprecedented times we're in now.

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

PURSUING A BACHELORS IN EXERCISE SCIENCE

In five years, I see myself at Angelo State University pursuing a bachelor's in Exercise Science and acquiring my D.P.T.

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

"Rock bottom will teach you lessons that mountain tops never will."

[ELEVEN.] WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL?

DANIEL KRUMMEL

My role model is Daniel Krummel. He's moved across the country several times following his passion and love for livestock. He's always a phone call away and has wanted the best for me since day one.

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

GRADUATED WITH MY D.P.T.

In ten years I hope to be graduated from college with my D.P.T., be a successful physical therapist, and continue raising show goats with my family.

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

KNOWING YOUNG PEOPLE ARE WATCHING

Knowing I have young people watching me makes me want to be the best influence I can. If I can achieve that goal, then I'd call my time in the agricultural industry truly successful.

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

SETTING GOALS FROM DAY ONE

I like having goals set from day one and creating a plan based on how I can achieve them. From there, it's trusting the process and reaching those goals with perseverance.

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

REACHING GOALS SET FOR MYSELF

I will be the first to tell you that the ribbons and buckles are validation of hard work in the barn. Success to me isn't all about the winning, but reaching the goals set for myself. If I can increase my smaller goals little by little and keep reaching them, I know I'm on the right track of doing big things!



My name is Reid Decker. I am 18 years old and a senior at Wall High School in Wall, Texas. I am the son of Chad and Debra Decker and I have an older sister who showed goats.

I am a member of several groups at school and in our community including National Honor Society, FFA, Wall High School Student Council, varsity baseball, my church youth group, and I am currently serving as the Junior

Meat Goat Show Circuit - Junior Board of Directors President. I will graduate in May with a 99.6 GPA and will attend Angelo State University in the fall to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science. I plan to continue my education in pursuit of a D.P.T. degree in Physical Therapy. I started showing goats when I was in the 3rd grade. My sister was showing goats, so naturally, I showed goats with her. In the beginning, it was hard as we were that family who said, "let's show some goats in 4-H." To improve my showmanship, I really didn't have anyone that could mentor me, so my family saw a post about goat camp. Dad got me signed up and he took me to A&M goat camp not one, nor two, but FIVE years in a row. My mom thought I was a pretty good showman after the second year, but I guess I am a perfectionist when it comes to setting up goats and I continued to go back to goat camp. Now that I am older, I get to be the mentor for the younger showmen. Through the years, my mom and I traveled many miles in the late summer and fall attending jackpot shows through the Junior Meat Goat Show Circuit. JMGSC gave me a chance to learn more about judges, goats, and "ring time". I am proud to say that I have won the Champion Overall, Champion Senior Division, and Champion Senior Showmanship my junior year. The opportunities and friendships through JMGSC make it a special organization. I have won first place ribbons at Texas majors, earned sale slots at the Texas majors, and will cherish the memories and numerous friendships I have made along the way. I will continue to chase the big banners as I finish out my senior season showing goats.









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be now breeding Angus if things were reversed.

Or would they be loyal to red, white and true
To color of cowlick be always true blue?
If such were the case would they dis all the blacks,
Tell jokes about prolapse, compare them to Yaks

More suited for saddle or wearin' a yoke
Than stubbornly breeding until they go broke.
And those of the Aberdeen Angus cartel,
would they tout maternal endowments, as well,

Promoting their native resistance to thorns,
while cursing as mutants those not sprouting horns.
Just draggin' their sheath through the cheatgrass and burrs
like leaky ol' bass boats nobody insures.

Debate would rage on like it does anyway
if South had worn blue or the North had worn gray,
Or if Henry Ford had been Hank Chevrolet
You'd still be a Ford man... or would you, today?

So if Herefords were black and Angus were red
would breeders of Herefords breed Angus instead?
The question begs deep philosophical thought
but don't get disgruntled or get overwrought

The breeders of purebreds run true to the grain
And efforts to change them would just be in vain
And not 'cause they think other cattle are bad
"I'm stickin' with this one, 'cause that's what Dad had."



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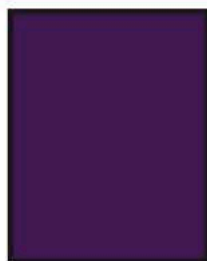
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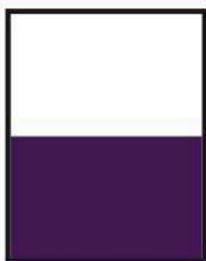
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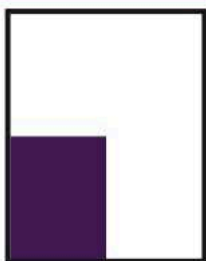
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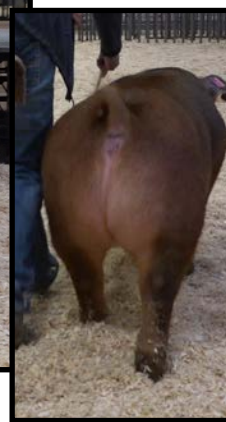
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Ingredients

1 C Flour
1 tsp Baking Powder
2 tsp Sugar
1 beaten Egg
1/2 tsp Vanilla
1/2 C Milk
2 tbsp melted Butter
1/2 C Blueberries

Instructions

Spray mini muffin pan with nonstick spray.
Whisk together flour, baking powder and sugar.
Stir together egg, vanilla, milk and butter.
Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients
Fill each hole 2/3 full and press 2 blueberries in each cavity.
Bake at 375 for 12 minutes then flip each hole and bake for another 3 minutes.

CROCKPOT PEPPER STEAK

Ingredients

1.5 lbs of beef strips I used thinly sliced round steaks and sliced them into strips
1 green bell pepper sliced thick
1 red bell pepper sliced thick
1/2 onion sliced thick
1 1/2 cups of beef stock
3 tablespoons of soy sauce
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
2 teaspoon brown sugar

Instructions

Place the beef, bell peppers and onions in a slow cooker.
Add the seasonings, brown sugar, and soy sauce over the beef and peppers.
Pour the beef stock in the crock pot.
Stir to combine.
Cover and cook on low for 5 hours or until the steak is cooked through.
Serve over a bed of white rice.

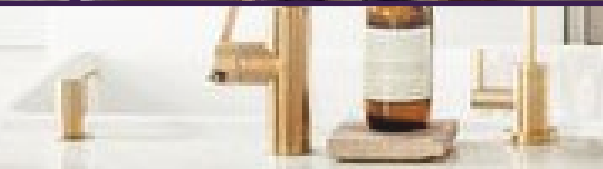
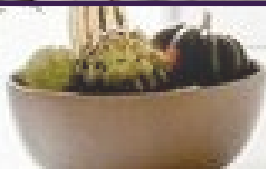
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Ingredients

24 oz white chocolate
2 Tbs shortening
1 cup Oreos, crushed

Instructions

Cover a cookie sheet with parchment paper.
Melt 12 oz of white chocolate chips and 1 Tbs of shortening. Repeat with the remainder of the chocolate and shortening. Once all the chocolate is melted stir in the cookie crumbs. Pour the mixture onto the cookie sheet. Let it sit for 2 hours. Once it has set break the bark into pieces. Store in a sealed container.



POPPY SEED CHICKEN

Ingredients

4 skinless, boneless chicken breast
1/2 cup butter, melted
1 sleeve Ritz cracker, crushed
1 teaspoon poppy seeds
8 ounce container sour cream
1 (10.75 ounce) can condensed cream of chicken soup

Instructions

Bake chicken
Preheat oven to 350
Combine sour cream and cream of chicken in a bowl and add shredded chicken. Mix well.
Grease a 9X9 pan
Pour chicken mixture in prepared pan
In a separate bowl combine Ritz, poppy seeds and butter.
Pour butter mixture in the pan
Bake for 25-30
Serve over cooked egg noodles or rice

PARMESAN ROASTED CAULIFLOWER

Ingredients

1 head cauliflower
1 tablespoon olive oil
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/2 teaspoon onion powder
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese

Instructions

Preheat oven to 400. Spray a baking sheet with cooking spray. Cut cauliflower into florets. Toss cut cauliflower with olive oil, parmesan, and spices. Place on baking sheet. Bake for 30 minutes.

BACON CORN SALAD

Ingredients

3 C corn	juice of 2 limes
6 slices cooked bacon	1 tsp chili powder
1 TBS cilantro	1 tsp garlic powder
1 jalapeno, minced	salt
1/3 C mayo	black pepper

Instructions

In a large bowl, combine all ingredients.
Stir until ingredients are completely mixed and coated in dressing.



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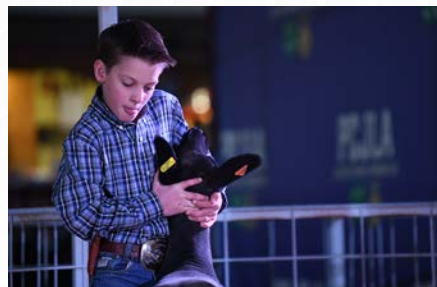
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