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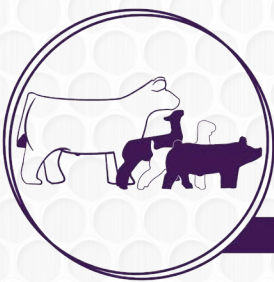
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COLT RANDALL**



Reserve Champion Market Lamb

**CHAMPION BLACKFACE
SAYDE ALLEN**



Bronze Champion Market Lamb

**RESERVE BLACKFACE
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7:30PM MEAL

8:30PM LIVE PREVIEW

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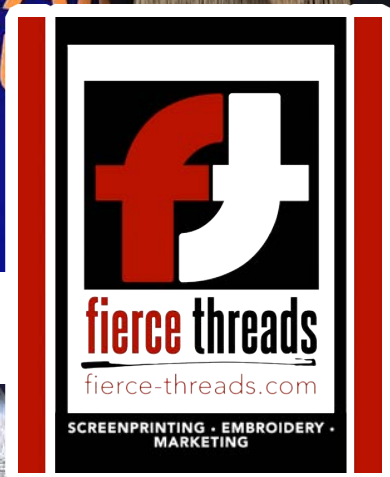
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MEET ASHLYN

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

THE PEOPLE YOU MEET

The most rewarding thing about showing livestock is not the buckles, banners, or even the scholarships, but the people you meet and the relationships you form are the most rewarding. Traveling all around the state and country has allowed me to make friendships and connections which I would not have been able to develop otherwise. Showing has taught me that even though we may be fierce competitors in the show ring, we can be friends outside the ring. I have established lifelong friendships through livestock competition.

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

PIGS: THEY'RE UNPREDICTABLE

I show pigs, which seem to be more challenging than some of the other species. Because raising pigs is like opening presents on Christmas morning every time you open the barn. You never know when one is going to decide to go off feed, start dragging a leg, or try to cough up a lung. Even in perfect conditions something can go wrong with all types of livestock, especially pigs. Everyday is a guessing game. The tricky part is not giving up, you have to keep pushing on and trying to figure out how to fix problems that might come up while trying to balance both barn work and school. You must stay focused and dedicated to both.

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

KEEP LEARNING AND SETTING GOALS

NEVER be complacent. You can always learn. You are never the best and you need to always strive for more and do not settle. Watch and learn from other showmen. Always set goals and achieve them.

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

STAY HUMBLE, WORK HARD, AND BE KIND

Stay humble, work hard, and be kind. These three things have been something I try to do and be every time I step into my barn and any stock show. A) I want people to remember me as someone who lost quietly and won humbly; nobody likes a sore loser or a gloating winner. B) The amount of work you put in only reflects the amount of success you will have. C) People will always root on the nice and positive girl/boy. If you are unkind, people do not care how successful you are or what you have accomplished.

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

RING AWARENESS

Showmanship is something that I have always held in high regard. I may not have always had a pig to win the show, but I would always have my sights set to try to win showmanship. I would say my number one tip to others is Ring awareness. It is important to know where the judge is at all times and it's even more important to know where other competitors are at also. You and your animal must be a team to move across that ring so that the judge can see you at all times. Also, you are being self-taught. I highly recommend them to sit ringside and watch the classes or other showmanship to learn different things to put into your show style.

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

HONESTY, HARD WORK, AND DEDICATION

I want to be remembered for honesty, hard work and dedication to the industry. I hope that I have been a positive influence to young exhibitors through my actions in and out of 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?

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

I would have lunch with Theodore Roosevelt. He was a man of many talents who impacted the United State for the better. He was a strong, charismatic and independent man who believed one man could make a difference. I want to hear the stories of the man whose life was a series of adventures from rancher to lawman. I would tell him all about FFA/4H and how it has evolved and the opportunities it has given me as well as what it offers others. I will explain how these organizations have had an impact on so many American youth and the endless opportunities it offers. I am sure that if it wasn't for his efforts and being such an influential president, that agriculture and agricultural organizations would not be what they are today.

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

STUBBORN AND CARING

Mostly likely stubborn and caring. Sometimes I am as stubborn as a mule just because I like things to be done a certain way. And caring because I am always looking out for my friends and family. I try to be a listening ear and someone they know they can count on always.

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

PROGRESSING IN THE AG INDUSTRY

In the next 5 years I see myself graduating with an Ag Communications degree from Tarleton State University. Maybe my Masters? Maybe agricultural internships? I also hope to continue to be an advocate of the industry in hopes to encourage young people to be involved in showing livestock. I want to continue to guide children to have the same experiences I grew up with.

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

ROMANS 8:28

God is greater than the highs and lows, Romans 8:28

[ELEVEN.] WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL?

MY GREAT GRANDMOTHER

My role model is my great-grandmother, Marjorie Merritt Riding. She is 90 years old and the most amazing and God-loving woman I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. In her younger years, she was a trick rider, a show horse trainer and is now in the Morgan Horse Hall of fame. She is a very stubborn, strong, and independent woman that earns respect from anyone she meets. I inspire to be just half the woman she is.

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

IN THE AGRICULTURE AND SHOW WORLD

It is hard to say where or what I will be doing in 10 years. I see myself with a job within the agricultural field, hopefully still involved with showpigs in some aspect.

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

MY OWN MENTORS

I would not be who I am today without the influential people in my life. This motivates me to be a good leader to help others achieve their dreams. I hope that I can lead by example and be the best person I can be because "little eyes" are always watching.

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

CONTINUATION

I set goals daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly. Set goals and squash them! Keeping your sights set on certain achievements keeps you motivated to do better each time you step into the ring. Always strive for more, do not settle for average.

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

GOAL ACHIEVEMENT

Success is when your hard work pays off. Setting goals and achieving them is the true meaning of success. Whether it be accomplishing a daily or yearly goal. That is success.



My name is Ashlyn Taylor Summers. I am 18 years old and am from Waxahachie, TX. I am the Daughter of Jared Kimmel, Tammy Kimmel, and Mike Summers. In addition, I'd like to claim that I am the niece of Cole and Melissa Reeves of Hico, TX. My family has been my support group from day one. I have literally been showing some sort of animal since I could walk. In my younger years I found my love of competition from showing horses at an incredibly young age. I was the daughter of a horse trainer and competition was in our blood. As I continued my journey in life my uncle decided I was old enough that I needed to start showing pigs. Quite different from horses but with the same competitive aspect I embraced pig showing and developed a love for it. Since then, my passion and drive for showing has flourished. My family inspires and supports me and encourages me to do better, try harder, and succeed in whatever I put my mind to. I am thankful for the sacrifices they make to keep me in good livestock, haul me to every jackpot and support all aspects of my show "addiction". I will forever be thankful to my extended show "family" who has always loved and supported me during my Jr show career. If it weren't for my love for the industry and the support group I have I might not have become the fierce competitor that I am today.

I hope that I have been a positive influence in this industry and that there are other little kids that are setting goals and squashing them like I did. My time has ended in the Jr. Livestock show ring but I hope that I have left my mark. I have realized that these moments are truly unforgettable and I know that showing livestock has blessed me with the best relationships and life's Lessons which have shaped who I am today. Thank you, Cole and Melissa, for introducing me to pigs. It has been on one heck of a run! On to the next one, ol' son!











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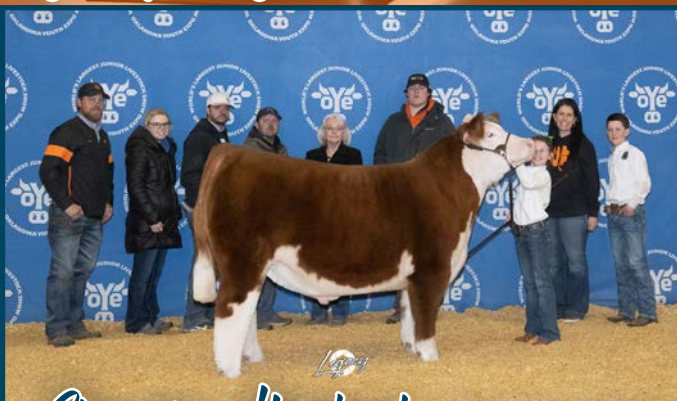
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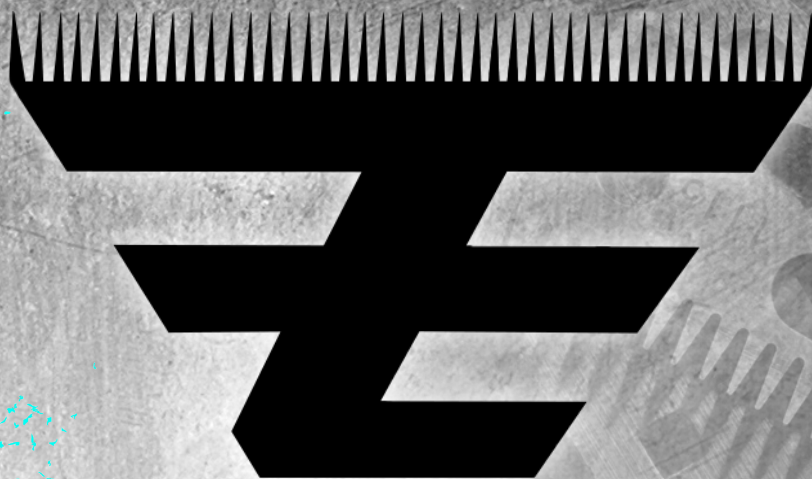
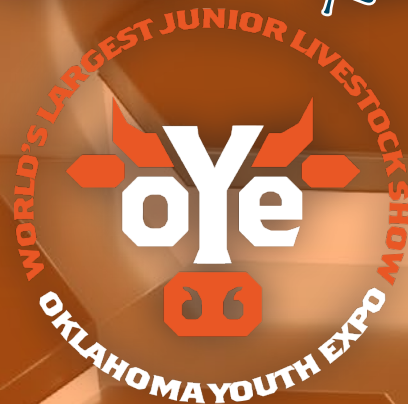
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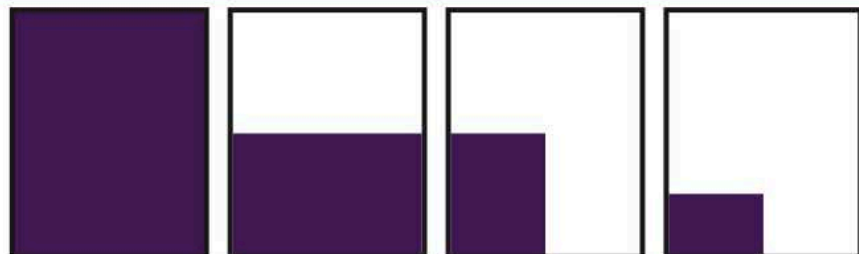
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CHASTIN LEGGETT *Echelon Winner*

MOORE, OK

My name is Chastin Leggett, and as a first generation agriculturist it's been a crazy beautiful ride. One that I would have never dreamed of when my Dad bought me a little rabbit to start 4-H many years ago. I am the founder and CEO of YGB Livestock Camps and have coached over 850 State and National Champions. To include champions at National Western Stock Show, Arizona National Livestock Show, AKSARBEN, Oklahoma Youth Expo, American Royal, NAILE, National Western, too many state fairs to list and over 3,500 hundred county and regional champions. This summer we will coach over 2,500 kids from Alaska to Florida and have over 50 camps for sheep, cattle, goats, and hogs. The coolest part about YGB is our Super Abilities program that provides opportunities for permanently disabled youth in our industry. While building YGB I coached collegiate livestock judging teams at Michigan State University and NEO. I have a true passion for livestock judging and coaching reasons, however, God's plan for me is to work with our youth through camps and other ministries. Most recently my best friends and I founded the New Year National Livestock Show. In 17 days we created a life changing experience for sheep and goat exhibitors coast to coast! My favorite pass times include hanging out with my nieces and nephews, driving through the pasture looking at my Angus and Charolais cows, and collecting Southdowns.

LUKE LINDNER *Featured Nominee*

COMFORT, TX

My name is Luke Lindner. I have been fortunate enough to work alongside my family at our feed mill, Lindner Feed in Comfort, Texas basically my whole life. I started off showing and raising show pigs with my Dad at a very young age. I have absolutely loved being in this industry for as long as I can remember and have always had a passion for pedigrees and genetics. Once I was fresh out of high school at 18 years old, my Dad handed me the reins and the rebranding of Lindner Show Pigs began to turn into the operation it is now at 24 with my Fiancé, Fallon. We started off with a small 15 sow operation and have grown and continue to grow at 200 sows and also have started to dabble in show lambs, which has been a blast for me. We have been blessed enough to experience a lot of memorable wins, but I will say there is something about the kids behind the banners and successes that make me want to wake up and do this every day. I could list them all, but all I am going to say is that it is an extremely rewarding experience being the one making the feed that is feeding thousands of champions along with raising our own. I love what I do and am blessed to be able to do what I do every day.



SIERRA MARTIN NAUMAN *Featured Nominee*

BAYTOWN, TX



My name is Sierra Martin Nauman, and I am a devoted wife and mom, plus a full time chiropractic student, co-owner of Jade Livestock, evaluator, consultant, mentor and advocate for the livestock industry. Raised on a show steer, show goat, and Dorper sheep operation in Mason, Texas, I was blessed to have one of the most successful junior livestock show careers in the nation, exhibiting Grand Champion animals at Denver, Louisville, and all 6 Texas majors. At an early age I developed a fierce passion for livestock and helping people. From humble goat camp beginnings, to private consulting, I have been a showmanship instructor to thousands of youth. Beginning at age 5, livestock judging has been a huge part of my life, and this passion led to a Reserve 4-H National Championship, and on to be an All American at Blinn College. I am a graduate of Texas A&M University and currently a second year, chiropractic student with the ultimate goal of operating my own practice, specializing in the care of livestock. No matter where I have been over the last 10 years, I have remained an active part of Jade Livestock, which primarily raises competitive Dorper show lambs and elite seedstock for the market goat industry. One of my favorite things to do is work with youth inside the ring, and I appreciate every opportunity to evaluate livestock nationwide. I believe that the future of the livestock industry starts with the family unit, and I have been blessed to develop relationships with hardworking families looking to improve their level of competition. My husband Austin and I look forward to raising our boys in the livestock industry and allowing them the opportunities that it presents.



CAMERON KNIGHT *Featured Nominee*

LUBBOCK, TX

Cameron Knight is currently an Agricultural Science Teacher at Levelland High School in Levelland, Texas. He just completed his second year of teaching and has found immediate success in this small West Texas community. In the two short years serving as an ag teacher, he has trained a State-Qualifying Skills Team and also trained Sr. and Jr. Creed Speaking and the Livestock Judging team. However, the biggest successes were found in the show ring. With Cameron at the helm, Levelland FFA has had great success at major shows in Texas including the 2020 Reserve Champion Heavyweight Division Dark Cross, 2021 Champion Heavyweight Division Dark Cross, 2021 Champion Lightweight Duroc, and 2021 Reserve Champion Division 3 Other Cross at the San Antonio Livestock Exposition. Along with this, he has had numerous barrows in the sale at all Texas Majors. Cameron also owns and operates Knight Show Pigs, with his parents Tadd and Scotta Knight. With over 65 barrows in the sale at Texas Majors the last two years, it is safe to say that he is just getting started!

Prior to being an ag teacher, Cameron earned his Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Economics from Texas A&M University and Master's Degree in Business Administration from Texas Tech University. Growing up, he had some big wins including the 2011 Grand Champion Barrow and 2010 Supreme Champion Gilt at the San Antonio Livestock Exposition, as well as the 2008 Grand Champion Barrow at the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo. He was also a member of the 2014 2nd Place State FFA Livestock Judging Team and 2nd Place State 4-H Livestock Judging Team that placed 5th at the National Western in Denver. All of the success Cameron has found in the livestock industry throughout the years is what drives him to continue influencing and motivating young people, so that they get to have some of the same experiences and successes he was able to have as a kid!

MATT MURDOCH *Featured Nominee*

MARION, TX

My name is Matt Murdoch, I am 27 years old and grew up in Marion Texas competitively showing cattle and judging livestock through 4-H and FFA. I am a first-generation Agriculturalist in my family as the knowledge and life skills I learned through 4H and FFA in grade school set the foundation for my future. After High school, I attended Connors State College while competing on a highly successful Livestock Judging Team. I then transferred to Angelo State University and studied Ag Science and Leadership with a Minor in Animal Science as well as competed on the Meats, Livestock, Meat Animal Evaluation and National Champion Meats Science Quiz Bowl Team in 2016. Currently my wife Taylor, our 7-month-old son Parker and I reside in our hometown where we own and operate a 25-sow show-pig operation with Taylors parents Jim and Debra. Raising hogs with family and more importantly having my wife right there to do it all with has been a blessing. When we are not in the pig barn staring at babies, helping families with their show pig projects or hauling to pig sales, I work for D&D Texas Outfitters in the Trailer Sales Department. D&D has allowed me to put some creativity into the designing and building of trailers, based on my experiences using them frequently. Working in sales is truly rewarding, being able to develop industry friends on a day-to-day basis and help make their own operations more efficient.



AUSTIN NAUMAN *Featured Nominee*

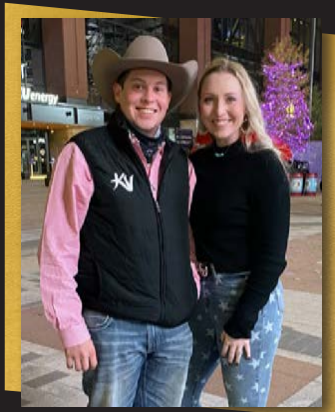
BAYTOWN, TX

My name is Austin Nauman and I grew up in Anahuac, TX. I am currently an Agriculture Science Teacher at Goose Creek Memorial High School in Baytown, TX. Aside from being a husband and father, I am also a teacher, evaluator, and mentor. My wife Sierra and I are blessed to be raising our two sons, Slaton (3) and Stockton (4 months) in the livestock industry. My passion is working with livestock and helping families achieve their goals. I enjoy building quality relationships with livestock families while helping them locate and present their projects. I also play an active role in Jade Livestock where we strive to provide exceptional customer service, while generating quality show animals and seedstock.

Different from most, I grew up as a non-traditional ag student. My family didn't farm, raise livestock, or even exhibit livestock projects, but that changed during my 7th grade year. My first project was a goat for the county show, and from that moment on I was hooked. I went on to exhibit steers and heifers across the state which led to my interest in livestock judging, and ultimately, a competitive judging team at Blinn College. I continued to follow that passion while completing my ag business degree at Texas A&M. I am a big believer in the livestock judging program because it allowed me to build relationships and gain valuable experiences.

I consider myself fortunate to have had the chance to judge livestock across the country, but the most rewarding thing is the opportunity to engage with talented youth that share the same passion as myself. I thank God for the talented, impactful people that have mentored and encouraged me in this industry. It is my highest goal to leave that same monumental influence in the life of another.

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TECUMSEH, OK*Featured Nominee*

Over the last few years, Kennedy Ventures has evolved from an FFA SAE project to an exciting career. I offer a wide range of sale management services for our customers, including live online bidding, webcasting, advertising, photography, and videography. I continue to expand our portfolio with new innovative ideas that are unique to the industry. I learned early on, not everything works as planned, however, all experiences have contributed to what KV looks like today. My motto from day one has always been, "Be different"! I like to create new opportunities for my customers and offer ways to grow their business. I believe if you find ways to make others successful, you will be successful.

The KV brand has become recognized in all markets of livestock. It began in the showpig arena with The Perfect Timing Pig Sale and then the addition of The Sweethearts Sale, both annual events. The success of those two sales led to The Exchange Livestock Event, our largest endeavor for multi-species and the Perfect Twist Ewe and Doe Sale. The experience managing these sales has given me the experience and perspective to help many others with their marketing. Big or small business, I like to support them all. Along the way, I have met multiple friends, built strong industry relationships and developed a customer base that stretches across the country.

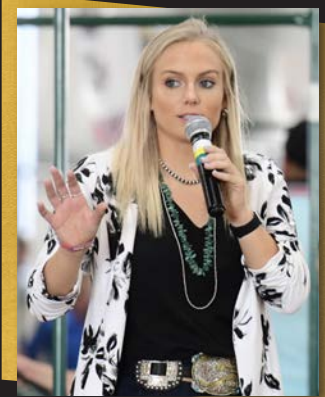
The fastest growing aspect of KV is the CCI Live online bidding service we provide. I work with multiple farms, national breed associations, major stock shows and clubs from across the United States to bring real-time, internet bidding for a live auction. This service allows buyers to bid and buy successfully on sale day from a remote device, anywhere in the world. In addition, I manage multiple social media campaigns and print advertising for magazines and sale catalogs. One of my favorite aspects of the business is the on-farm videography when I get to interact with customers looking to maximize their sales and marketing efforts.

I am proud to say the path I am on today was paved from growing up around "livestock people." My business and communication skills certainly came from the time I spent in the show ring and my experience in FFA. In 2019, a dream came true when I was blessed to stand on stage, in front of thousands of fellow members, family, and friends to be named the 2019 American Star in Agribusiness. Today, my growing team and I stand behind the KV brand with the same passion and dream to make others successful, marketing livestock like never before!

ADRIAN AUSTIN
MOUNT VERNON, IL*Featured Nominee*

My family raised me to work hard and trust in God, leading to show ring success and record-breaking achievements in livestock judging. My upbringing fuels my drive to help youth today have similar experiences and my career goal to advocate for farmers' rights to produce safe, healthy protein.

Growing up on a small livestock operation in Illinois, my family was supportive of the next generation of agriculturists, so accordingly, we hosted the Austin Family Invitational livestock judging contest for 300+ individuals for 11 years; and this year, we will be hosting the 2nd Annual Shade Tree Swine Series show. Throughout my time showing pigs, I was fortunate to find success, including raising/exhibiting a few breed champions at both our state fair and national shows. Later, I was fortunate to cultivate industry relationships with respected breeders and agricultural leaders while serving as the secretary for the National Junior Swine Association junior board of directors and as an American Hereford Association intern. I attended Lincoln Land Community College and Kansas State University, where I obtained a bachelor's degree in agricultural communications and journalism and was also recognized as a livestock judging All-American while competing on the team at both schools. I thankfully found my "niche" in judging — as I set the all-time scoring record in the reasons and overall division at the NWSS contest in Juco and won reasons at 3 of the 4 national contests in senior college while also placing in the top 5 overall at 3 of the 4 majors. Currently, I am obtaining a master's in Animal Science at Texas A&M University, developing virtual reality experiences for a swine extension project. I enjoy helping out my guy, Quest Newberry, with the Blinn livestock judging team occasionally and judging shows when given the opportunity. At just 22 years old and still being a graduate student, I feel very humbled to be included in this list of 30under30 nominees — as I consider many of those nominated to be much more deserving than myself. Yet, I look forward to continuing to blaze my own trail in this industry, whether that be through coaching judging teams, working with youth livestock exhibitors, or lobbying on behalf of American farmers and ranchers. Additionally, none of this would be possible without the support of those who have helped me along the way — thank you to them!





LINDSEY COBB

LUBBOCK, TX

Featured Nominee

Who would have thought showing dogs would turn into where I am today? It all starts with a six-year-old blonde, pig-tailed girl, standing ringside with Sonny, a 150-pound Alaskan Malamute, who then was the number one dog in the country. I later left the dog show world for some pretty cool goats and the occasional dabble in other species, even chickens once. I did not realize it at the time, but I had a fire in me from the beginning for finding creative ways to help make good creatures better. I eventually learned in my experiences showing livestock that I had a knack for getting these four-legged animals presented to their absolute best. I had some success of my own, and I knew I loved "good stock." However, personal success was not even close to the best part about falling in love with the livestock industry. This is not just an industry; it is a family. Sure, winning Rodeo Austin with a light-weight goat from my ag teacher was A LOT of fun. But what about the amazing second family gained through showing livestock, who cheered just as loud and hugged just as hard? Not to mention my extended family has grown exponentially. They all pushed me to learn more and reach further than my potential. I have to admit though, my all-time favorite experiences in the ring are actually outside of the ring. The pure joy that lights up your sibling's face or a child you've taken on a mentor role with, are hands down the best part. Sometimes it's a banner, but other times it is a simple life lesson in the barn. Banners are fun, but we are here to grow the future and I am blessed to play a role.

CADE CHILDERS

EDMOND, OK

Nominee

Growing up in a sports family, I had a late start in the livestock industry. After realizing I wasn't going to be an all-star in the big leagues, I decided to venture into showing pigs with my brother. We quickly became addicted to being competitive and the growing number of pigs in our barn each year. After the conclusion of my show career, my passion for graphic design began. Ironically, I didn't go to college to design. I went to school to be a doctor by completing a degree in biochemistry and a master's degree in microbiology. During this time my design company, C3 Designs, grew exponentially. I decided to put the doctor idea on the back burner to continue doing what I loved, which was creating marketing pieces for my customers that would turn heads and create revenue for their business. While my design work was fulfilling, it wasn't until I picked up a camera that I found a true passion of mine. Being able to capture a memory forever with a click of a button is something I truly love to do. Over the years, I have worked with hundreds of design clients and numerous photo companies in this industry! These include Final Drive Photography, Devin Sisk Photography, Legacy Livestock Imaging, and Show Photo by Katina.

I'm grateful for the lifelong friends and life skills that being in the livestock world has provided me. My eyes and heart were opened by this industry to help me realize my true passion: photography and design. I am who I am today because of my stock show family and feel honored to have my name amongst this incredible group of individuals in Purple Circle's 30 under 30.



MATTHEW DENETCLAW

SHIPROCK, NM

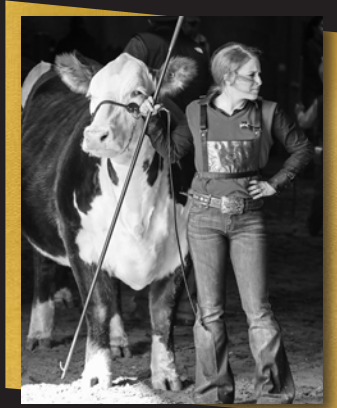
Nominee

Matthew Denetclaw was born and raised on the Navajo reservation in Shiprock, New Mexico. As a fifth-generation beef producer, it comes as no surprise that he has a great passion for the beef industry building a vast network of fellow agricultural enthusiasts that has led to numerous opportunities including earning a collegiate livestock judging scholarship, starting a show cattle operation with customers throughout the United States, and recently being elected to the Board of Directors under the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association.

Matthew recently accepted the position at the Intertribal Agriculture Council as a Technical Assistance Specialist where he serves as a conduit between producers and available resources throughout Indian Country. With unique experiences in livestock judging, auctioneering, photography, video editing, and audio engineering, he set himself apart from his contemporaries by introducing numerous methods for generating success stories with his clientele and industry partners throughout the United States. "Delivering agricultural resources to the Navajo Region is a pretty attainable goal," he states. "Observing and evaluating the root causes to create solutions around shifting the agricultural paradigm for Indian Country is where I hope to make my mark in history."

With successful youth ag programs in place, Matthew is developing curriculum utilizing his region youth's interest in show livestock to insert concepts around land stewardship. "The overwhelming majority of the young producers I work with will eventually inherit a parcel of tribal land for their use and I can clearly recall at their age, having little interest in soil ecology. With time and education, I realized being a steward for land and microbial life below the surface is the key to resilient agriculture systems relative to food sovereignty and that is what I want to instill in the next generation of tribal land stewards."

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MELISSA GRIMMEL SCHAAKE

MANHATTAN, KS

Nominee

Melissa grew up in Maryland as the fifth generation of her family's grain farm, and a first generation Hereford breeder alongside her four sisters "The Grimmel Girls". Though she didn't reside from a long line of renowned cattlemen, she and her sisters' love for the Hereford breed was just enough to fuel their fire. Starting from the very bottom and standing last in class at many shows they exhibited, they asked questions, learned from others and surrounded themselves with positive industry leaders. Toward the end of Melissa's junior show career, she was fortunate to reach a lot of success on the national level. 2016 proved to be a big year for her, as she achieved two of her lifelong dreams. She and her family exhibited the Grand Champion Polled Hereford Heifer at the National Western Stock Show, and she won the prestigious Grand Champion Senior Showman title at the Junior National Hereford Expo.

Melissa graduated from Kansas State University with dual majors in Agricultural Communications & Journalism, and Animal Sciences & Industry. She now calls the Kansas Flint Hills her home, where she and her husband, Shane, breed and raise Hereford and Simmental cattle, along with serving large roles within their family's operations – Schaaque Farms and Grimmel Girls Show Cattle. Melissa herself not only helps with the marketing side of both operations, but thrives off the challenge of producing the next great one without chasing extremes, including making breeding decisions, calving them out, feeding strict rations, and preparing them for sale time or the next stock show. She enjoys working with junior exhibitors all across the country, and providing superior customer service in helping them fine-tune showmanship skills, fitting, and clipping to help them achieve their personal goals of multiple levels. She is a firm believer in the junior show programs, and strives to be a positive role model, as there are many mentors and leaders who helped get her to where she is today.

Combining her love for art and agriculture, she is a full-time creative and owns and operates Melissa Photography & Design where she helps ranchers and producers market their own operations and promote what makes them proud through authentic livestock photography and innovative graphic design work. MP+D is her love language, and she truly believes that serving others in this way is her calling in life. Melissa has now served more than 230 clients in 30 states and Canada, and enjoys being a small part in helping other operations succeed. She also mentors other young individuals who want to grow their skillset within the communications field.

As a passionate livestock enthusiast, she is honored to be nominated for the Purple Circle's 30Under30 Award alongside an elite group of peers within the industry!

COREY EDGE

PENDLETON, IN

Nominee

Co-founding Stock Talk, becoming Director of Berkshire Operations, and growing a club lamb operation does not happen overnight. Three passions that are much different from one another but rooted the same: impacting others. Because of that, I am fortunate to see so many sides of this industry.

A desire to expand my network and bring innovative ideas to the stock show world led to starting the first podcast of its kind, Stock Talk. Trevor Kirkpatrick and I have seen Stock Talk grow over the last two years, making way for more than a dozen new industry podcasts since we launched. With over 800,000 downloads and 100 episodes, Stock Talk has been able to tell stories of industry leaders and legends, encourage others to build their legacy, and pioneer a platform that has given a new voice to the industry. Beyond this, we have given back to youth by providing the Build Your Legacy Scholarship fund, and in 2020 we developed a one-of-a-kind virtual showmanship competition that awarded over \$6,000 in prizes. 2021 looks to be the best yet!

I am blessed to work in this business every day raising sheep, but also as the Director of Berkshire Operations for the oldest swine registry in the country, the American Berkshire Association. I have the privilege of working with breeders, exhibitors, and stakeholders to promote and grow Berkshires. In my short time at the ABA, we have created new membership marketing opportunities, re-launched an 80-year-old publication, and successfully worked with CPS and NSR to provide more national shows and sales for swine exhibitors than ever before.

It is an honor to be nominated for the inaugural 30Under30 Awards. The list of people to thank for helping me get to where I am is long, so to those in my corner, THANK YOU!





CHASE TAYLOR *Nominee*

CORUNNA, IN

As a young kid growing up, I had big dreams to be one of the elite “traders” or “stockman” that I remember admiring. Showing livestock at every level would ignite the fire of what has turned into a lifestyle. I knew I would always be involved, one way or the other, in the industry responsible for shaping me and so many young people in the country. Growing up in rural Northeast Indiana, I had what I thought was an immense amount of livestock knowledge. Being on the livestock judging team, showing livestock, and having several jobs throughout high school all attributed to what I thought was a wealth of knowledge.

It wasn't until I came to East Peoria, Illinois for Junior College that I was exposed to some of the more influential people I've met. Caldwell Show Cattle has become more of a “home away from home” for me. Growing my connections the four years during college through Todd, his family, and business will be something I am forever grateful for.

Attending Western Illinois University under Mark Hoge was a great decision. The amount of connections Mark and the people at WIU made for me to acquire is crazy. After graduation, I jumped into working full time at Hummel Livestock. The networks and experiences that transpired in Cabery, Illinois will forever play a role in my life. Dale Hummel and his family along with Craig Benoit taught me more about a goat than I ever thought I would obtain.

Fast forward to today. I am now working full time at Caldwells, embracing every aspect of the exact industry that built and empowered me as a young kid.

DYLAN VOYLES *Nominee*

CANYON, TX

Dylan (Felger) Voyles originally hails from New Braunfels, TX. She grew up showing livestock in her local junior shows and shows around the State. You may recognize her these days being crouched in those same show rings capturing memories of today's youth showing their stock. Dylan moved to the panhandle of Texas to pursue her degree in Agricultural Media & Communications from West Texas A&M University in Canyon. This is the place she started her successful photography business, D. Felger Photography, where she is the lead photographer. As her photography business has grown, Dylan now employs and mentors several talented young people. Dylan and Austin got married in 2017 and launched their design company, Premier Initiative, where her talent as a graphic designer manifests in a myriad of creative projects. She and Austin make a wonderful team and are able to showcase their dreams through their hard work, loyalty, and dedication to their crafts and ventures. She is also an imperative figure in youth livestock organizations where she selflessly gives much of her time, attention to detail, and artistry. Together, Dylan and Austin have created not just a business, but a family. The Voyles have made their home on a place just west of Canyon where they set down roots aiming for an involved life in the community in and around there. They are the proud parents of a delightful, toddler named Conner. All who are around Conner for any amount of time are able to sense the success of her parents' rearing through her exceptional temperament and vibrant energy. Aside from the two businesses and being a wife and mother, Dylan is also the creative director for America's Youth Livestock Magazine, Purple Circle. Dylan is certainly proving to be a successful young entrepreneur. She is one who embodies intelligence, work ethic, and creativity and will rise to the top, all with a graceful spirit. With all she incorporates, Dylan's all-around achievements, now and in the future, will not be short-lived.



HALFMANN BROTHERS *Nominee*

GARDEN CITY, TX

Halfmann Brothers is owned and operated by Lane and Brody Halfmann of Garden City TX, along side our wives Jamie (Lane's) and Breanne (Brody's) who help out more than they care to mention. As for our operation, we run about 75 head of mature does for our “natural” herd along with 25 or so donors we flush throughout the year to stock pile embryos. While the show goats are meant to be a hobby, for our day jobs we are 3rd generation cotton farmers in the tropical oasis of West Texas.

Growing up we developed a passion for the industry, showing multiple species and being a part of the livestock judging team (which we were much more successful at). Through livestock judging we both grew a passion for quality stock, no matter the species. And from there we essentially took over the family boer goat herd which was started in the late 90's. Our only goal was to make stock we could be proud of and improve our herd with every generation. We both went on to judge at Blinn Junior College in Brenham TX then on to Texas Tech University where Lane was named high individual at the National contest in Louisville and Brody's team received the highest honors of champion team overall.

But let's quit living in the past, presently we're focused on starting our families, raising better stock and “goofing” off as much as possible. A Huge thank you to the crew at Purple Circle for putting all this together and letting us be a part of it!

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DRAKE HOOK *Nominee*

HUMESTON, IA

My name is Drake Hook. I am 22 years old and the owner/operator of Drake Hook Showpigs and Rockin' Diamond H Cattle located in Humeston, Iowa.

DHSP is comprised of around 55 head of sows of multiple breeds that farrow year round. I have been fortunate enough to consistently raise champions all across the country and on almost every stage of competition since I started DHSP 8 years ago. I take pride in producing not only high caliber show stock, but valuable genetic assets for whoever ends up with my progeny in their herd. I've been fortunate enough to help youth obtain state fair champions, sale qualifiers, major show division winners, countless jackpot winners, as well as place 7 boars into major stud in the last 3 years. I take great pride in the fact that I am the only employee of DHSP and have been running a successful operation entirely on my own on a day-to-day basis...aside from Dad helping me picture-I'm helpless there. In addition to DHSP, I also manage Rockin' Diamond H Cattle alongside my grandfather. RDH consists of roughly 175 head of commercial beef cows, as well as a background cattle feedlot operation.

I consider myself a student of the game and love all facets that encompass the showpig and livestock industries. Most recently, I tried my hand in sale management when I co-founded and co-managed the Players Only Pig Sale that was a massive success in its inaugural run this spring; having around 70 head average just shy of \$3300. I've been fortunate, as well, to be asked to evaluate a handful of shows in the last couple of years. I'm incredibly humbled to be nominated for the inaugural 30under30 awards! Big thank you to the Purple Circle crew for creating such an awesome event!

JORDAN FLEDDERJOHANN *Nominee*

BOTKINS, OH

Life is short, make it count! That is what Jordan did when he accomplished more in his short 26 years than most dream of in a lifetime!

It all started at a young age when he began exhibiting goats competitively across the country. With much success and passion for the industry, he started revolutionizing the goat industry, especially across the Buckeye state. His passion for the industry led him to start his own goat operation at the age of 13, known today as Fledderjohann Show Goats. He grew his operation into a highly respected herd that continues to produce numerous champions across the country. After high school, he attended Lake Land College and participated on a highly competitive livestock judging team, which led him into a position of becoming a livestock evaluator at numerous shows across the country. Jordan earned a bachelor's degree in Ag Business from The Ohio State University and after college he obtained a position with Farm Credit Mid-America as a Crop Insurance Specialist.

Many people across the country may not only recognize him from judging livestock shows but also educating at show clinics for Sullivan Stock Show University. Sharing his passion for the goat industry with today's youth was the most rewarding job on his resume. His drive and passion for livestock was like no other. He will always hold an influential part in shaping the goat industry into what it has become today.

Unfortunately, his life was cut short on September 11, 2019 but the impact he has had on others will always remain.

Through the Jordan Fledderjohann Memorial Scholarship Fund, his parents will continue to share his passion for the industry by providing scholarships to the youth involved in the livestock judging and agricultural industry. The impact he had and the many lives he touched will never be forgotten!



JARED WHITCOMB *Nominee*

GREENVIEW, IL

My name is Jared Whitcomb and I am from Greenview, Illinois. I was born into the sheep industry and stepped into the show ring for the first time when I was four years old. I was very honored to have been successful on the state and national level throughout my show career. After high school I attended Lincoln Land Community College and Oklahoma State University. When I'm not at my day job, the Farm Service Agency in my home county, I'm either taking care of sheep or on the road judging shows. I, along with my fiancé and family, operate Whitcomb Club Lambs where we run around 175 head of ewes. We've been very fortunate the past couple of years to have raised some pretty successful show lambs and we hope to continue improving our flock for years to come.



JENNA HEIN SEALY, TX

Nominee

While I can dream of raising a breed changer, inspiring a world changer will always be at the forefront of my mind. Growing up in rural Sealy, Texas, with parents who grew up involved in agriculture & 4H/FFA, it would have only been logical for me to be immersed in it from my childhood. However, that couldn't be farther from the truth. My livestock background was limited to a couple sets of county fair chickens and Craigslist goats until stepping foot into the Sealy HS Ag. Department. It was there that I found my passion and drive to be the best and inspire others along the way. My ag teachers took a young girl with minimal knowledge, molded her into a livestock judger, and turned her loose to set the world on fire. When someone told me that I couldn't because I was a girl, didn't have the "right name", or didn't have the knowledge needed to succeed, I pushed harder. I could tell you about the successes I've enjoyed, but it's more like me to take you straight to my heart and tell you about the miles walked at The Patriot being worth every step because the kids got to show, the chills I get when one of "my kids" wins their first buckle, and the butterflies when a young girl says she wants to be like you.

While I may never be fortunate to raise a national champion, judge a "big one", or run a 1,000 head operation, I have been blessed with the passion for developing the next generation into the leaders that our industry and our world so desperately needs. I strive to use my life to inspire the next generation of livestock enthusiasts to do all of the "cool things." If not me, then who?

TRENT AND EMMA KEMPKER POMONA, KS

Nominee

POWER COUPLE. Trent and Emma Kempker at the ages of 25 and 23, reside in Pomona, Kansas where they run both their businesses. Kempker Livestock specializes in raising elite show goats, and Kempker Marketing Consulting specializes in marketing, photography and design work across the entire agriculture industry, as well as consulting for show goat firms and families nationwide. Trent and Emma met and built their business based on their strong passion for the Stock Show industry. Where you'll find one, you'll more than likely NOT find the other, as they are constantly on the go. However, ask around, Emma's the most vital part of the entire operation. Both attended Tarleton State University and received their bachelors in Agribusiness Science and Trent then completed his master's in Agriculture Resources Science. Trent and Emma have always had a knack for being around elite livestock and incredible minds, and this was their way to be around it every day. They have raised and placed multiple champions at state fairs, national shows, and Texas majors and have quickly asserted themselves as one of the premier firms in the business. Along with this, they have plans for expansion this summer for a breeding facility to expand semen sales and offer an opportunity to other firms to use some of the most elite bucks in the game. They take pride in what they do every day because they have built their business from the ground up. They have strived to build their brand on the strong morals of integrity, honesty, and hard work. Trent and Emma seek to give back to the stock show industry. They both stand on the fact that they would not be where they are today, without the help of others along the way.



KASS NEWELL STILLWATER, OK

Nominee

Kass Newell is the Executive Vice President for the Oklahoma Youth Expo. Kass and her husband, Dr. Dalton Newell, live in Stillwater, OK, and are expecting their first child in September. Kass serves on the operations team that started the inaugural Cattlemen's Congress cattle show and the California Youth Ag Expo livestock show. Kass grew up as a 5th generation agriculturalist on her family's farm in Orlando, OK, where they raise show goats and cattle. She graduated in 2014 from Oklahoma State University with her bachelor's degree in Animal Science, in 2016 with her master's degree in Meat Science, and in 2019 with her master's degree in International Agriculture. Kass has been very involved in the agriculture industry serving as the President of the Oklahoma State University Animal Science Alumni Association, Treasurer for both the Diamond Hats and the Sirloin Club organizations, is a member of the team behind the Agri-8 Mastermind Retreat and her most recent appointment was to the Redlands Community College Board of Regents. Kass was a member of the 2012 Redlands Community College National Champion Livestock Judging Team, the 2013 Oklahoma State University Livestock Judging Team, and the 2014 National Champion Meat Animal Evaluation Team. Kass is grateful for her experiences and has continued to strengthen her knowledge of the livestock industry through programs like the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association Cattlemen's Leadership Academy and the American Angus Association's Beef Leaders Institute program. Kass was recently named one of KWTN-News 9's Amazing Oklahomans, and chosen as an Oklahoma NextGen under 30 award winner. In 2017, she was awarded the Redlands Community College Outstanding Alumni in Agriculture and also in 2017 received the Oklahoma Honorary State FFA Degree.

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DUSTIN ANDRUS

GOODING, ID *Nominee*

Thank God for pigs!

My name is Dustin Andrus. I am 21 years old, and from Gooding, Idaho. I first got involved with pigs in 2009 through my local county fair and 4-H program.

In 2011 my passion and dreams for pigs truly got lit. I attended a Jackpot show and swine camp in Boise, Idaho. The Judge and camp instructor was Mark Hoge. Mark instructed us that no matter what happens this weekend learn from it, go home, and work harder and success will come.

In January of 2014 I farrowed my first females. They were my retired show gilts. One was a first parity Yorkshire. The other was a second parity cross bred sow. My passion grew deeper with wanting to breed my own show pigs. In 2018, with four years of learning some of the challenges of raising show pigs, fresh out of high school, and a dream in mind, I took a job at Ottenwalter Showpigs and headed to California to further my show pig education. I acquired two role models and friendships right off the bat, Russell Pedrett and Cody Meek. Between the two of them they have given me the confidence, knowledge, desire, and phone call away advice to continue breeding and feeding my own herd. The time I spent in Colusa will be a memory for the rest of my life.

In 2019 I sent my sister a barrow off the Ottenwalter farm, and I was able to give my youngest sister Courtney advice on feeding her barrow to win the Snake River Show Circuit. In 2020 my sister Ashley, with a home-grown pig won the Snake River Show Circuit. I have taken a tremendous liking to helping not only my customers, but other kids to prepare their pigs for competitive shows.

SPENCER SCOTTEN

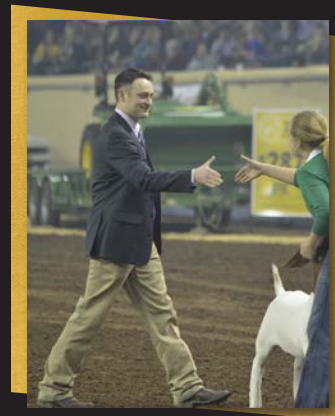
NEVADA, MO *Nominee*

"It's hard to beat a person who never gives up." –Babe Ruth

My name is Spencer Scotten. I grew up in Nevada, Missouri, on my family's farm where we raise show cattle. I became involved in the cattle business at a young age as my family owned and ran the local sale barn until I was 8, since then we have transitioned into raising show steers and have a balance of spring and fall calving cows. Growing up I enjoyed showing pigs, sheep and goats, and that really sparked an interest in livestock judging.

I attended Butler Community College and Kansas State University where I competed on the livestock judging team at both institutions. After I graduated with my degree in animal science, I remained at K-State to pursue a masters in swine nutrition and helped coach the livestock judging team.

I am currently the livestock judging team coach at Redlands Community College in El Reno, Oklahoma, and continue to raise cattle and goats with my family back home. One of my favorite things I get to enjoy is the opportunity to work with many young people in the 4-H and FFA programs through junior livestock shows that I have been fortunate to get to judge. My passion is the livestock industry and I truly believe there's no industry that has a greater impact on young people than being involved in showing or raising livestock. Through my position as a livestock judging team coach I get to see the growth of young people and see firsthand how being actively engaged in this industry shapes students into becoming leaders, not just in the livestock world but the skills gained and lessons learned through livestock allow them to succeed no matter what career path they choose to pursue.



JACE TARBELL

SAVANNAH, MO *Nominee*

There is no "right" time in life ever. Taking a leap of faith at 22 years old by quitting your day job to start a business with no guarantee of a paycheck, was about as nerve wracking as this redhead California boy could take experience. Fast forward 4 years, I am so thankful that selling blueberries was not my calling in life. My days as a milkman (literally, listen to the Stock Talk podcast if you don't believe me) and as a sales assistant for a fruit marketing company, led me to trust my instincts and realize that I could create a livelihood out of my creativity. Tarbell Marketing and Design, more commonly referred to as TM+D, is a love child of creativity and ambition formed from years of curiosity and after hours projects. If you had asked me 4 years ago where I saw this business today, I never could have dreamt I would have the opportunity to work with such prestigious and iconic names and firms in this industry. Marketing is what I geek out about and I get so excited to be able to open new doors for our industry and let my clients see what opportunities await when they believe in the power of marketing. We may do things a bit different at TM+D, and while we sure aren't perfect, we try our damndest to make an impact and, as we like to say, get rid of the damn box. It is a complete honor to be nominated for recognition for young leaders in our industry, and I strive to do my best to uphold a legacy for those of us that started from nothing and built a place to succeed. As always, "The difference is in the details." Cheers!



KYNDAL REITZENSTEIN *Nominee*

KERSEY, CO

I thrive being around livestock and love to share this passion with others. When I am asked what I want to do in life, my answer is simple – I want to make an impact on kids' lives in the agricultural industry. My current role as Livestock Judging Coach at Colorado State University allows me to be a mentor and give back to the industry that has shaped my life.

I am proud to be a female in agriculture and it is an honor to be nominated for 30Under30 amongst such a renowned group of peers in this industry. Now, more than ever, we must stand together in agriculture to communicate our positive message.

My brother and I grew up showing and raising cattle. My curiosity to learn more about livestock selection, combined with being naturally shy and indecisive, led my parents to involve me in livestock judging.

Over time I found that I not only liked judging, but also experienced success at it. With the help of influential coaches throughout 4H, FFA and college, my competitive career culminated when I was part of a National Champion team at Redlands Community College and Reserve Champion team at Oklahoma State University. I was blessed to be selected as an Academic All-American at both colleges and won reasons at the four major contests in senior college.

Eventually, I obtained my master's degree and was asked to join the coaching staff at Oklahoma State University where we were named back-to-back national champions.

Currently, I have my own cows and Berkshire sows in hopes of continuing to expand and improve. My experiences have opened the doors for me to meet kids across the United States, and for that I am forever thankful. I am excited about what the future holds.

BRADY JENSEN *Nominee*

BROOKINGS, SD

Husband, Father, Stockman and Evaluator. Brady Jensen's appetite to perfect livestock has defined him. Starting his own path as an All-American in 4-H, Junior and Senior College judging, to evaluating shows in 27 states, to coaching three National Champions in Senior College, to playing a key role in Jensen Bros Herefords while building his own herd; these highlights are all motivated by the desire to make incredible livestock and build the industry to do the same.

Brady resides in Brookings, South Dakota with his wife, Allie and daughter, Kelly. He joined the faculty at South Dakota State University in 2017 and currently serves as the livestock judging team coach. Previously, Brady served as an assistant coach and completed a master's degree at Kansas State in Animal Science, focusing on the genetic component of feet and leg structure in Red Angus cattle. In his collegiate coaching career he has been on the coaching staff for 3 out of the last 6 High Individuals at the national contest in Louisville and most recently the High Individual at Houston to finish the spring season. Before graduate school, Brady attended Butler Community College and Kansas State University where he was awarded All-American status in Livestock Judging at both levels. Aside from coaching, Brady thoroughly enjoys giving time to judging livestock shows across the country. To this day he has judged shows in 27 states and national cattle shows including: NAILE, American Royal, National Western, OKC Cattlemen's Congress, San Antonio Livestock Show, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Fort Worth Stock Show and KILE. Brady also assists with his family's operation, Jensen Brothers Herefords in Courtland, Kansas, while expanding his own herd which focuses on Hereford and Simmental cattle.

Brady likes to say, "Surround yourself with good people and great things happen."



NICK PUDLINER *Nominee*

FAYETTE, OH

Nick Pudliner, 26, is a coproprietor of Pudliner Livestock, with his wife, Demi. Nick and Demi reside in Northwest Ohio, and they are a premier goat breeder in the show stock industry. Utilizing Flush, IVF, lap AIs, a personable customer service approach, and an inimitable marketing campaign, Pudliner Livestock is nationally known and have taken many of the Industry's youth to the Backdrop at some of the highest levels. Nick is no stranger to hard work and true dedication, which he believes are the keys to him and his wife's success. In the last year alone, Pudliner Livestock moved their business from Central Pennsylvania to Northwest Ohio, doubled their herd to 150 mature females, and currently, Nick is in the process of building a brand new industry forward facility that will best serve the future of their business. Nick may not have a college degree or an extensive judging background; however, what sets him apart is his true passion for this Industry. His goal is to stay on the cutting edge of progressive genetics and breeding tactics, both naturally and artificially, to keep propelling the success of Pudliner Livestock. Nick's willingness to learn and prioritize this Industry's youth is the foundation of him and his wife's business, and what is setting them up to be the next generation in the show stock industry.

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MARI MORRIS *Nominee*

AUGUSTA, MT

Allow me to introduce myself, Mari Morris here! City kid turned livestock exhibitor, livestock judge, seed/chem saleswoman, feed rep, ranch wife and agricultural advocate.

My husband Tucker and I live on the family ranch in Augusta, MT. Alongside his parents, we run 700+ cows marketing to commercial, seedstock and show cattle customers. You won't find us chasing every show and banner across the country, we simply take pride in breeding and raising functional, yet elite cattle. I love what we do and the old-school cowboy lifestyle we live! I've also landed my dream job, a Multi-Species Specialist for Show-Rite Feeds. In this role, I help families learn life lessons through managing their livestock. The experiences I've had and people I've met through my career are truly priceless.

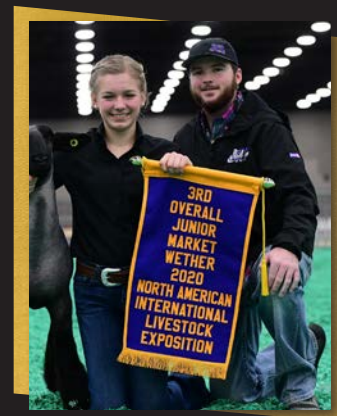
Differing from many, agriculture was an industry and passion that I had to discover and earn my place in. My parents were generations removed from ag, both working in the medical field. Raising livestock lit a fire in my soul and it was in the barn and show ring where I found my purpose. Showing led to livestock judging, which took me further than I ever dreamt. I judged and worked towards my degree first at Redlands Community College and progressed to Oklahoma State University.

In the 1920's, my great grandfather immigrated from Mexico to the U.S. in hopes of starting a better life and he eventually purchased a farm in Castle Rock, MN. In the last 100 years, my family became removed from that farm. But after residing in eight states chasing my passion, I've finally planted roots and am blessed to rejoin my family ties in ag again. As an expecting mother, I couldn't be prouder and more excited to raise my children in this industry and further our family legacy.

KAMDEN URBAN *Nominee*

GOTEBO, OK

Hi, my name is Kamden Urban. I'm originally from Gotebo, Oklahoma, where my family owns and operates Johnson Club Lambs. I showed all through my 4H and FFA career. I attended Connors State College after high school. I was on the judging team there for 2 years. I am now a junior at Oklahoma State University, majoring in Ag Business. I work for Allen/Newcomb Show Lambs out of Elk City, OK. We run about 250 head of ewes on top of buying and selling show lambs across the country. I enjoy helping kids learn how to feed and show their sheep to a high caliber. I thoroughly enjoy the kids I get the opportunity to help, and can't wait to see where this industry leads me in life!



The first EVER 30under30 was a whirlwind for the nominees and the Purple Circle crew! We owe so many "Thank You's" to do many people!

Thank You to the industry leaders that carefully provided nominees and helped guide us through this process!

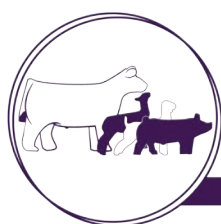
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Please give a brief overview of your background, your family, and your childhood in the livestock industry. How'd you get here?

I grew up in Nevada, Missouri. Livestock has always been a big part of my family's operation. My dad grew up in the sale barn business where his family owned and ran the auction in Nevada, we transitioned from that when I was young and we've been raising show steers ever since. I grew up showing pigs and sheep and later on got involved in showing and raising goats where my brother, dad and I had around 30 does. I was also involved in 4-H and FFA, that's where I started livestock judging.

2

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

I am currently the livestock judging team coach at Redlands Community College in El Reno, Oklahoma. I still continue to raise cattle and goats with my family.

3

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

My parents have always been the most influential people in my life. I wouldn't have ever had a passion for livestock without my dad who got me involved in showing and raising livestock.



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Please give a description of your livestock judging experience.

I started livestock judging on my 4-H and FFA teams, that led to attending Butler Community College and Kansas State University where I was on the livestock judging team at both places. Over the last few years I've really enjoyed getting to work with lots of youth in agriculture by getting to judge several shows.

5

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

Nebraska State Fair gave me my first opportunity to judge a state fair and Oklahoma Youth Expo was the first "big show" I got to do.

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

Since I started showing I've been amazed how good animals are presented and shown now. When I started showing, the pigs walked around rooting the shavings, the sheep were slick legged, nobody braced a goat nor were any ever fit and there were only a select few people who could get a calf clipped and fit where it didn't make them look worse than before they started. Now you go to a show and you don't see any of that.

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

I really try and let the good ones hit me right off the bat. I'm a first impression judge so the ones that have the "look" right when they walk in the ring I try and get pulled to break them down later after the initial sift.



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

When I'm judging anything, it doesn't matter the species or whether it's market or breeding, I like balance. Just like when we are raising them, I start at the ground and try and select for animals that are correct in their structure, good looking, stout and fresh. If an animal can blend muscle with look and soundness they will typically get along well.

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

I think it's crucial to a good first impression to have a nicely presented animal. Any judge can tell right through the gate if that animal has been properly managed and it makes a big difference if that exhibitor has been taking care of their hide and hair. It's kind of like buying a car, you're probably going to like it a lot more if it's shined up and clean. Part of presentation to me is showmanship. If that exhibitor can come in at a good pace with that animal's head up and get them set up perfectly every time it will make a huge difference in how they place. I've seen a lot of really good animals get beat because they wouldn't lead or couldn't get set up correctly.

10

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

Learning responsibility and accountability are awesome things that come with being a part of the livestock industry. For me the network of people I've met all over the country is something I'm very thankful for.

11

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

I can't think of too many funny things that have actually happened in the show ring but I'll never forget one of my brother's last years showing at our state fair. We were headed to the barn the morning of the barrow show and we saw a guy wearing a studded dog collar eating nacho cheese out of a dog bowl. If you've ever been to my state fair this story makes more sense.

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What are your pet peeves in the show ring?

My biggest pet peeve in the show ring is making an animal look unnatural. It's really great when you get to fit an animal but adding a bunch of extra fake hair where it looks very unnatural is something I don't like. I've been judging several times when there's been fake hair that's fallen off an animal.

13

**Do you have a "routine" before judging a show?
Any favorite music that has to be in your ear buds
leading up to the start?**

Usually I just grab a coffee head to the show and I always like to talk to my dad and brother before I get started. I always try and put everything else that's going on out of my mind for the day so I can just focus on the show that day.

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

I love all kinds of good food so this is a tough one for me. It's hard to go wrong with good BBQ.

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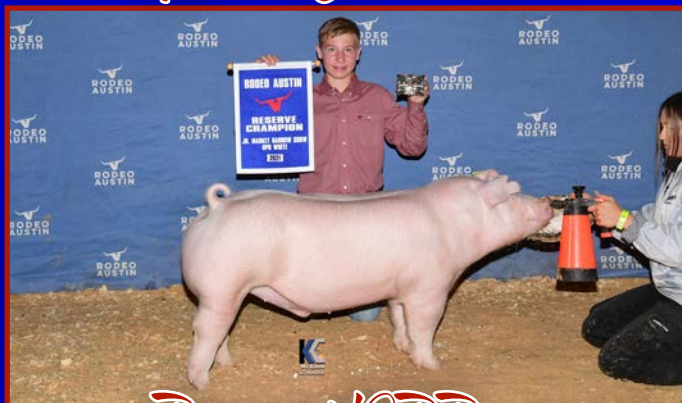
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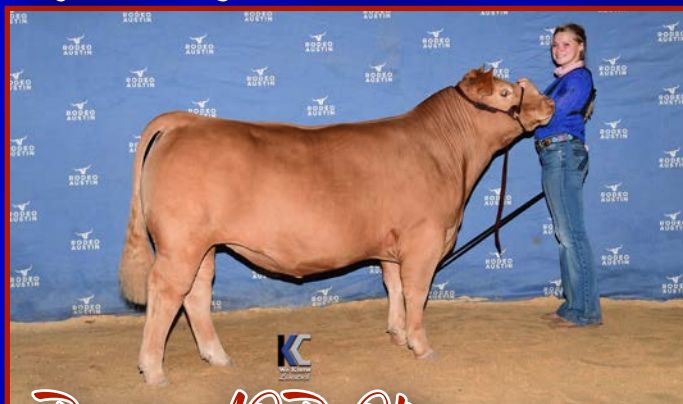
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Interview conducted by Mandy Cowley



DR. FRANK CRADDOCK

*Advocate for Texas
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Former Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Sheep & Goat Specialist

Illustrious career is a term often bandied about when talking about someone who has faithfully served a long time in their job. It is a term that is rightly used when describing Dr. Frank Craddock and the influence he has had on the sheep and goat and the competitive livestock industries in Texas. Dr. Craddock served as the Texas AgriLife Extension Sheep and Goat Specialist for 27 years. While serving as the Sheep and Goat Specialist, he helped to educate and guide producers through two of the most significant changes to occur in the industry, the introduction of Boer goats and hair sheep. Both events completely changed the breeds of sheep and goats that were raised. Although Dr. Craddock enjoyed helping county extension agents and producers, his true passion was for the youth. Although he is technically retired, his passion for young people continues to motivate him to stay involved in the competitive livestock industry where he serves in different ways. At a Texas major sheep and goat show, it won't take long to find Dr. Craddock either in the ring serving as a validator, as a classifier/ show superintendent or out talking to kids and their families. Although there are easier ways to spend one's retirement years, Frank loves being around kids and being a part of the show industry. His favorite exhibitors are his 10 grandchildren who keep him and his wife, Fayrene, busy. Purple Circle is honored to tell the story of a man who has been so influential to our industry.

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CAN YOU TELL US YOUR BACKGROUND?

I grew up in Medina, Texas which is in the heart of the Hill Country. I spent my years there involved in 4-H and FFA showing sheep and goats. I graduated from Medina in 1967 and decided to go to Texas A&M University. I majored in Animal Science, was a member of the livestock and wool judging teams, and graduated with a bachelor of science degree in 1971. At that point, I wanted to be a county agent. The Extension Service interviewed me and wanted to hire me, but they said they wanted me to start working on a master's degree. I went to the University of Wyoming to get my master's degree in Animal Science/Meats. After I completed my master's degree, a man I had worked for during my undergraduate program at A&M, Dr. Jim Bassett, who ran the Wool and Mohair lab, called and wanted me to be a research associate, manage the Wool and Mohair Laboratory, and work on a Ph.D. That was the route I chose. While working on my Ph.D. I coached four national champion wool judging teams at the National Western Stock Show in Denver in 1974, 1975, 1976, and 1978. I finished my Ph.D. in 1978.



WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO DO A PORTION OF YOUR GRADUATE WORK IN WYOMING?

I went to Wyoming because it was a sheep state. There are just a few of those western states that are like that. If you have ever been to Wyoming, you know that it is a sparsely populated state with a lot of sheep. It is strictly a range state with sheep herders. I had never been exposed to that part of the industry. They run sheep primarily on government land rather than privately owned land, like in Texas. I felt with the career I wanted to go into I needed to know about that part of the industry.

WHAT DID YOU DO AFTER YOU COMPLETED YOUR PH.D.?

When I graduated with my Ph.D., I went back to Wyoming as the Extension Sheep and Wool Specialist. I spent three years there. My wife didn't like the cold weather. I got a call from Texas Tech University, and they wanted me to come coach their livestock judging team. I left Wyoming in 1981, and I taught at Texas Tech for six years. I, along with Mark McCann, coached the national champion livestock team at Louisville in 1986. I also coached the national champion wool team at Denver in 1987.

After leaving Texas Tech, I was hired to replace Jack Groff, who was retiring, as one of the two Extension Sheep and Goat Specialists. My family and I moved to the Research and Extension Center in Uvalde and lived there for 5 years. When George Ahlschwede, the other Extension Sheep and Goat Specialist retired, the Extension Service decided to only have one Extension Sheep and Goat Specialist. Therefore, my family and I moved to San Angelo in 1992, and we retired there in 2014.





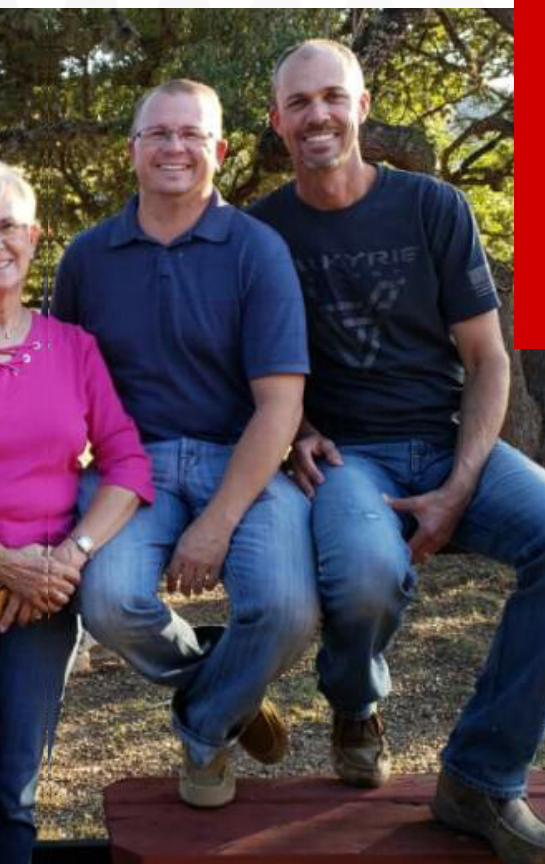
IF SOMEONE ASKED YOU FOR A JOB DESCRIPTION FOR AN EXTENSION SHEEP AND GOAT SPECIALIST, WHAT WOULD YOU TELL THEM?

In my opinion, a sheep and goat specialist should have two areas. One of them is youth, and one is adult. For the adults, your job is to disseminate all new information that will help producers. You do that through the County Extension Agents. I put on all kinds of educational programs on selection, nutrition, health, and other topics. But, as you know, I am a very staunch supporter of youth. I love kids. I have been criticized for doing too much work in the youth area in my career. That doesn't bother me at all. In the area of youth, I started out with the Texas Sheep and Goat Youth Leadership Workshop. I have done sheep and goat camps. I've done the wool and mohair judging program. I have helped with livestock judging. I helped start two futurities in San Angelo, the Angora Goat Futurity and the Ewe Lamb Futurity, and the Sheep Skillathon in San Antonio. I also helped to start the Validation Program in the early 1990s. My heart is with the youth, and that is where the future is.

WHAT CHANGES HAVE YOU SEEN IN THE SHEEP AND GOAT INDUSTRY OVER YOUR YEARS AS AN EDUCATOR?

When I was growing up, I was an Angora goat, Rambouillet sheep, wool and mohair person. When I thought of sheep and goats, that is what I thought of. On the goat side, we had Spanish goats, but they were strictly commercial animals run on the range in West Texas where they were suited. Then the Boer goat came in the early 1990s. This, combined with the loss of the wool and mohair incentive program in the mid 1990s, certainly diminished the Angora goat industry. That was an exciting time for me, even though I had to put on hold my love for the Angora goat breed. I did a lot of work with the American Boer Goat Association to educate people about Boer goats and to train judges.

Then, sometime later, the hair sheep, primarily the Dorpers, came along. This meant that the Rambouillet sheep numbers declined, and Dorpers went crazy. When you drive around the state, you see Dorper sheep everywhere. What was really neat for me was to see the Dorpers (both breeding and market) added as a breed to our major shows. The first show to do this was Fort Worth. Fort Worth is not known as a trend setter, but when they did this, it sparked things. We have succeeded in getting Dorpers into all the major shows. It has taken time, and there are still not very many sale slots, but we are getting there.



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YOU MENTIONED THAT A PERSON DRIVING THROUGH THE STATE WOULD PRIMARILY SEE DORPERS BEING RUN BY COMMERCIAL PRODUCERS. HOW WOULD YOU EXPLAIN THIS?

First of all, Dorpers are easy keeping sheep. When you see Dorpers, they always look fat. If you look at South Africa where they originated, they came from country similar to West Texas, so they do well under harsh conditions. They have relatively small but hardy lambs. I did a Pasture to Packer Study following young lambs through the Denis Feedlot at San Angelo. We would feed them out, slaughter them and collect growth and carcass data. The first few years, the lambs were primarily finewools and finewool crosses. At the end, we started having crossbred hair sheep and then purebred hair sheep. When we started feeding more hair sheep, the death loss was much smaller, and they were much more efficient to feed. We didn't have to shear or dock them. They are labor-saving, easy to raise, adapt well, are somewhat parasite resistant, and they make money.



DURING YOUR CAREER, WHAT ARE SOME OF THE MAJOR CHANGES YOU HAVE SEEN IN THE SHOW INDUSTRY?

When I showed as a kid in San Antonio, the maximum weight limit for market lambs was 105 pounds. They have increased it to 180 pounds now. In terms of changes that I have seen in more recent years is that market lambs and goats are fatter. It is one of my pet peeves. In the last few years, we have seen judges throw condition to the side. In Houston and San Antonio, they have carcass contests where they slaughter the first and second place lambs in each class. If you look at the results from the contests, some of the judges will have lambs with .40 to .45 inches of fat when you only need around .20 inches. It bothers me because when I was trained in college, one of the things we fought was fat sheep with the thinking that if you get them too fat, someone with a knife has to cut off the excess fat. That is called labor. I got tickled at Miles Gibbs when he judged in San Angelo. He said, over the mic, "Now, Doc, I can trim off that fat when I eat it. That doesn't bother me at all." He is a toot. I know we have to have some fat on there; I just don't want too much.

DO YOU FEEL THAT THE JUDGES PUSH THE TRENDS OR DO THE BREEDERS?

I think that when judges accept fatter sheep, then feeders will feed them to be fatter. I put the blame on judges who have gone too far. I have known judges who have told me before judging a major show that they won't use a fat sheep. The problem is that, today, they are all fat. Feeders have learned how to feed a fat sheep so that he handles like a brick.

If you find a sheep that has the right amount of fat, then he is just a sheep. All the good ones are going to have too much fat on them, in my opinion. That is what you run into.

YOU RETIRED FROM EXTENSION IN 2014. ALTHOUGH YOU ARE TECHNICALLY RETIRED, YOU STILL KEEP A HECTIC SCHEDULE. WHAT ARE SOME OF THE THINGS YOU ARE DOING?

Ken Cook, the former District Director in San Angelo, started the validation program in the early 1990s. When Ken saw the program would work, he turned it over to me, and I have been running it ever since. I still help with that. In fact, I will go in July and help process validations for the State Fair. As more people have been hired to help, I'm hoping to move away from some of that. I also help with compliance checks. When a problem arises with a validation, then a group of us is sent to check it out. All of this stuff that we do, validation, drug testing, I would like to say that we shouldn't have to do any of it. Most of the time, when we go out on these checks, we don't find anything. But, occasionally, we do.

YOU ALSO SERVE AS A CLASSIFIER AT SEVERAL OF THE TEXAS MAJOR SHOWS. CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE AS A CLASSIFIER?

The three-man classifying system started in the late 80s, early 90s. We met at the Junction courthouse. There were about 20 people made up of Extension Specialists, Agents, Agricultural Teachers and breeders. Jack Groff had classified the sheep at the major shows forever. He was the only one who classified anywhere. Jack was consistent and fair, but we decided it might be more fair to have several people classifying. So, we implemented the three-man classifying system.

Classifying is a hard thing. The breed standards are updated every four to five years. I think that the standards have become more lenient, although breeders would like for them to be even more so. The best thing I can say to kids is to find someone you trust, whether it is a parent, county agent, or ag teacher, to tell you if they think your animal will classify. If a kid buys an animal that is questionable, someone needs to be willing to tell the kid that. That way, if the kid gets classed out, they won't be surprised. I will say that there are some animals that get classed out that shouldn't and some that should who don't. The thing that has muddled the waters the past several years is the inclusion of the Dorset breed in the finewool crosses. A finewool cross is supposed to be a Suffolk or Hampshire crossed on a finewool. But breeders have started using Dorsets instead and have them masked pretty good. The Dorset does have a little different look to the ears and eyes, and the wool on the face and legs is coarser. We have talked about a different system but have not come up with anything.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO STAY INVOLVED RATHER THAN TAKE IT EASY DURING YOUR RETIREMENT?

I have already told you - kids. And the people and families that I have met in this industry. I want to see them, and I can't do that sitting on my butt at the house. The other thing is that I have sat in those rings for years. Now that I have grandkids showing, I can actually sit up in the grandstands and watch them. I love the people. I love the kids I have watched grow up and develop. It is very gratifying to this old man.

WHO ARE THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE INFLUENCED YOU?

I would first say my county agent growing up influenced my career as much as anybody.

His name was Werner Lindig from Hye, Texas, near Johnson City. He was my county agent in Bandera all the years I was growing up. He coached our wool, mohair, and livestock judging teams and helped us with showing our animals. He was a great Christian man. If I would have to say someone outside of my parents and the good Lord, that man had a great influence on my life. Also, my ag teacher,

James Arthur Gallant, from Medina, also helped me a lot. I also had many college professors including Dr. Jim Bassett and Dr. Doug Wythe, my wool and livestock judging coaches at Texas A&M, as well as many other professors I had at the University of Wyoming. There are numerous county extension agents and agricultural science teachers that had a positive influence on my career.



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WHAT DO YOU AND YOUR WIFE LIKE TO DO?

I am a superintendent at the State Fair of Texas. My wife, Fayrene, goes with me to all the shows, and she loves to help. She hates to sit around and do nothing. When John Allen passed away, the State Fair asked my wife if she would be willing to fill that position, so she is now a superintendent with me in Dallas. She is thrilled!

The main thing we do is take care of our aging mothers. Fayrene's mother lives with us and is 93. My mother is 96 and still lives at home by herself. So, we take them to doctor's visits and help them as we can. We also like to follow our 10 grandkids.

We had two graduate this year. They all show livestock and play sports, so we like to go watch them.

When we retired, I promised my wife we would move back home to Medina. We have about 130 acres and built a house when we moved back. We go out several days a week and cut down the cedar trees to clear our land. I run the chainsaw, and Fayrene drags the wood into a pile and burns it. It gives us something to do together and helps to keep us active. Then, every day at 4:00 we have wine time. At that time, we have a glass of wine and play Farkle with my mother-in-law.



YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED SO MANY THINGS IN YOUR LIFE WORKING WITH KIDS. CAN YOU TELL OUR READERS A FEW OF YOUR FAVORITE STORIES?

Wes Stevenson, who is a professional bareback rider and NFR qualifier, grew up showing market lambs and won nearly every major show in Texas. The first year that we implemented the three-man classifying system Rex Stultz, Preston Faris, and I were classifying at the Belt Buckle Bonanza. I think it may have been the first year that Wes showed. We classed out his finewool cross. He came and found us after the show. With the saddest eyes you ever saw, he told us, "I thought y'all were my friends." Rex looked at him and said, "Son, when you're in that show ring, you have no friends."

I was judging the Angora goats in Kerrville one year. I see this kid come in the ring in tears. I tried to ask him what was wrong. He wouldn't tell me. I found his granddad after the show and asked him what was wrong. The kid's granddad said, "Oh, that old nanny ate his \$20 bill, and he was mad."

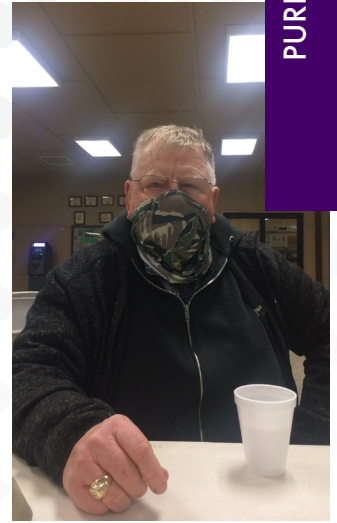
I was judging the market goats in Louisville. The classes were fairly small. I had a class of 15 to 20, and they were standing on the profile. I see a little boy about 10 years old who is in the front of the class. I start over to handle his goat, and he is dancing around. When I get to him, he reaches down and grabs himself. I asked him if he had a problem. He said, "Sir, I need to pee really bad." He was almost in tears. I said, "Well, you better give me that goat and go to the bathroom." I took the goat, and he hooks it out of the ring. I thought that my ring man would come over and take the goat. Nobody comes. I stand there with the goat for two or three minutes. He comes back grinning from ear to ear. I asked him if he felt better. He said, "Yes, sir!" Can you imagine what mom and dad were thinking? But you know, those are the things you live for.

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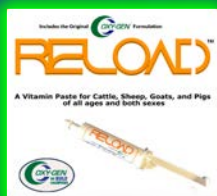
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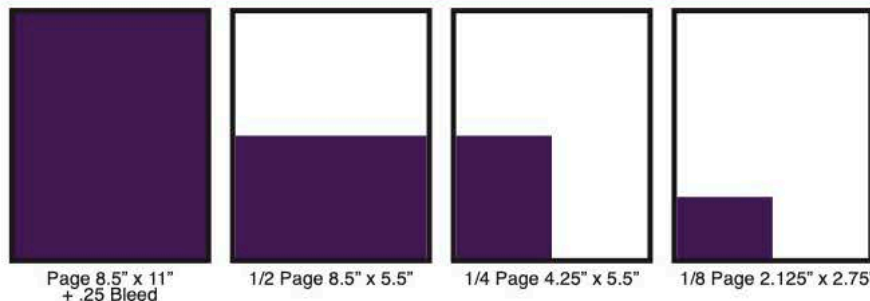
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[ONE.] WHAT IS THE MOST REWARDING THING YOU'VE GAINED FROM SHOWING LIVESTOCK?

THE PEOPLE YOU SURROUND YOURSELF WITH

To me the most rewarding thing about showing livestock and being involved in the industry is the people you are given the opportunity to surround yourself with. I have been given the opportunity to be mentored by some of the biggest industry leaders in my show career such as Glen Martin and his family, the Pfeiffer family and so many more but they are life long friendships and mentors I will always have.

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

IT IS A 24 HOUR JOB

The most challenging thing about showing livestock for me was learning persistence. You can't only work on some days and expect to win. It is a 24 hour job.

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

WATCH YOUR COMPETITION

Watch your competition, If they are beating you, there is a reason for it. Don't get mad or discouraged, but instead take a step back and look at your loss as a way to become better and learn a lesson.

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

HARD WORK

Hard work is something I value more than anything. If you don't work hard when no one else is watching and you think you can get by and your lack of work ethic at home won't show in the ring, you are 100% wrong.

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

SHOWMANSHIP IS WON AT HOME

Showmanship is won at home and you should look at it as a way to showcase all the hours put in at home. If you don't have your animals acting correct at home they will not perform like you want them to in the ring.

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

A GOOD WINNER, BUT AN EVEN BETTER LOSER

I would like to be remembered for two things, the first one being the girl that worked to prove herself and everyone knew she did her own work and nothing was handed to her. The second one being the girl that could be a good winner but an even better loser and was able to be happy standing towards the lower end of the class and celebrate for the person that won.

[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?

GARTH BROOKS

I would say if I could take any celebrity to lunch I would choose Garth Brooks not only because he is one of my favorites but also because he is very well-rounded in knowledgeable of agriculture and the FFA.

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

THE GIRL THAT LIVES IN THE BARN

If my friends could describe me they would probably say I am the girl that lives in the barn. Most of my friends have made the comment multiple times that every time they call me I am in the barn and I have to say "I'll call you later I'm working hair right now I can't hear you over the blower."

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

WORKING IN LIVESTOCK NUTRITION

In five years I see myself hopefully either looking or starting a job at a livestock feed company and beginning my work field in livestock nutrition.

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

"I DIDN'T COME THIS FAR TO ONLY COME THIS FAR"

To me it means to never give up there is always room for improvements.

[ELEVEN.] WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL?

MY SISTER

When asked who my role model is there is one person that comes to mind pretty fast and it would have to be my sister. She has always been someone I have looked up to in the show ring and in life and she is so strong and motivated. Without me being able to watch her many motivated hours in the barn growing up, I truly believe I wouldn't have the motivation to be better like I do today.

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

BUILD A SUCCESSFUL LIFE AROUND THE INDUSTRY I LOVE

Ten years from now I hope to have a steady job doing what I love and working on moving up in my business and increasing sales. I also hope to start a family and hopefully have bought a house and built a successful life around the industry I love.

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

THE YOUNGER GENERATION

What motivates me to be better is the younger generation. I once saw a post on Facebook that said "always be a good role model because somewhere there is a little kid who wants to be just like you when you grow up" and that has stuck with me since that day. I want to set a good example of hard work, dedication and motivation everyday to keep the future generation a group of hardworking people.

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

SET YOUR GOALS HIGH

When it comes to setting goals some people say I might go a little crazy but when you set your goals high it gives you a mindset to work harder. At the end of my sophomore year I set a goal to win every doe show in the nation I could attend. Now that sounds a little bit crazy, and believe I said that to myself at first, but the harder I worked the more boxes I got to check on that goal. Although I can't say I accomplished it, I can say I won every show besides two because I never gave up, even when everyone was against me or said I was crazy for thinking it was possible.

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

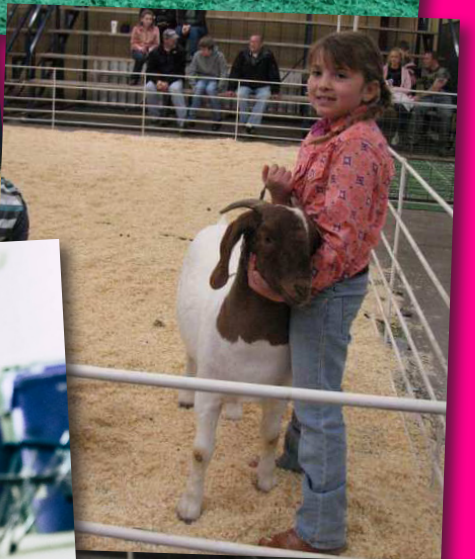
KNOWING YOU DID YOUR BEST

Success to me isn't getting the last handshake at the end of the show; it is being proud of yourself and knowing you did your best! If you do your work at home and perform well at the show that's all you can do, and honestly that's something to be proud of.



Hi my name is Kaitlyn Bean. I am the daughter of David and Tracy Bean and the little sister to Sydney Bean. I was raised in a not-so-small town called Newcastle in Oklahoma. Our family has raised boer goats since I was about 4 years old along with cattle and just recently dorper sheep. My parents run a diesel repair business and raised me and my older sister Sydney. I have been involved with 4H and FFA since I was 5 but actually started showing goats at 4 in our local show. As I grew up and continued to show goats, I soon added pigs then sheep later on. Through the FFA I have not only been able to show livestock I have been on the Newcastle FFA livestock judging team, competed in speech contest, opening and closing ceremonies, CDE contest, and was an officer for 3 years. Agriculture and the FFA have made me the person I am today. My leadership skills have helped me in so many aspects of my life. I am much more confident in my ability to communicate with my peers and have learned life is not always about winning but about learning life lessons. I was honored to lead my chapter during another trying year of uncertainties as the Newcastle FFA President during my senior year. I am excited to continue my education and livestock judging career at Redlands Community College in El Reno, OK and then on to either Texas Tech or Oklahoma State to become a livestock nutritionist.











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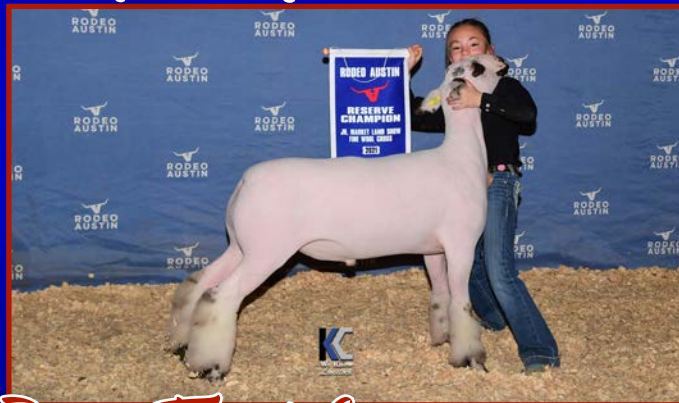
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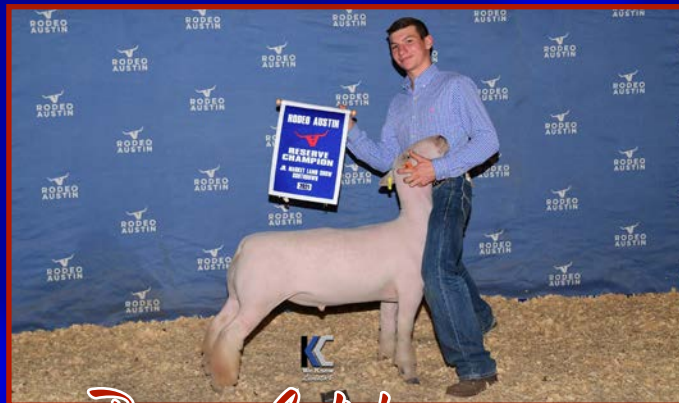
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LET'S GIVE'EM SOMETHING TO *talk about*

INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED BY MANDY COWLEY

Although cornhole is an old game with its origins traced back to the late 1800s, the game has gained significant popularity over the past decade. There are now professional cornhole players who have tournaments aired on ESPN. It's a great game for all people, regardless of age and physical condition. The game is simple enough. Put a one pound cloth bag in a six inch hole in a wooden board. But, if you have not ever played cornhole, you may not realize the complexity of the game and the need for not only solid technique but also strategy.

Purple Circle was on hand for The Collaboration in Brownwood, Texas, in mid-June. Following a successful, well-attended sale, Maycon Stork hosted a \$1,000 cornhole tournament. We asked players what the secret to success is when playing cornhole. Several of the competitors talked about the need to block the hole and keep bags on the board. Still, others kept their advice simple and straight forward. Congratulations to the winners, Cade Halfmann and Costin Allison, on your big win.



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I just try to get them on the board and don't give up. Sometimes, you have good days and bad days. A lot of mine are bad, but, hey, once in awhile you have a good one. Focus on that and try to make another one happen.

DAYTON ALLEN // BURLESON, TEXAS

Pray and Luck. That's it.
DANIEL JOHNSON // MULESHOE, TEXAS



Basically, don't be intimidated. Be great. Be good. Go out there and play your heart out.

ROBERTO ROMERO // CALHOUN, GEORGIA

Strategy, for sure. Block the hole and throw a lot of air mail.

TRENT KEMPKER // POMONA, KANSAS

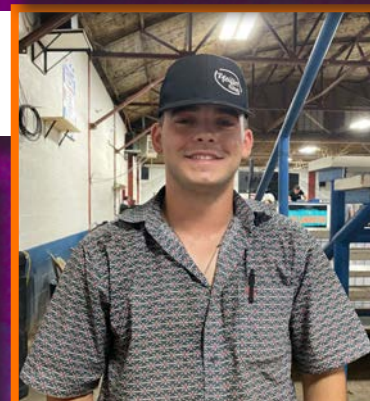


Keep your mind in the middle, keep your feet steady, go straight back and go straight forward.

CLAY COPELAND // SHERMAN, TEXAS



Aim for the hole.
CONNOR PICKELTON // SHERMAN, TEXAS



You have to know how the other players are playing. So, if you are playing against people more advanced, I would watch their technique and then try to copy them later in practice. Eventually you will get the hang of it, like the spin of the corn bag. Then you will get it in your hands.

TYLER SIMPSON // FLORENCE, TEXAS



It depends on who you are playing. Tonight, it is all about blocker bags because everyone is going to go for the hole. So, you might as well already be in front of it.

ALLIE BLACK // BURLESON, TEXAS



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"She is proof that God makes everybody 100% unique." This is how Kendra Gustin describes her fourteen-year-old daughter, Hannah. Kendra knows how unique her daughter is. Hannah was born with a genetic disorder that is unlike anything doctors have ever seen. To their knowledge, Hannah is the only person in the world with her disorder and it's named Hannah's Syndrome. Hannah lives in Gatesville, Texas, with her mother and her sister, Campbell, and near her dad, Michael Sean. She will be a 9th grader at Jonesboro High School in the fall where her mother is the principal.



When Hannah was born, it was clear that something was different about her. Doctors first thought Hannah had Down's syndrome, but those test results came back negative. Once Down's was ruled out, the doctors weren't sure what to think about Hannah's condition or what her prognosis would be. Several of the doctors told Kendra that Hannah might be deaf and possibly never walk or speak. Those things were difficult for a young mother to hear.

"To be faced with that before we ever came home from the hospital hurt, but Hannah has proven the doctors wrong over and over. She is a blessing. If you want to know the power of prayer, she is your proof because she had a ton of people praying over her," says Kendra. "We had to learn early on not to be Google doctors and to filter things. Doctors also tend to go to the deepest, darkest part of their medical books, and that is not reality for a lot of kids."

Although Hannah did not develop like most children, she has met all her developmental milestones including walking without braces by the time she was three years old. Additionally, Hannah was born with a hole in her heart which has closed on its own as she has aged.

Hannah does face challenges as a result of her disorder. Hannah is small for her age, about the size of most second graders. Her face has a unique shape, and she receives regular care from

her cranial-facial team at Scott and White Hospital in Temple. They monitor her development bi-annually to make sure that her eyes are positioned correctly to ensure that her vision is not compromised. Hannah's biggest obstacle is her weak joints which leads to weakness in her arms and legs.

With her small stature and weak joints, participating in athletics is quite difficult for Hannah. She comes from a family of sports lovers, including her mother who played sports in high school and coaches teams at her school. Knowing that competing in sports is difficult for Hannah, when she was eight years old, Hannah's grandmother, Brenda Byrom, suggested that Hannah might start showing livestock. Brenda had worked on the Coryell County Fair Board for many years and believed that showing would be a great activity for Hannah.

Hannah's first goat came from Mike and Connie Harbour, who run their operation near Gatesville. She was a bottle baby that Hannah named Elsa. Elsa is still Hannah's favorite goat she has ever shown. Hannah and her family learned a lot showing the first year. One of the most important lessons they learned was that Hannah's show animals needed to be small and gentle. Since her first experience showing goats, the Gustins have purchased many goats from the Harbours, and Hannah considers Mike to be one of her show dads.

Through the years, Hannah has also shown lambs, pigs, and rabbits, but goats are her first love, although they are the most difficult for her



to show. Hannah must spend many hours working with her goats to make sure she and the goat can work together when bracing. Kendra wishes that Hannah would stop showing goats and focus on sheep, but Hannah refuses.

"Goats are a lot of fun. They have a personality, and sheep don't," says Hannah.

Hannah has formed many friendships throughout her show career, but one relationship stands out. Hannah has a strong bond with her ag teacher, BethAnne Gann. Hannah met Mrs. Gann when she was going into the fifth grade. Mrs. Gann has been instrumental in teaching Hannah how to show and take care of her animals. Hannah appreciates her special relationship with Mrs. Gann.

"She helps me and is like a mom to me," says Hannah.

Kendra agrees. "Beth is really special to us because she has a way with Hannah. With the difficulties that Hannah has, they spend a lot of time together figuring out how that animal is going to be shown and how Hannah can adjust. There are a lot of late nights practicing showing, perfecting how Hannah can hold an animal and not hurt herself. We rely heavily on BethAnne," says Kendra.

When Mrs. Gann first started helping Hannah, Hannah was so small and weak that she could not brace her goats. She could only stand with them. As Hannah has grown and become stronger, she can now brace her animals. Hannah's competitive drive has also grown as she has been able to be more successful in the show ring. Mrs. Gann has helped Hannah with selecting her projects and how to properly feed them so she can work to achieve her goals.

For her part, Mrs. Gann has great respect for Hannah. "It is amazing to me that a young lady at her age knows what she wants, and she is



not afraid to jump out there and get it," says Mrs. Gann.

Through the years, Hannah has shown at several Texas Major Shows, but like many exhibitors, her county show holds a special place in her heart. Hannah's most memorable stock show experience came in 2019 when she had a trifecta of first places at her county show, placing at the top of her class with her goat, pig, and rabbit. This accomplishment was made even more special because Hannah's pig barely made weight for the county show. When Hannah's pig was young, he became seriously ill. Hannah's aunt, Krista Byrom, who is a veterinarian, was able to guide Hannah on how to take care of the pig. Hannah made sure he was fed three times a day and had a clean pen and fresh water. With proper care, the pig made weight, and Hannah did a fabulous job driving him.

Hannah plays an active role in taking care of her projects. Although the weakness in her arms and legs makes it difficult to do some of the more physically demanding parts, Hannah works with her younger sister, Campbell, to make sure that her animals are cared for properly. Mrs. Gann has taught her many aspects of feeding and exercising her projects. Hannah even treadmills her own sheep and goats, even though she confesses it is her least favorite part of showing. In the past year, one of Hannah's major accomplishments is she has learned to clip her own goats.



When Hannah is not showing, she has many other passions. One of those is her love for younger kids. Rather than attend PE, Hannah spends her class period helping in her school's pre-K classroom. Kids gravitate toward her. Hannah hopes that one day she can be a pre-K teacher. She is also active in her FFA chapter. She was recently elected to be an officer in her chapter and attended officer training.

Yet, Hannah's deepest passion is for her Savior, Jesus Christ. She has a strong connection with her Lord. Hannah never enters the show ring without praying.

"Her really strong connection with Jesus is what keeps her so positive because there are a lot of situations with kids like Hannah where she could sit in a corner and melt. But she doesn't," says Mrs. Gann.

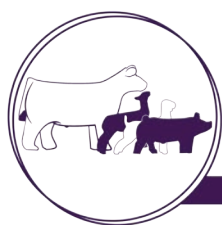
Christian musician and author, Roger Hicks, once said, "Realizing that God has created each of us as unique individuals, we can confidently live as the people God created us to be." Hannah Gustin may have a genetic disorder that makes her unlike anyone else in the world, but that is not what defines who she is as a person. She knows that God has created her to uniquely fulfill His purpose for her life. Stock showing is a part of that. By allowing her to build relationships and develop important skills, she can ultimately fulfill His calling for her life.

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"Then Pilate said to him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.' Pilate said to him, 'What is truth?'"

Hebrews 10:24-25 NKJV

Are you aware that as Christians we are commanded to attend church regularly? It is not simply some ritual that is performed at a certain time on Sunday morning. It is an important component of the Christian life. Yet, a 2020 Gallup survey found that less than half of Americans claim membership in a local church or synagogue, and only 25% attend church regularly. In a society which increasingly values busyness over worship, our spiritual lives are suffering. We need the local church as such as the local church needs our time and talents (1 Cor 12:12-31). When we neglect to attend church regularly, we are deprived of the following benefits:

It keeps isolation and loneliness at bay.

Being a Christian can feel lonely at times. We are bombarded daily with messages from the culture and media that our beliefs are archaic and offensive. Some people live lives as the only professing Christian in their school, workplace, or family. To stave off feelings of isolation, it is important to gather regularly with other believers in a local church.

Believers together are stronger than believers apart. (Ecc. 4:12)

It demonstrates our desire to make God sovereign over our time.

Time is the most precious resource we manage. Most days, time feels like it flows through our fingers like sand. Yet, like all things that God has created, He expects us to be faithful with the time He has given. From the beginning of creation, God has set apart a time for His people to worship him. It was not that He needs our worship (Luke 19:40); rather, it is because He designed us to be encouraged and edified when we worship Him (1 Pet 2:9). But, when we do not give Him our worship at the appointed time, we naturally feel empty. It is important to acknowledge God's sovereignty over every area of our lives, including what we do with our time.

It shows the next generation that obedience to God is a priority.

For over 60 years, more Americans continue to walk away from the Christian faith. Forty-three percent of Millennials now say they have no kind of belief in God. As church attendance has declined, so have the number of Christians. That would stand to reason. Children who do not attend church do not learn to make that part of their lives a priority. They miss out on lessons about the basic tenants of the Christian faith. Even with regular church attendance, a child may not grow up to become a professing Christian. Everyone has been given free will. However, regular church attendance combined with solid, Biblical teaching at home can provide our children with the moral foundation they need to face an increasingly hostile world.

It provides a place for sanctified community.

Many places exist where people can find community (stock showing, sports, bars, etc.), but there is no place where people can find community like at church. Building relationships on our shared salvation in Jesus Christ should transcend all ethnic and cultural barriers (Gal. 3:28). Have you ever met a fellow believer for the first time? You have an immediate connection with that person because you both have received the life changing forgiveness of Jesus. It is a sweet thing. Church provides a place where believers can have a different type of relationship with people, and there is a Biblical expectation that those relationships will be conducted in a way that brings peace and unity. Admittedly, that doesn't always happen. Believers still fall into sin, and division causes hurt. Still, the local church is the best place to find fellowship with like-minded people.

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The Cowboy Way

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE // WEEK OF JULY 12, 2021

A good cowboy will go beyond the call of duty and even put himself in harm's way to help a suffering beast.

Doug and Patty run a ranch in that big wide country in eastern New Mexico. They'd received several loads of cow/calf pairs. The weather was against 'em and the calves went to scourin'.

The cows were turned out in a big pasture. Treating the calves wasn't easy. The morning of the incident, their neighbor, Caleb, came to help. He was ridin' a big mule. They trailed through the cows and spotted a good sized calf lookin' humped up. They watched for a minute and confirmed he was, in fact, afflicted.
Doug eased up and dropped a lazy loop around his neck.

It is a strange but almost predictable occurrence that a calf, who appears to be on the edge of his last breath can suddenly become a dynamo of jackrabbit speed and mad dog energy when suddenly caught with a rope.

Doug pulled the horn knot tight on his saddle as the calf slashed back and forth like a 200-pound marlin on the end of his line. Caleb was haulin' back on his mule to git outta the way. Not in time. The calf went around the outside of the mule and dang near toppled him before they jumped clear. The mule took off in high gear! Caleb was mashin' on the brakes. You could smell 'em burnin' as he disappeared over a swell.

Doug kept his pony facin' the calf till it tangled the rope in some brush.

"Quick, Patty," Doug instructed. "Flank him and give him a Sudafed and some L.A. 200!"

Patty, who's a good cowboy herself, dismounted, went down the rope and flanked the calf just as the calf's mamma arrived, registering her disapproval. She was blowin' snot as Patty maneuvered around tryin' to keep the calf between herself and mama.

Doug saw Caleb out of his peripheral vision, racing back to the scene. "Great," he thought. "Help's on the way."

The mule was still out of control, on autopilot, so to speak. He never slowed but jumped the stretched rope like a steeple chaser. Caleb never shifted in his seat and disappeared out the other direction.

Patty had managed to give the shot and peel off the rope but the cow gave her a good roll anyway before chasing off after her darlin' baby.

I was lookin' at Patty while Doug was tellin' me this story. She nodded with that resigned look I often see in ranch women's eyes.

I said, "By gosh, Doug. Yer a heck'uva cowboy. You did all that and never got off yer horse."

"Yup," he said, "I was trainin' him."

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Cookin' with Friends

Orange Cranberry Bread

BREAD

3 cups fresh blueberries
2 Cups All-Purpose Flour
1 Teaspoon Baking Powder
1/2 Teaspoon Salt
1 Cup Granulated Sugar
1 Tablespoon Orange Zest

1/2 Cup Canola Oil
1 1/2 Cups Fresh Cranberries
1 Teaspoon Vanilla
2 Large Eggs
1/2 Cup Orange Juice
1/2 Cup Buttermilk

GLAZE

1 Cup Powdered Sugar
2-3 Tablespoons Orange Juice

BREAD

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees, and grease a 9 x 5 - inch loaf pan. In a bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, and salt until well combined. Set aside. In a separate bowl, mix the sugar and orange zest until the sugar becomes light orange in color. Set aside. Add to the bowl of a stand mixer, the buttermilk, oil, orange juice, eggs, and vanilla. Mix on low speed until the ingredients are combined. Add the flour mixture and the orange zest/sugar mixture. Continue to mix on low speed until all the ingredients are smooth like muffin batter. Next, add the cranberries and use a wooden spoon or spatula to stir until well incorporated. Transfer the batter to the greased loaf pan. Place in the oven and baked for 70-75 minutes. If the bread begins to become too brown, place a piece of aluminum foil loosely over the top to prevent burning. The bread is done when a toothpick inserted in the center comes out with a very light crumb. Remove the bread from the oven and allow to cool for 5-7 minutes before transferring from the pan to a cooling rack.

GLAZE

While the bread cools, make the glaze.

In a medium bowl, combine the powdered sugar and orange juice.

Whisk or use a hand mixer on low until the glaze is smooth and creamy. Adjust the amount of orange juice to reach desired consistency.

After the bread cools completely, drizzle the glaze over the top, slice, and serve.





Baked Parmesan Zucchini

2 medium zucchini, sliced into 1/4 to 1/2-inch rounds
1 tablespoon olive oil
Salt and pepper
1 cup parmesan cheese

Directions

Preheat oven to 450°F and line a broil-safe baking sheet with foil (optional for easier clean up). Place zucchini slices on baking sheet and drizzle with olive oil. Toss until well-coated. Spread slices out into a single layer. Sprinkle generously with salt and pepper. Top each slice with parmesan. Bake on center rack for about 10 minutes, until zucchini is just fork tender. Set broiler on high and broil for 2 to 3 minutes, until cheese is bubbly and browned. Serve and enjoy!

Honey Roasted Sweet Potatoes

2 pounds sweet potatoes
1 Tbs olive oil
2 Tbs butter
1 lemon, zest & juice
1/4 Cups honey

Directions

Preheat oven to 425 degrees Fahrenheit. Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil. Set aside. Peel and cut sweet potatoes into bite-sized pieces. Add to a large mixing bowl and season with salt and pepper. Melt butter and olive oil over medium heat in a small saucepan. Add the lemon juice, lemon zest, and honey. Simmer on low heat for one minute. Pour the honey-lemon butter over the sweet potatoes. Toss well. Spread sweet potatoes across the baking sheet in a single layer. Roast sweet potatoes for 22-25 minutes in the oven. Remove and serve immediately.



Garlic Ranch Pork Chops & Potatoes

4-5 boneless pork chops
2 1/2 lbs red potatoes (chopped into bite-sized pieces)
1 packet (1 oz) ranch seasoning mix
3 tablespoons olive oil

3 garlic cloves, minced
1 teaspoon dried parsley
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1/4 teaspoon ground oregano

Directions

1. Heat oven to 400 degrees. Generously spray a cookie sheet with cooking spray. Set aside.
2. In a bowl, mix the ranch seasoning mix, olive oil, garlic, parsley, pepper, & oregano.
3. Put your chopped potatoes in a large mixing bowl and drizzle 1 1/2 tablespoons of the seasoning mix over the potatoes. Mix together so that all potatoes are coated. Place potatoes on prepared baking sheet and let cook for 20 minutes.
4. While potatoes are cooking place the pork in a bowl and pour the remaining seasoning mix over the pork. Make sure all the pork is coated. Let sit and marinate while the potatoes cook.
5. After the potatoes are done cooking, take out the sheet pan and stir the potatoes and then move the potatoes to both sides of the sheet pan. Place the pork down the middle of the sheet pan and put back in the oven.
6. Let cook for 10-15 minutes or until pork is at the correct temperature of 160 degrees. Serve immediately.



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