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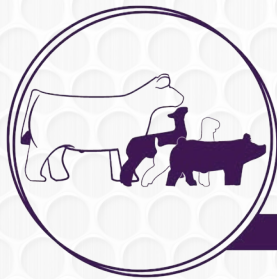
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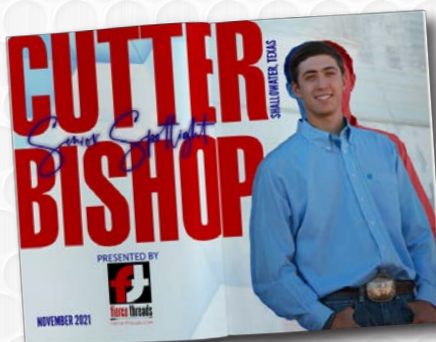
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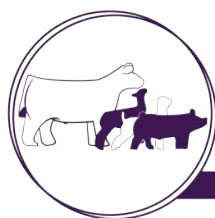


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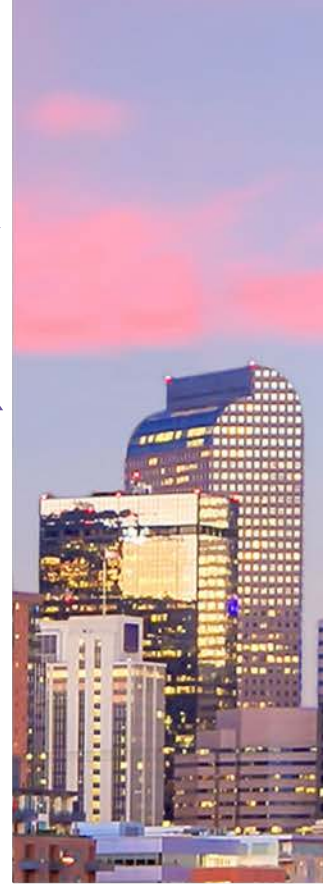
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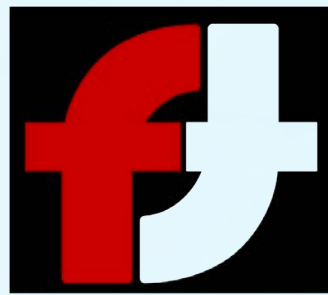
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# HELLO! I AM CUTTER BISHOP



and am a senior from Shallowater, Texas. My parents are Chris Bishop and Tanya Foerster and I have a younger sister, Khaki.

I have been involved in 4-H and FFA for the last 10 years showing pigs and participating in numerous projects and contests. If I'm not in the barn working with my pigs, I'm probably at an LDE or CDE practice. I have competed in creed speaking, radio, skills, dairy judging, wool judging, livestock judging and ag mechanics.

My passion for showing came naturally as both my parents grew up in the agricultural industry showing all different species. So, it was only fitting that I followed in their footsteps. They have helped me accomplish goals throughout my time in and out of the show ring and have instilled in me a strong work ethic. I have dedicated a lot of time, blood, sweat and tears into showing and to say it has paid off would be an understatement. I have been fortunate enough to not only show good livestock, but also have been surrounded by great people who have left lasting impacts not only on my show career but my life as well.

About six years ago, Josh and Carrie

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## WHAT IS THE MOST REWARDING THING FROM SHOWING LIVESTOCK?

Banners, buckles and backdrop photos are not the only rewarding things about showing livestock. I believe the friendships and memories made while participating in something you share a passion for is the ultimate reward. I enjoy having friends and a network system all across the state and rooting for each other at every jackpot and show gives me a sense of pride.



## WHAT IS THE MOST CHALLENGING THING ABOUT SHOWING LIVESTOCK?

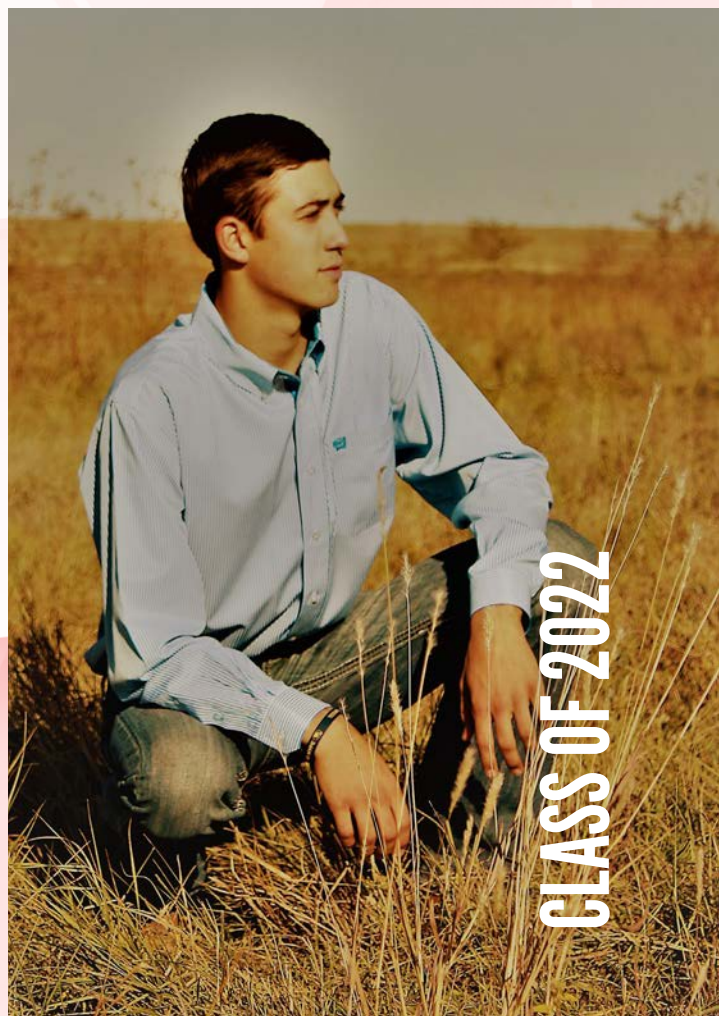
One of the biggest challenges of showing livestock is being able to balance my time and dedication while also attending school, participating in other 4-H and FFA activities and working part-time.

## IF YOU COULD TELL ONE NEW SHOWMAN SOME WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

I would tell them to work hard, never give up and always try to be a positive example for younger kids.

## WHAT VALUES ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Values that are important to me include hard work, dependability, honesty and faith. I believe in a man's handshake and if you say you will do something, do it to the very best of your ability.



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## GIVE US YOUR MOST IMPORTANT SHOWMANSHIP TIP.

My most important tip is to always give the judge a good first look. First impressions are everything. Also, you need to understand your livestock and display their best attributes as best you can in the ring. These key points could mean the difference between 1st and 3rd.

## WHEN YOU GRADUATE WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE REMEMBERED FOR IN THE STOCK SHOW WORLD?

I would like to be remembered as someone who always worked hard to help others and dedicated my time and effort to small details which make big impacts.



## 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?

I would love to have lunch with Kevin Costner and visit with him about his career. I would love to pick his brain about his views and opinions on agriculture and gauge his knowledge of 4-H and FFA.



**"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."**

*Joshua 1:9*



## IF YOUR FRIENDS COULD DESCRIBE YOU, HOW WOULD THEY?

I think my friends would describe me as a loyal, fun-loving guy who is always there when they need a hand.



## WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS?

Following graduation, I plan to attend South Plains College and judge livestock. I hope within five years to earn a degree in agriculture and use my background and education to help promote this great industry.

## WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL?

My dad because he works hard and we share a passion of raising and showing pigs, and I appreciate how much time he gives to helping others in the show barn.





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

With a background in agriculture, I am positioning myself to be active in this industry. I have been fortunate to create a broad network of agricultural professionals who have helped guide and shape me. I want to advocate for agriculture and educate others about its importance in our everyday life and give back to younger students as so many others have given back to me.

I would like to eventually have a family who enjoys stock showing as much as I do. I want to be able to teach my kids the values and life lessons in which I have been afforded through my 4-H and FFA career.



## WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO BE A GOOD LEADER, AND TO PUT FORTH YOUR BEST EFFORT?

My parents work hard as professionals while also sharing time with my sister and me in the barn. They have made many sacrifices to provide me with this incredible opportunity and have always taught me to give 110 percent in everything I do. Anything but my best effort is not acceptable, and I strive for that daily, even though I am far from perfect! The older I get, the more I realize that younger kids look up to me and it is important for me to be kind and set a good example.



## HOW DO YOU GO ABOUT SETTING GOALS IN ORDER TO BECOME MORE SUCCESSFUL?

Goals move and change all the time, depending on what you work toward. I just want to know at the end of the day, I have done all I can do to make the best choices and sound decisions for the best possible outcome. If I work hard, keep my word and remember to be humble and grateful every day, I know I will succeed.



## TELL US WHAT *success* MEANS TO YOU

Success looks different for everyone, but I think just being a better version of myself each day and giving back to others is success. All the rewards and accolades are just gravy on the top!



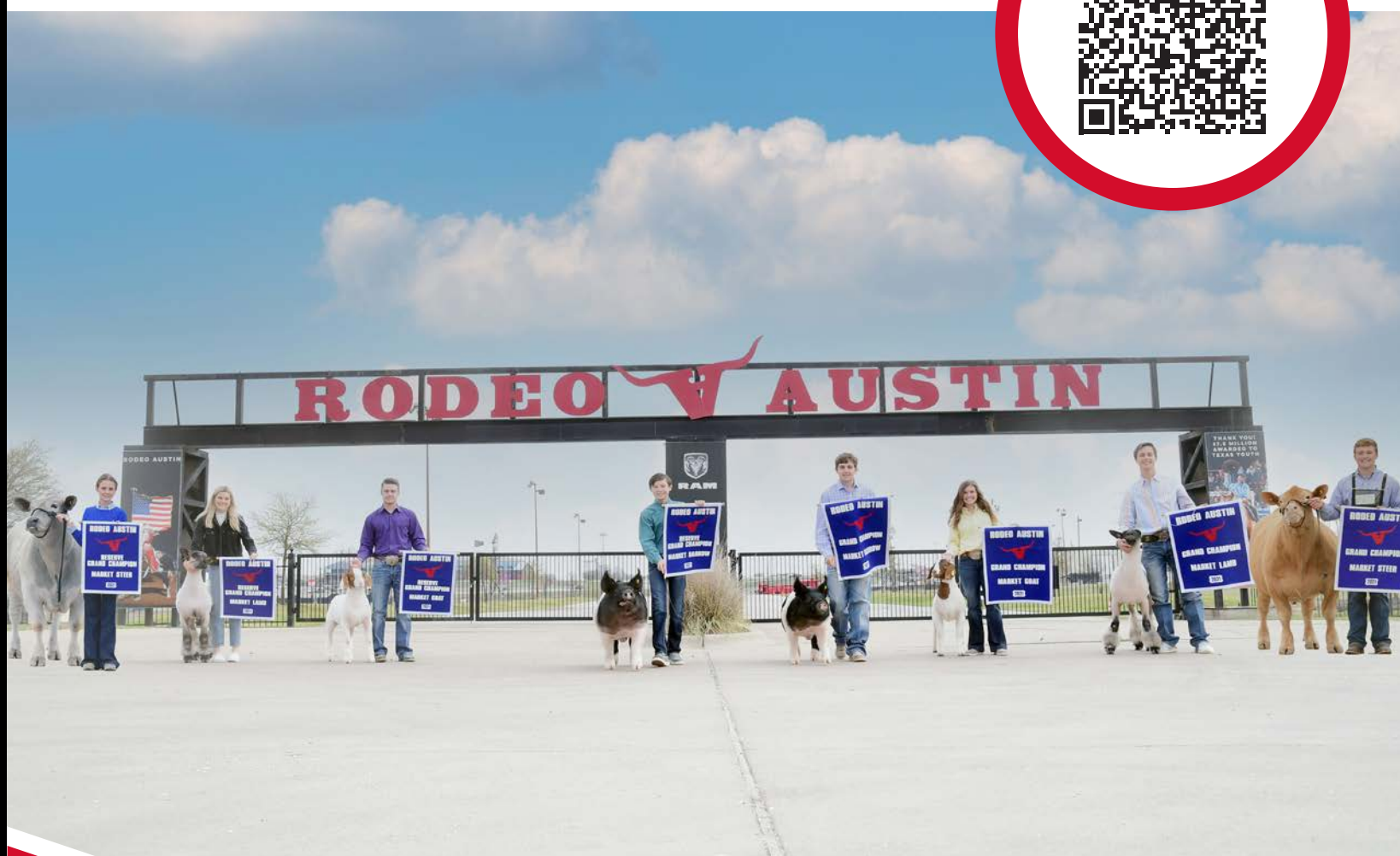
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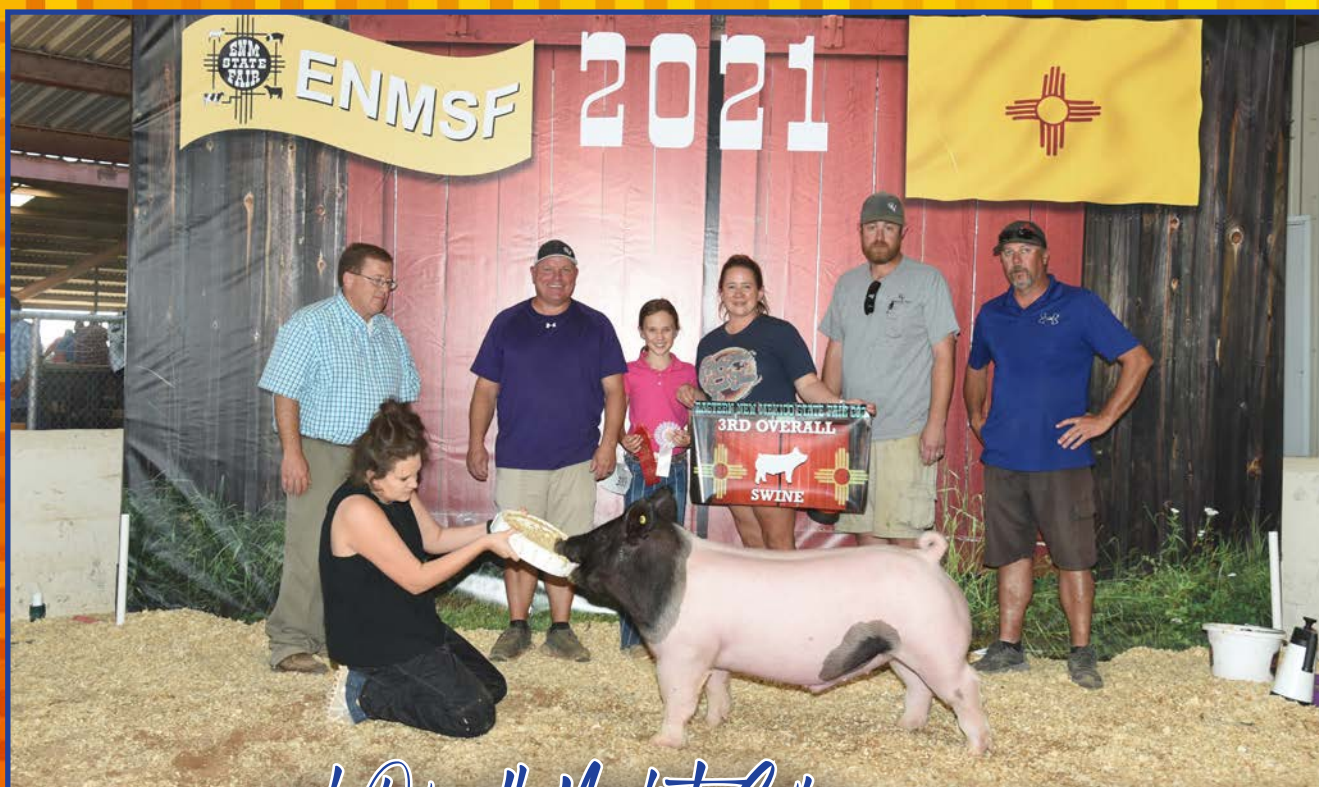
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Interview conducted by Mandy Cowley



## NORMAN KOHLS

*Livestock Producer and Innovator*

Norman Kohls' influence on the goat industry in the United States cannot be overstated. When his daughters became interested in showing goats, he recognized the need to add genuine muscle mass to the Spanish and Angora goats that were being shown at the time. With determination and foresight, he ventured overseas in the early 1990s to become one of the first persons to import Boer goat bucks to the United States. The impact of that decision reshaped how goats are produced in the United States and allowed the show goat industry to develop and thrive.

Along with goats, Mr. Kohls also raises cattle and dorper sheep in the Texas Hill Country. With a lifetime of experience as a livestock producer, he has gained wisdom on the best ways to produce livestock in his area and on how to make efficient, low-maintenance animals that are marketable and profitable. In this article, Norman shares his historical perspective on the beginnings of the Boer goat industry and on his beliefs in exceptionalism in all areas of his work. Purple Circle is grateful for the opportunity to present the story of the man who revolutionized the show goat industry.

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## COULD YOU TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOUR BACKGROUND?

I grew up in Kendall County, Texas. We raised sheep, goats, and cattle. It was a nice mix and gave me a lot of practical experience growing up. I graduated from high school in 1968. Went to Texas A&M and graduated from there in 1971. When I left A&M, I started working for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. I started in Seguin, then went to Gonzales, and then went to Garden City for 17 years.

My wife and I raised hogs while we were in Seguin and Gonzales and even when we moved to Garden City. But when we got to Garden City, I bought the kids some registered Rambouillet sheep from Clinton Hodges in Sterling City. He actually gave Kallie ten, and I bought six. I bought her Rambouillets because they were king at the time. That was a good experience. We had enough room at our place to raise a little bunch of sheep, and then I leased two more ranches. That move allowed us to expand.

## YOU HAVE THE DISTINCTION OF BEING ONE OF THE FIRST PEOPLE TO IMPORT A FULLBLOOD BOER BUCK FROM NEW ZEALAND INTO THE UNITED STATES. CAN YOU TELL US HOW THAT HAPPENED?

There was a group of producers weighing rams at the Extension Station in Sonora, and Dr. Shelton told us that the Boer goats were going to become available to the world. I had seen two pictures of them in my whole life. I came home and told my wife that the girls are becoming more interested in meat goats, and there is starting to be more shows. If we are going to do that, we need to do it right by getting a Boer goat billy so we can put some real muscle in these goats.

The Boer goats were available for sale in New Zealand. I thought that you had to take a space shuttle to get there, but my wife figured it out how to get me there. In 1993, I bought one buck for myself and bought one buck together with Don Smith. We imported them and were off and running.

When the wool and mohair incentive ended in the early 1990s, it left many producers scrambling. But the timing was perfect in terms of what I wanted to do because that was when I went and got the Boer goats. The Boer goats allowed people to start raising meat goats rather than Angoras. Producers still had to have goats. If you are going to ranch in the Hill Country, the goats must be a big part of your ranch program. So, people switched from the hair being the most important part to the meat.

## HOW DID THE BOER GOATS GET TO NEW ZEALAND?

When apartheid ended in South Africa, Landcorp, which is an agency of the New Zealand government, brought Angora goats and eight head of Boer goats from South Africa into Zimbabwe and then into New Zealand.

Landcorp also imported embryos into New Zealand and expanded their numbers of Boer goats. While in quarantine, none of the goats could be sold or slaughtered. They were behind a double high fence. Before the quarantine could end, a group of animals had to be slaughtered to make sure they did not have some type of contagious disease. Finally, their quarantine ended after five years, and because New Zealand has such good quarantine protocols, the live animals could then go anywhere.



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## AFTER YOU BROUGHT YOUR TWO ORIGINAL BUCKS TO THE UNITED STATES, HOW DID THINGS GO FROM THERE?

The first year, I bred those two billies to every breed of milk goat. I also traded for five Ibex does and bred them to those bucks. I just wanted to see what would work. About a year and half later, several of us from the Garden City area formed the West Texas Boer Goat Syndicate. We went over to New Zealand and brought back 12 fullblood does, which we flushed.

More and more, it seemed, people wanted in and wanted to be a part of the game. Of course, the first ones brought an extraordinary amount of money. So, everyone wanted to jump on the bandwagon believing that they were all going to bring that kind of money. It toned down as more came over. Mostly, bucks were imported because Landcorp didn't sell many females. There was another quarantine in New Zealand that was done by another outfit that was not subsidized by the government, so they were selling most of their goats. Another group in Australia had also brought over Boer goats, quarantined them, and then started selling them. More people were bringing them over and allowed the population to grow.

We started the American Boer Goat Association so we could keep track of the genetics. That started in either 1995 or 1996. I served as the first president and helped to get the organization going. Since goats were being brought in from both quarantines in New Zealand and from Australia, we needed to know what was coming in. Ultimately, we did a pure live import from South Africa in 1997.



## HOW DID THE GOATS BECOME PART OF THE JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOWS IN TEXAS?

That was real a tussle. We were able to get the breeding shows in first, but we had to do it one show at a time. The shows would tell us they were concerned about having enough numbers. We started out in San Antonio and Houston and built those shows a little bit at a time. Then, Fort Worth came along. However, the ultimate goal was to show wethers. That happened first with jackpots. We started with a jackpot in our area. I told people if we would offer \$1,000 for the champion, we would draw a crowd. So, we did. Then the next year, there was a jackpot in every county around us, and they offered \$1,000. That made it start growing. Then more county events started. Mostly it was still a West Texas thing. Then, we wanted to put them in San Antonio. The show officials told us if we could get enough numbers, they would give \$1,000 to the champion and \$500 to the reserve. We had a boat load of goats there that year. The show increased the prize money over the next two years with the goats showing in a jackpot type show. Finally, they let the goats in the premium sale. It was a slow process, but it worked. We had to prove that we could bring our numbers to the barn, and it wasn't a fly-by-night deal that would just blow away.

## DID YOU EVER IMAGINE THAT THE SHOW WETHER INDUSTRY WOULD GROW LIKE IT HAS?

Well, no, not really. I knew it was always real and I always said it was an important part of our agricultural industry in Texas. But to imagine, suddenly, we would have 1,000 goats at major shows like San Antonio and Houston, that surprised me. After you saw the support for it a time or two, you knew it was off and running.

## WHAT WAS THE IMPACT TO COMMERCIAL PRODUCERS WHEN BOER GOATS WERE INTRODUCED?

There is no doubt the impact was huge. The trick was to figure out how to incorporate them into the Spanish goats and Angoras. What was amazing was that once those crossbred kids started coming to the auction barn, instead of selling goats for \$10-\$25 per head, we started selling them by the pound. When that happened, people could receive significant revenue from them. We have seen goats this year bring over \$4.00 per pound. Now, people are taking goats to the Northeast and selling them to ethnic groups who live on goat meat. Most goats out here in the real world are a cross between Boer and Spanish goats. The two complement each other well.





## YOU MENTIONED A COUPLE OF TIMES HOW RAISING GOATS IN THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT FOR PRODUCERS IN THAT AREA. FOR PEOPLE WHO DON'T LIVE THERE, CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHY?

If you are going to be in the Hill Country, you have to raise goats, sheep, and cattle. There is no one species that is better than another. They all complement this land. You must have the cattle to munch off the coarse grass so there is enough tender grass for the sheep. The goats eat the brush that the cows and sheep don't want to eat, and they keep the cedar down. Cedar will encroach and ruin the land. If the goats are in there, and you have done a good job of brush control, then they will keep the brush down and will not let the cedar retake your property. Where live oaks are prevalent, the goats keep the trees pruned in a way that you could never afford the labor to have someone do.

## ALONG WITH GOATS, YOU ALSO RAISE DORPERS. HOW DID THAT START?

The dorpers came right behind the goats. At first, they were primarily available in Australia. I had seen many of them on my trips to Africa and knew what a good one was supposed to look like. I just couldn't find anything in the U.S. that made me happy. There were quite a few people breeding dorpers in the United States before I started.

Dorpers were developed in Africa by real ranchers who wanted to figure out something better than woolled sheep, which over there was primarily Merinos. So, they made many different crosses and decided that the Dorsets crossed on the Persian Fat Tails were the best. That is where the name comes from, "dor" for the Dorsets and "per" for the Persians. Then they crossed the Dorsets on the White Fat Tails and came up with the White Dorpers. They came up with those two crosses, and boy, did they come up with a homerun because those are wonderful.



## HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR MANAGEMENT PRACTICES WHEN IT COMES TO KIDDING YOUR NANNIES AND LAMBING YOUR EWES?

We kid our nannies in a trap to make sure they can't get away from the babies, but I don't give them any attention. No one is allowed in the trap until they are done kidding. It doesn't matter if a doe dies or two kids die, no one is allowed to help them. Then, when we look at what we have, if there is a dry doe, she goes to the auction barn. If there is a kid that is ill-designed, then he goes to the auction barn. After that, we study what we have and go from there. What we had to find were the goats that could live and raise kids on their own. That is what we are doing now, and I can see it is working. I have told guys over and over again that there is nothing worse than sitting with their goats night and day because goats are so expensive. They need to know what their nannies will do on their own.

The same thing with my sheep. We lamb everything in the pasture. The only time I see the babies is in the morning the day they are born because that is when I tag them and dock their tails. By the second day, you can't catch them. They must lamb on their own because I am not going down there to help them. This year we had the biggest lamb crop we have ever had, and I am seeing the results of deciding a few years ago to be that hard-headed.

# NORMAN KOHLS

*Livestock Producer and Innovator*



## HOW DO YOU COUNTER SOMEONE WHO SAYS THAT THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO LET A DOE KID ON HER OWN THE WAY YOU DO BECAUSE HE HAS TOO MUCH MONEY TIED UP IN HER?

I would tell them that I wouldn't let her die either, but I also wouldn't own her the next year. If they want to be true stockmen, when there is something wrong, the female or the buck, whichever is the mistake, they have to go. You can't look at how much money you have in them now because it's how much money they are going to cost you following that line over the next 10 years. That is a dead-end road if you keep making excuses.

## WHAT OTHER OBSERVATIONS ABOUT REPRODUCTIVE PRODUCTIVITY HAVE YOU LEARNED FROM YOUR YEARS AS A PRODUCER?

I love lambs that are born in the fall. I wish all my ewes lambed in the fall because that means she is a non-seasonal breeder. If she will have them in the fall, that means I can have lambs any time. Any customer who says he breeds at an off-season time, I make sure that I send him a fall born buck lamb so I know he comes out of a ewe that is a non-seasonal breeder.

You should never flush a female unless she has had a calf, twin lambs, or twin kids. You need to do this because there is so much to study. You have to see her attitude about being a mother. You have to see what her udder looks like and what her teat structure is. And you need to see how she holds her body together while she is nursing her offspring.

## WHY DO YOU CHOOSE TO KEEP A PRESENCE IN THE SHOW RING?

I think it is so doggone important, and it is good advertisement for us. If I don't, I don't have any way of encouraging my grandkids to play this game. I want the kids to be in that competition and with the people that are the best people in this country. I want them to know that if they don't work their little tails off every day, there is someone who will and will kick their butts when they get in the ring. And they will deserve it. If you are not willing to do it 110%, you won't get the reward. Stock showing is a wonderful thing. The families who do it right do it together, they work hard, and they get rewarded. That is the way the whole country should be, but it is not that way right now.



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## DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER HOBBIES OR INTERESTS?

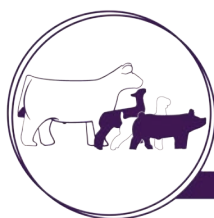
We have a pasture of big whitetail deer. That is so we can increase the genetics of the whitetails that are on this ranch. We cull them terribly hard with a deer rifle. We leave the good ones, and all the rest are eliminated. If we are going to have the deer, then they ought to be good ones. I have nine grandchildren, and most of them like to hunt. It is fun to be with them in the deer blind and see them realize that the deer are getting better as a result of the genetics we have put in them. Since the nutrition is the same every year, the fact they get better is because the genetics improved. That makes them think about everything else on the ranch, better cattle, better sheep, better goats. You can't tell them that they ought to be good and be a high achiever if they see any animals on the ranch that are mediocre. I think that sends the right message.







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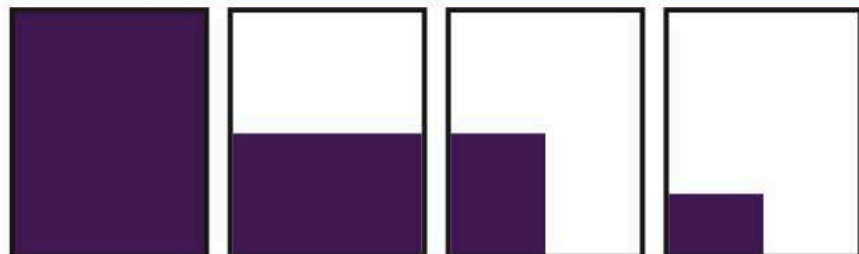
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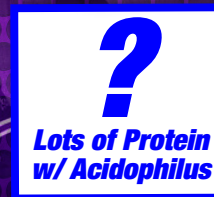
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**Please give a brief overview of your background, your family, and your childhood in the livestock industry. How'd you get here?**

I grew up on a cow-calf operation in Noble, Oklahoma. Both sides of my family was very involved in the livestock business, which really brought me to where I am today. We ran purebred cattle, raised club calves, and showpigs from the time I can remember. I grew up showing all of these and still love them to this day. My mother and grandfather were both FFA instructors, and my father is heavily involved in the cattle business. In closing my parents immersed us in the Agriculture sector from the time we were little and helped mould who we are today. I am so thankful my family were agriculture enthusiasts and we had the opportunity to grow up in this business. These experiences gave me a love for animal breeding, showing, and helping others.

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

Currently I am employed with Biozyme Inc. where I am the Oklahoma Sales Manager. Biozyme represents products that aid in Animal Health and Performance across multiple species. This career keeps us involved in the livestock business heavily everyday. We also own and operate 30 crossbred sows with Rhett Wolter.

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

I had so many influencers in my life it becomes hard to pick a few. The few though that stick out the most are my parents and grandparents. They hauled us often and sure poured their time and heart into what I was doing.

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### Please give a description of your livestock judging experience.

My livestock judging experience started out when I was little. Between my dad's former background of being a collegiate livestock judging coach and the FFA instructors in the family, we started out evaluating livestock from an early age. 4-H, FFA, Junior College, Senior College judging were all programs and times of my life I spent judging. I loved it... I was really lucky my dad and grandfather took me with them when they had the opportunity to sort big shows. I can't explain how those experiences have made me so comfortable in the ring today. I have been able to judge a lot of places and some of the most competitive shows in the country. I'm certainly thankful and blessed for these experiences.

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

First ever big show I would say was Dallas Gilts, or Houston Gilts.

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

My evaluation of market animals starts up front. Head, chest, forearm, blade, rib, muscle/width, and then evaluate to the ground. Not necessarily in that order, but that's the order I like to evaluate them coming out of the gate.



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

Balanced livestock is really what I strive to put together. Market animals still need to have muscle and represent livestock that are of good kind. Muscle, rib design, and skeletal build are high priorities to me when sorting market animals.

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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?**

There are some judges that have greater appreciation for presentation than others. Obviously this is important to be successful at most levels of competition anymore. I like them presented to a high degree. I'm open to different styles and techniques to getting one presented, as long as it looks good.

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

The most valuable portion of the junior industry is the people we are raising. These young people are our future leaders and we have to raise them the best we can.

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**What are your pet peeves in the show ring?**

Pet Peeves in ring. Parents shouting ringside!

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**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?**

Routine before the show is start drinking coffee, read today's bible verse, and visualize my ideal animal for a few minutes. If I have time to listen to music it would be something by Colter Wall right now.

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

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# KINGSLEY Senior Spotlight SOTO

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# MY NAME IS KINSLEY JENNINGS SOTO.



I am seventeen years old and live in Idalou, Texas. I am the daughter of Chris and Tiffany Soto and am the ringleader to Kallaway and Kambry. I am currently a senior at Idalou High School where I am active in many different organizations. I am a member of FFA, Student Council, FCCLA, and National Honor Society.

At the start of my Freshman year I came home on a random Tuesday night and excitedly told my Dad "I want to show a pig so we need to leave right now so we can go to the meeting" and let's just say we had no clue what we were doing. Honestly we were so clueless my parents thought "let's just get through this year she will NOT like it and then we will be done" but little did they know they were going to be in for a very fun and eventful next 4 years. However that's where Justyne and Crystal Bowles stepped in and offered to help. If you know me you know that all of my success is owed to them. You both have done more than I can even imagine for me over the past couple of years and it has not gone unnoticed for a second by me. Will, Marisa, and Jay Winter, thank y'all for everything y'all do for me and continue to do for me. Y'all have impacted my life in such a huge way. Thank you for all of the opportunities that y'all continuously throw my way.

Thank you to all of the breeders who have trusted

me enough to show some good ones!! To the many show families who we now consider our own, thank you for always being there to cheer me on and to help me succeed, I love y'all more than words can describe!



There are truly no adequate words to describe how grateful I am for every opportunity that has been given to me. I am beyond grateful for the memories, friendships, and life lessons that the livestock industry has given me. This industry has help mould me into the person I am today and I am eternally grateful for that.







## WHAT IS THE MOST REWARDING THING FROM SHOWING LIVESTOCK?

The most rewarding thing from showing livestock is the relationships you create. The livestock industry has given me my lifelong friends, who are now family. The relationships that I have created with breeders and other exhibitors are absolutely irreplaceable.



## WHAT IS THE MOST CHALLENGING THING ABOUT SHOWING LIVESTOCK?

I would say the most challenging thing would be the emotional rollercoaster that is called showing. Knowing that you did everything you could and you still were not good enough is disheartening. But I take it as a chance to grow and get better so I know what I need to work on when I go home to get other projects ready for the next show.

## IF YOU COULD TELL ONE NEW SHOWMAN SOME WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Outwork everyone. Nothing worth having comes easy and this is something that I always have to keep in mind. My best piece of advice would be to find someone who you look up to in the show ring and strive to be better than them.

## WHAT VALUES ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Perseverance, Respect, and Honesty



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## GIVE US YOUR MOST IMPORTANT SHOWMANSHIP TIP.

The most important thing to me is finding your own style to make YOU stand out against the crowd. Other than that my biggest tip would be eye contact with the judge and finding holes that get you away from the crowd in the ring.

## WHEN YOU GRADUATE WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE REMEMBERED FOR IN THE STOCK SHOW WORLD?

I want to be remembered for being respectful and appreciative for every opportunity that has been given to me.



## 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?

I would take Taylor Swift to lunch. I would tell her about all of the endless opportunities there are in this industry and how it is the backbone of our country and we need to simply just survive.

**"There's only two things we can control our ATTITUDE and our EFFORT"**

*Justyne Bowles*



## IF YOUR FRIENDS COULD DESCRIBE YOU, HOW WOULD THEY?

"I may not have known Kinsley for long time but when I first met her, she made an impression on my life. Kinsley is one the most dedicated people you will ever meet. She knows what the hard days and long hours will lead to. Kinsley is a leader among others. She will step up to the plate when things are needed. Kinsley is kind, selfless, and dedicated to succeed in life!"  
- Faith Geistweidt



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## WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS?

I see myself graduated from college with an Agricultural Communications degree from Texas Tech University. Hopefully I will be working for an agricultural company working in the marketing department.

## WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL?

When people ask me this question I am always dumbfounded as to who to pick first because there are so many great people in my life. My parents, Chris and Tiffany Soto have such a huge role in my life and are always setting a great example for my siblings and I. They are always there supporting me at all of my endeavors even if the pig barn is not necessarily where they would like to be that day. Over the past couple years I have been blessed to get to hang out with Justyne Bowles. He is the most hard working, selfless, and kind person I have ever met. He makes sure that he has done everything possible to help me achieve my goals and for that I will be forever grateful. Lastly, but most definitely NOT least Will, Jay, Marisa, and the kids. You are all so kind, and supportive of me and my dreams. Y'all have devoted your entire life to raising elite pigs and help raise some pretty dang good kids as well.





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

In ten years I hope to have a steady life built around agriculture. I hope to be working in the agricultural community in more than one. I want to be able to give back to the industry that has done so much for me over the past years.



## WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO BE A GOOD LEADER, AND TO PUT FORTH YOUR BEST EFFORT?

The biggest thing that motivates me to be a good leader from all aspects of life is knowing that there are little kids out there who watch our every move whether we think they are or not. I always try to put in my very best effort that I possibly can. We as showers owe it to our breeders, feeders, and parents to be the best that we can possibly be!!



## HOW DO YOU GO ABOUT SETTING GOALS IN ORDER TO BECOME MORE SUCCESSFUL?

At the beginning of each show season Dad, Justyne, and I all sit down and talk about what our realistic goals are. After we set those goals everyday while we are at the barn we all strive as a team to achieve them.



## TELL US WHAT *success* MEANS TO YOU

Success to me is preparing yourself and your animals to be in the best position possible to be able to achieve your dreams. Involving yourself with the right groups of people plays a huge part in my success, they all want to see me achieve my dreams and do absolutely everything possible to help me get there.

KINSLEY SOTO



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# TAKE TAKE *courage*

**I had only heard about you before, but now I have seen you with my own eyes. Job 42:5(NLT)**

The Book of Job is not a feel-good, happy story; in fact, it could be said that it is one of the most challenging books in the Bible. In the book, God describes Job as a righteous and faithful man. Job's wealth and reputation were renowned in the known world. Yet, even though God esteemed Job to Satan, He gives his consent to Satan to take everything away from Job, including his health. In a short time, Job loses it all, his wealth, his children, his health, and his dignity. Job is left questioning the character of God and how he, a righteous man, could be punished by God.

Many of the chapters in Job feature the conversation between Job and his friends. Job defends himself against their charges that he had brought this calamity on himself by his sin. Job also asks for an audience with God to defend his righteousness and the injustice of what has happened to him. However, God was not punishing Job; He was using Job to display His glory. Finally, God appears to Job in a whirlwind. God declares that He is the creator of all things and that He alone established order and wisdom on the earth. He asks Job by what authority he questions God and His character. After God's display of power, Job, who before had many words for God, is left speechless and says for the first time he truly has seen God in the fullness of His power.

The book of Job obliterates two common perspectives people have of God. First, because God is loving, He is always kind and gentle and only wants people to be happy, and secondly, blessings can be earned through good works. Although God is gracious and loving, and He has called us to do good works, He simply will not fit into our finite, human way of thinking. God tested Job through adversity to prove to Satan that humanity will faithfully serve Him even in trials and to prove to Job that his blessed life was not based on his own righteousness but on God's goodness towards him.

There is much to glean from a study of Job, but possibly the most important lesson is that trials and adversity reveal God's true nature to His children. The Creator of the Universe created us to display His glory and work on the earth. Although we may suffer for a while, God is faithful to walk with us through our trials and then restore us on the other side, just as He did for Job (1 Peter 5:10). Additionally, we build endurance and faith as we walk through our trials (James 5:11). Finally, the Bible promises that the crown of life awaits those who remain steadfast under trial (James 1:12).



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# EXTRA ORDINARY

*Showman*



LEXI  
BINGHAM



Undoubtedly, the Covid pandemic has inflicted difficulty on everyone. Isolation, confusion, and fear are only a few of the emotions the continuing pandemic has made people feel. Although everyone has a story of how the pandemic has affected them, it can be argued that the medically fragile have experienced the most severe isolation resulting from their need to protect themselves from the disease. Although isolation can be an effective way to avoid Covid, loneliness can be challenging. That is where 12-year-old Lexi Bingham of Collbran, Colorado, finds herself as the pandemic wears on; however, she is overcoming her feelings of loneliness with her herd of show goats. They bring her joy and normalcy.

Lexi is a petite and bubbly person with a bright smile and outgoing personality. It is this cheerful demeanor that allows her to face the numerous challenges in her life. When Lexi was two years old, she was diagnosed with

muscular dystrophy, a disorder which causes muscle weakness and loss of muscle mass. Lexi's form of muscular dystrophy is rare, and to her doctors' knowledge, she is the only person in the United States with this form of muscular dystrophy.

In addition to muscular dystrophy, Lexi has other medical complications. She suffers regularly from migraine headaches. Although she takes a daily medication to prevent them, her headaches can become so severe that they will cause Lexi to vomit, which in turns causes her blood sugar to plummet. This usually means a trip to the hospital to receive IV fluids and rescue medication to get rid of the headache. Lexi also has weak bones because she is unable to walk. Bone is strengthened by movement. When someone is non-weight bearing, their bones can become brittle and weak. This is true for Lexi who suffered from six broken bones in eight months last year.

"There have been times I have broken her leg just picking her up, and her toe catches on the carpet," says Lexi's mom, Mandy.

Despite her complicated medical conditions, Lexi doesn't let this slow her down. By her own admission, she likes to go everywhere fast. Lexi uses a motorized wheelchair as her means of transportation, and it is a critical piece of equipment for her quality of life. Her wheelchair allows her to





go to her favorite place, her barn. It is truly her happy place. Lexi has a special way with animals and has horses, goats, and dogs on her farm. But there is no doubt that goats are her favorite.

"It is my sanity. If I didn't have goats, I would cry. I am the goat lady," says Lexi.

Lexi's passion for goats is reciprocated in their affection for her. "She just has something about her where the goats bond to her quickly," says Mandy.

Lexi says her dad is the reason she started showing goats. While at dinner one night about four years ago, the family discussed what project Lexi might show. Mandy knew pigs were not for them and thought that sheep might be the ticket. She and Lexi had been following a young boy on social media who was in a wheelchair and showed sheep. However, her dad, Chad, felt that goats might work better because they are smaller than sheep. Although Mandy and Lexi weren't sure, Chad's suggestion won. Now, everyone in the family loves goats.

The first year showing, Lexi received a wether and a doe kid. Her plan was to show the wether and keep the doe. However, the wether got sick, and she had to show the doe. The doe made the premium sale at her county show, and the buyer was gracious to give the doe back to Lexi. The next two years, Lexi again showed does and made the premium sale at her county show. The buyers again gave the does back to her. With the help of these generous people in her community, Lexi was able to grow her herd to six does, twice as many as her mom and dad initially said she could have.

When Lexi shows her goats, her technique is similar to other exhibitors. "She holds them with a halter, and then turns and

braces into them just like any other kid. She will turn to the side when the judge comes around. She does have a friend come into the ring to make sure she stays safe and her legs are out of the way so she doesn't break them," says

Mandy.

About a year and half ago, Lexi received a generous gift from her friend,

Erica Ashby. Erica gave Lexi a registered Boer goat buck named KNR Kickin Cash. Cash, as Lexi calls him, was about seven months old when he came to live with Lexi and her family. The buck and Lexi formed an immediate bond. Lexi and her mom will admit Cash does not act like a typical buck. He is gentle and enjoys being with Lexi.

"He can have a pen full of does, and if he hears her driving, he will stand on top of the water trough and will start talking to her, forgetting all about his does," observes Mandy.

Just three weeks after receiving Cash, Lexi had him halter broke and ready for his first show. That experience gave Lexi one of her favorite stock showing memories. After the judge finished judging the showmanship, he commented on how a young girl in a wheelchair was able to show a buck. He mentioned that it is rare to see children showing bucks, but then to see a girl showing a buck in a wheelchair, and showing better than anyone else, was quite something. Lexi was so proud that the judge noticed her hard work and her buck's special disposition.

Lexi has taken Cash and her percentage does to other ABGA shows and has seen more success. She was named the High Point Junior Exhibitor at the Black Canyon Goat Extravaganza in Montrose last year. She is looking forward to having many kids sired by Cash this year as she has bred him to all of her does.

In addition to the kindness that Lexi has received from her friend Erica, she also is thankful for the lessons and inspiration she has received while attending Chastin Legget's You Gotta Believe Livestock Camps. Mandy says that Lexi comes away from the camps feeling like she can do anything.

**"IT IS MY SANITY. IF I DIDN'T HAVE GOATS, I WOULD CRY. I AM THE GOAT LADY."**





Lexi enjoys every part of raising her livestock, including taking care of them. She feeds and cares for her goats using her chair to drive through the corrals and barn. She loves taking care of the baby goats and will stay up late into the night to watch them be born and clean them up. She starts halter breaking her babies when they are two weeks old which makes it easier for Lexi to walk with her chair. She also washes and clips her goats in preparation to show. Because her motorized chair cannot get wet, Lexi uses her manual wheelchair while washing and blowing the goats dry.

All this trekking through the dirt in the corrals and the show ring is hard on Lexi's wheelchair. Lexi's wheelchair costs \$61,000. Despite the cost, it is not designed to be used on a farm and requires constant repairs. Thankfully, they have an understanding and attentive repairman who is just a phone call away. Lexi is hopeful she will soon be able to get a track chair that has all-terrain tracks more suited for life on a farm and can maneuver through muddy ground and snow.

There is no doubt that Lexi is one tough cookie who doesn't let her difficult circumstances get in her way, even if those circumstances happen at a stock show. Last year at her county stock show, shortly after check-in, Lexi accidentally caught the front wheels of her motorized wheelchair on a panel, whipping the chair into it. This caused the toe kick on the chair to fold up and break Lexi's foot. Lexi cried for about five minutes and then proclaimed that she would show her goats the next day no matter what. Thankfully, Lexi has a great relationship with her pediatrician, who was also at the show. The doctor was able to quickly get x-rays of Lexi's foot and put on a cast. True to her word, Lexi was ready to show the next day.

Lexi has another animal in her life that is her constant companion and brings her joy amid her isolation. She has a service dog named Chief, who is a Border Collie. When Lexi went to pick out Chief as a puppy from his litter, it

was more like he picked her. He climbed up in her lap and wouldn't let the other puppies get near her. Chief is now almost three, and he helps Lexi perform many tasks.

"He helps me herd my goats. If he could, that would be his main job. He also helps me pick up things and open doors," says Lexi.

But, probably Chief's most important job is to comfort Lexi when she is sick.

He accompanies her when she is in the hospital and keeps her company. He will climb up on her bed and lay at her feet while she receives treatment.

Chief will be accompanying Lexi to the hospital in a few weeks when she will have an important and difficult surgery to correct her spinal scoliosis. One reason Lexi must stay in isolation is so that she can be healthy when the surgery takes place in December. The surgery requires a number of extensive pre-op visits to the hospital in Denver and will require many months of recovery.

John Mitchell said, "Our attitude towards life determines life's attitude towards us." Although it would be easy for Lexi Bingham to choose dismay and discouragement, she chooses to mix courage and resilience with happiness to face the circumstances in her life. In return, her life is one filled with people and animals she loves and that bring her joy and contentment. It is a perfect example of how a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

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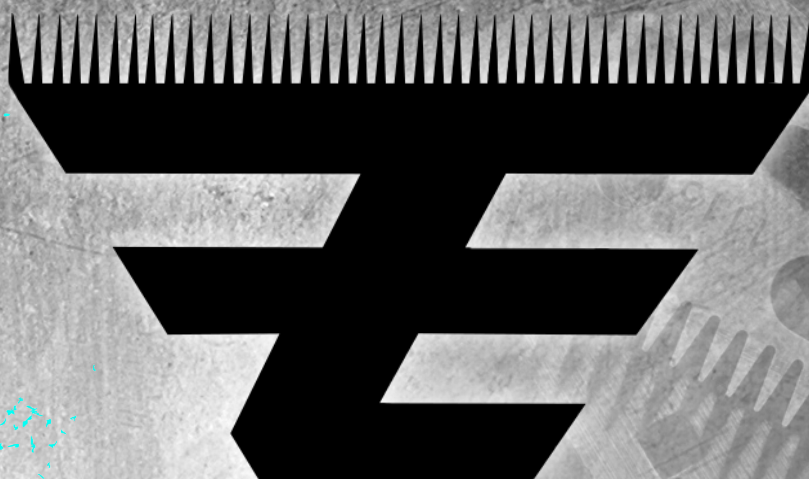
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## Carmel Apple Sheet Cake

2 cups flour plus 2 Tablespoons flour  
2 cups sugar  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
½ cup butter  
1 cup water  
½ cup shortening  
½ cup buttermilk  
½ teaspoon baking soda  
2 eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
2 cups peeled and chopped green apples

**FROSTING**  
½ cup butter  
6 Tablespoons milk  
3½ cup powdered sugar  
½ teaspoon vanilla  
2 Tablespoons carmel sauce

### Directions

In a large mixing bowl, measure flour, sugar and cinnamon and stir to combine. Set aside.

In medium sauce pan combine butter, water, and shortening. Bring to a boil. After mixture reaches a boil add it to the flour mixture and stir to combine. Add buttermilk, then baking soda, then eggs, then vanilla in that order, mixing in between each addition. Stir in apples.

Pour into a 15x13 inch greased jelly roll pan.

Bake at 400 degrees F for 20 minutes, or until tooth pick comes out clean from center. Let cool for about 10-15 minutes.

While cake is cooling, make frosting by combining butter, and milk in a medium mixing bowl. Microwave until butter is melted. Add powdered sugar, vanilla, and carmel sauce and stir until smooth. Pour frosting evenly over cooled cake.







## Bacon & Garlic Green Beans

- 1 lb fresh whole green beans can use frozen or 2 cans (14.5 oz each)
- 6 tbsp butter
- 1 cup chopped bacon (cooked) or bacon bits
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ tsp pepper
- 1 tsp granulated garlic
- 1 tbsp dried minced onions
- 2 tsp minced garlic
- 1 tbsp parmesan cheese

### Directions

In a medium saucepan, add your green beans & fill with water until the green beans are covered. Heat over medium & bring to a boil. Boil until the green beans are tender – about 5-8 minutes. Drain in a colander & transfer back to your saucepan. Add in the cooked bacon, butter, garlic, minced onions, parmesan cheese, salt & pepper. Stir well to combine & serve immediately.

## Parmesan Zucchini Corn

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large zucchini, diced
- 1/4 teaspoon fresh basil, finely diced
- 1/4 teaspoon fresh thyme, finely diced
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 tablespoons fresh cilantro, finely diced
- 1 teaspoon garlic, minced
- 1 can (15.25 ounces) corn kernels, canned
- 1/4 teaspoon oregano, finely diced
- 1/2 teaspoon Kosher salt
- Juice of 1 lime
- 2 tablespoons Parmesan, grated

### Directions

In a large skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add garlic and cook until fragrant (about 1 minute). In a medium bowl, mix together zucchini, corn, basil, oregano, thyme, salt, pepper, and lime juice. Stir to combine. Add zucchini mixture to garlic and cook 8-10 minutes (or until zucchini is cooked through). Remove from heat, top with cilantro and parmesan. Serve immediately.

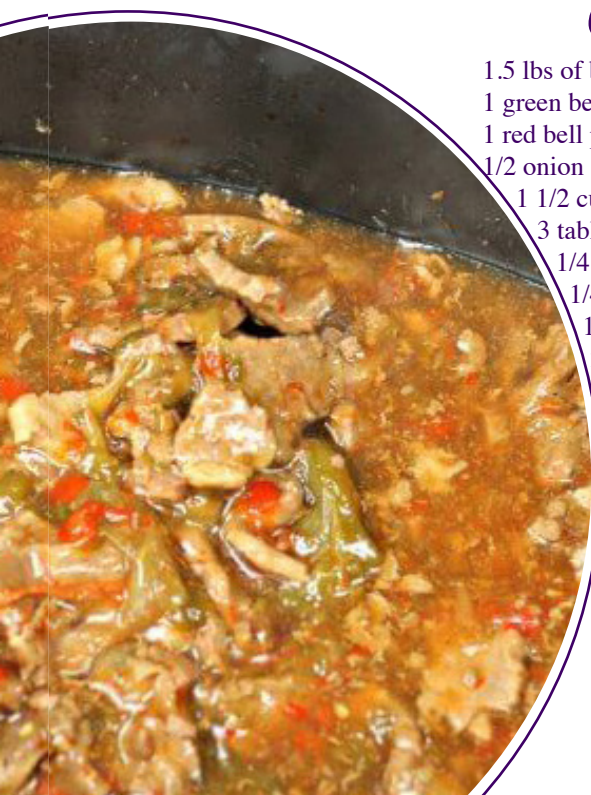


## Crockpot Pepper Steak

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

### Directions

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





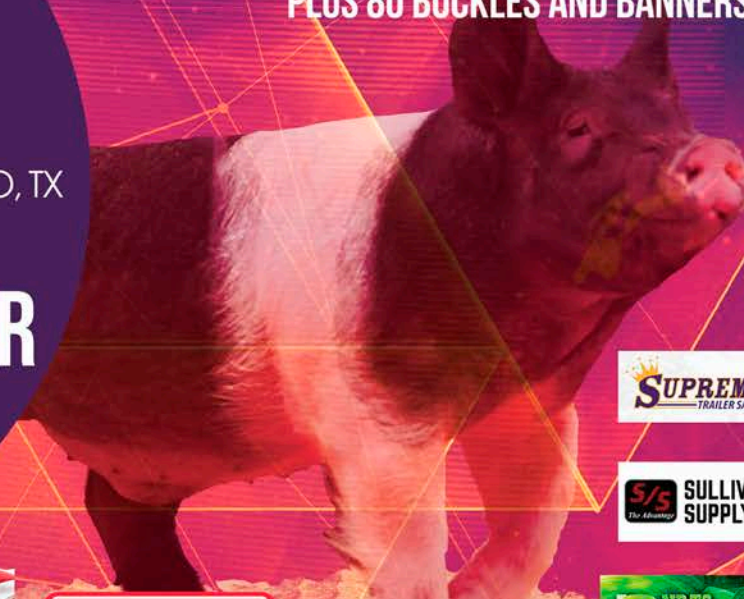
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