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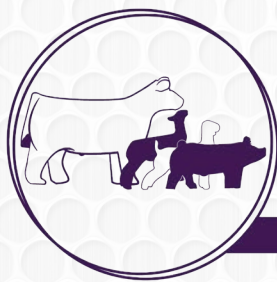
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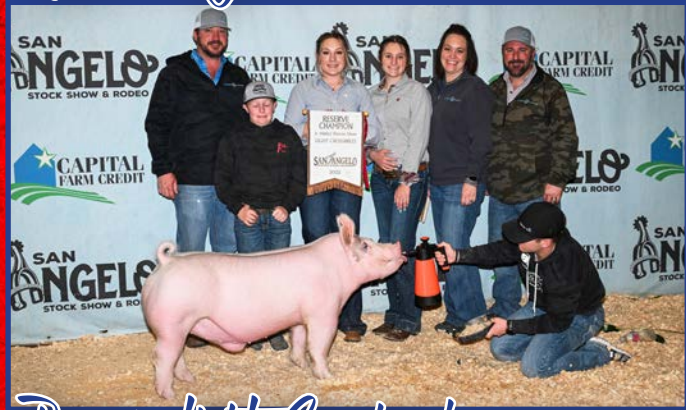
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Too often, people tend to limit their abilities based on their gender, race, age, ethnic values and culture; however, in reality, none of these matter. In order to be successful, all one must do is put forth the effort and let it strive off the thought of success. Since she was a young girl, Bloomberg has been extremely independent. “Growing up, I was taught that I could do anything I wanted to do if I worked hard enough,” Bloomberg said. She has proven this in how successful she has made herself within the livestock industry.

Bloomberg comes from a long line of livestock enthusiasts. Early on in life, she grew a keen passion for agriculture and knew it would always be a major part of her life. With that, she has taken the initiative to not only better herself, but others as well.

Written by Molly Johnson



"The desire to make both livestock and the next generation better is what drives me," Bloomberg said.

Along the way, she has made herself a powerful role model for younger girls within the industry. Growing up, she had many impactful leaders that she admired. Without those individuals, Bloomberg is certain that her life would be very different; therefore, she wants to provide that same encouragement to other individuals. "I hope to always set a positive example to future young women, knowing they will be industry professionals someday," she said.

Like Bloomberg, Kyndal Reitzenstein has also worked hard to make a name for herself in the industry. She began her journey with livestock as a young child. In

**“Work hard, don’t let anyone tell you that you can’t do something, and never give up on your dreams.”**

*Kyndal Reitzenstein*

encouraging her to get out of her comfort zone, her parents convinced her to join the livestock judging team. The coaches within her county were outstanding, which led her to fall in love with judging. From there, she has worked hard and proven herself to the livestock industry.

Knowing that she would not be where she is today without her role models, Reitzenstein finds it rewarding to help the next generation in the same way. The livestock industry is full of great females, which makes it easy to find somebody to look up to.

In order to be successful, one must be willing to put forth the work. Reitzenstein has proven herself to be driven throughout her time working within the industry. Most of her success has been built from wanting to be better. She is constantly

learning new things and implementing them to be the best livestock evaluator she can be. In learning new things, one also must realize the importance of working through problems and staying strong and dedicated.

"Don't worry about the things you can't control. Mental toughness is a must," Reitzenstein said.

Bloomberg and Reitzenstein are just two women that are impactful within the industry. Many women work hard to encourage the next generation of livestock enthusiasts to work hard to make the industry even better. Being able to look up to powerful women sparks interest in younger individuals. Hopefully, the spark will make many generations to come strive for nothing but the best.

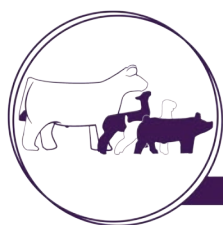
Kyndal Reitzenstein encourages the next generation to "Work hard, don't let anyone tell you that you can't do something, and never give up on your dreams."







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The food in Houston is all over the board. For the mornings, we recommend The Breakfast Klub or the Kolache Factory for an easy, filling breakfast. As the day goes on, we recommend leaving the barns for Capt. Benny's Seafood. Another popular seafood choice is Pappadeaux. For a non-fishy meal, head to House of Blues to enjoy a nice burger.

Besides just going to the show, Houston has many attractions that everybody in the family can enjoy. The Galleria is a safe option for everybody because of the variety of activities offered. The kids are out of school, so take them to the Space Center to get some learning and fun time in!

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# MY NAME IS SCOUT SCHARA.

The daughter of Betsy Carmichael and Rivers and Rodda Schara. I have an older sister and brother, Sailor and Lake Schara. I was lucky to gain two brothers and sister, Rodney, Reece and Rodalyn Dunham. I will be graduating from Boerne-Samuel V. Champion High School. After graduation, I will be attending Montana State University and majoring in Agricultural Communications.

I am a member of Kendall County 4H and Boerne FFA where I have enjoyed livestock shows and rodeos. I have competed in team roping and barrel racing for nearly 7 years. I was fortunate to get to spend the last 4 years showing lambs with Reece and Rodalyn. I can appreciate what hard work, determination and rewards you receive from the livestock industry.

While attend Church on Sunday, I found an appreciation for music and fell in love with playing the violin. Yes, I have read the book To Kill a Mockingbird by: Harper Lee, and no, I was never in girl scouts. I love the outdoors and all the activities that the outdoors has to offer. I plan to make the world a better place one step at time and be a fearless leader wherever I may go.





# MY NAME IS RODALYN DUNHAM.



I was born and raised in Boerne, TX. I am the daughter of Rodda and Rivers Schara and Taw Wayne and Windy Dunham. I have two brothers, Rodney and my twin, Reece. I am blessed with four steps sisters, Mckenzie and Alli Jordan, Sailor and Scout Schara, and one stepbrother Lake Schara.

I will be a graduating from Grace Christian Academy in May. In the Fall, I plan to attend San Angelo University and major in pre nursing.

I started showing lambs as soon as I could in the Pee-Wee division across Texas traveling to many jack pots. My grandfather, Pops (Rodney Yates of Hill Country Show Lambs) taught me a life lesson, "you get what you put in" meaning nothing came easy, you had to work to reap any rewards. I spent several summers helping him stomping the wool in the wool bags on shearing days at the ranch. It certainly was not hard, but I remember being proud as I had a part in his lamb operations.

When I was not chasing the yellow lines with jack pots, I was traveling to dance competitions all over. It was nothing out of the normal for me to walk out of a showing, change into my dance uniform in the car to take the stage for competition every weekend. I will cherish those days always.

As I am rounding out my show career, there has been many moments that I will take with me from the tears cried to the wash rack water fights it has molded me into the young lady I am. To my family and life-long friends that are like family, and I cannot thank you each for believing in me and encouraging me to better than I was the day before.



# MY NAME IS REECE WAYNE DUNHAM.



18-year-old son to Rodda and Rivers Schara and Taw Wayne and Windy Dunham. I have a brother Rodney and twin sister, Rodalyn, four stepsisters, Mckenzi, Alli, Sailor, and Scout, one stepbrother, Lake. I will be graduating from Champion High School in Boerne, TX. I plan to attend Sul Ross University and join the rodeo team as a team roper in the Fall.

My family raises and sells medium wools and fine wool crosses lambs making me a third-generation showman. I have been a member of the Kendall County 4H for twelve years and the Boerne FFA for four years.

Aside from traveling across Texas showing lambs I am also competitive in the Texas Junior High School Rodeo in Team Roping.

I tribute much of my success to my family and friends that have encouraged and supported me over the years teaching me many life lessons. I was able to learn the values of challenging work, responsibility and determination from each of them. I will forever be grateful to each of them that have guided me to be the young man I am today and with that thank you.!





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

**Scout:** The most rewarding things that come from showing, in my opinion, are the life lessons that you learn while putting in the extra work, having a good attitude even when you're tired, and talking to hundreds of different people during your show career. These are the things that you can take with you for the rest of your life, and work them into your everyday routine.

**Rodalyn:** The most rewarding thing from showing livestock is the several life lessons taught and how it introduced myself to competition. Healthy competition teaches resilience and perseverance, which prepares us, the youth, for real-life situations.

**Reece:** All the friends that I have made which have become extended family to me.

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

**Rodalyn:** The most challenging thing to me about showing livestock is time management. From school to other outside activities but also having to feed morning and night. As well as working each animal in the barn equally amounts of time. Time management can get very frustrating, but you learn fast on how to adjust.

**Reece:** That's easy, all the school work that you miss and must make up while traveling up and down the roads.

**Scout:** The most challenging thing about showing livestock is not working until your tired, but working until the job is done correctly.





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

**Reece:** Keep your head up no matter the outcome. The hard work that is put into our projects is rewarding with and without the banner which we will all strive for. And of course play hard with my extended livestock family.

**Scout:** If I could tell a new showman some words of encouragement, I would say always have confidence in yourself and your projects because at the end of the day that is your hard work you are showing in the ring, so show it off with style, class, and have fun!

**Rodalyn:** NEVER GIVE UP! At one point, I was where they were, it's only up from the starting point!

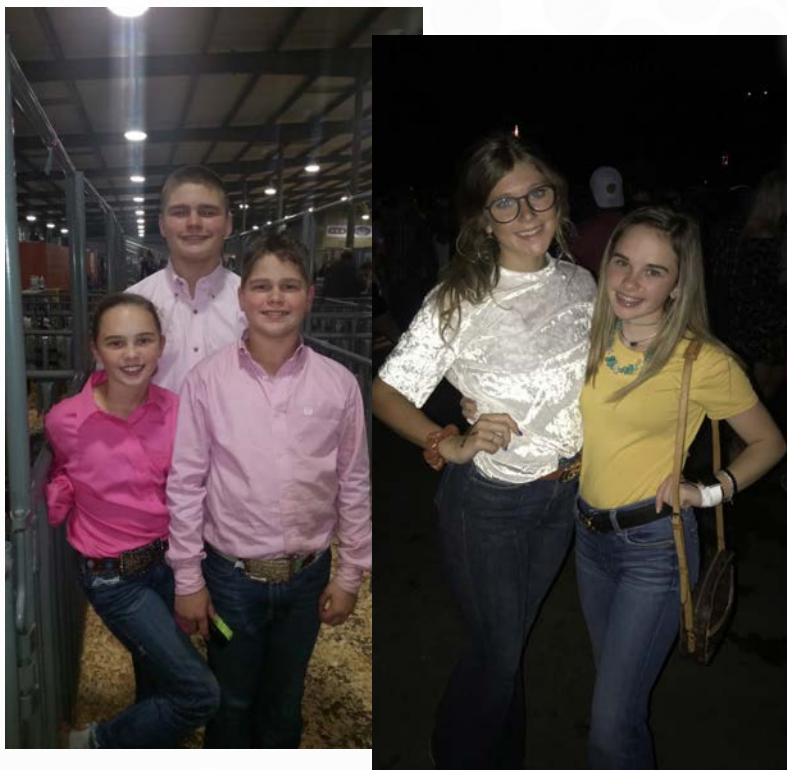


## WHAT VALUES ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU?

**Scout:** I value respect, hard work, and kindness. If you have these three things while showing, your audience will grow much larger than just your backyard party. You will radiate a positive energy that people will want to see, experience, and relate to.

**Rodalyn:** Most all values are important to me, loyalty, confidence, compassion. But KINDNESS and SELFLESSNESS have to be two of my top values. There is nothing better than talking to someone that is kind-hearted and selfless, it's like a breath of pure, fresh air!

**Reece:** Honesty; if you don't have that what do you have?



## GIVE US YOUR MOST IMPORTANT SHOWMANSHIP TIP.

**Rodalyn:** Don't fiddle, get your livestock stuck in the most eye appealing way and of course never take your eye off the judge.

**Reece:** Always give 100% and never take your eye off the judge.

**Scout:** Always look the judge in the eyes, and always give a firm handshake.





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

**Reece:** Oh no, I hope something good! But more than likely probably my attitude. Remember, I have two sisters to deal with, too.

**Scout:** I want to be remembered for my bright and shining attitude that the lamb barn has seen, and how quickly I was able to adapt to showing itself and its community. I want to be remembered for always showing with 110% of my heart, and giving it my all, all the time.

**Rodalyn:** I hope to be remembered as a heck of a showman and the girl that always wore a blazer/ started the blazer trend. I hope parents remember me as someone that was always nice to their kids and never left a place without a smile.

## 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?

**Scout:** I would want to take Stevie Nicks to lunch and talk to her about FFA/4-H because she is one of a kind. I would tell her about the large amounts of dedication that is put fourth into FFA/4-H and all the wonderful people I have met through my journey. I would also tell her that my favorite song is Gypsy.

**Rodalyn:** I'm not sure whom I'd take, but I'd take someone that has never been around livestock so I can truly tell them what it is all about from top to bottom.

**Reece:** That's easy, Taylor Sheridan. I am not sure what I would tell him but I sure would be asking him a lot of questions about ranching and how he achieved his success in agriculture and his horses. When I am not in a show ring, you can find me in an arena roping.





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

**Rodalyn:** My best friend, Landry Barton, probably considers me to be extremely helpful, because I am always willing to assist others. In addition to being helpful, she would describe me as loving, kind, selfless, and encouraging.

**Reece:** Determined and strong-willed, and arrogant at times.

**Scout:** They would describe me as one of a kind. The words ecstatic, outgoing, and relatable I think are some words they would describe me as. They have said that I bring much support and trust, and that they would want nobody else to have their back.

## WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN THE NEXT 5 YEARS?

**Reece:** In five years, finished with college and a degree in Animal Science. Then achieving my goal to rope as a professional and go to the NFR and fitting sheep in the lamb barn.

**Scout:** In the fall of 2022, I will be attending Montana State University and majoring in agricultural communications. This university offers divine landscape for me to truly understand agricultural importance, and it is a truly perfect fit. In 5 years I have plans and hope to be graduated and starting my life taking one step at a time.

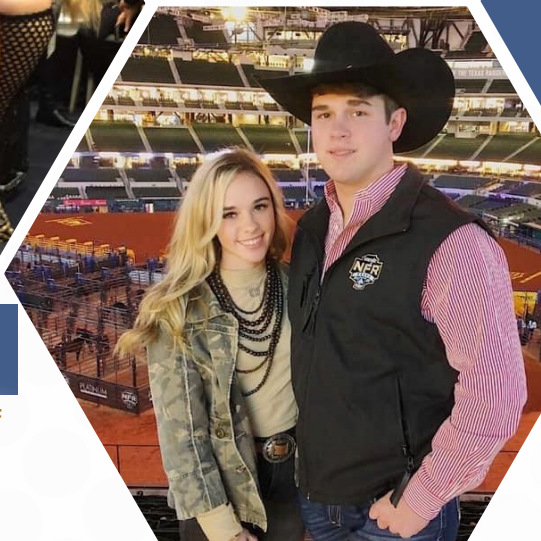
**Rodalyn:** In 5 years, I see myself in a nursing program, studying and working hard to become the best me. Achieving my goals to be an aesthetic nurse one step at a time.

## DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE QUOTE OR BIBLE VERSE?

**Scout:** "May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us; yes, establish the work of our hands." – Psalm 90:17

**Rodalyn:** Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

**Reece:** Joshua 1:19 "Be Strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."





## WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL?

**Rodalyn:** My role model without question would be my POPS, Rodney Yates. Growing up with him and learning all the knowledge I can get from him is a true blessing. If you don't know him, you should! He's a great man in and out of the barn.

**Reece:** Absolutely, my grandfather, Rodney Yates. If it wasn't for him I would have never learned the value of hard work and the rewards you get from it and the struggles of life. He has been my male role model all my life. Thanks Pops!

**Scout:** My role model is my eldest sister, Sailor Schara. She is the most beautiful lady inside and out, and I would not have been able to achieve the confidence that I have without her. She pushes me to work harder everyday because she truly is eager for my success. I have never met another person who is so devoted in me and my life other than myself, and she has been the perfect role model since I was young. She has taught me how to carry wisdom on my shoulders, with grace, like a lady.

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

**Reece:** I am competitive and that is what drives me to be the best I can be and learn all I can from others.

**Scout:** What motivates myself to be an efficient leader is the confidence and benefits of others. A true leader will step up to help others, and it is the recognition from the people following that keeps me working with grace, like a lady.

**Rodalyn:** The motivation I get to be a good leader is seeing the younger youth look up to us seniors. Nothing is better motivation than a younger kid watching and wanting to be just like you.







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

**Scout:** Well first of all I analyze all aspects of the goal that I am wanting to accomplish, then I pour in hard work and a heartfelt motivation, then act. One foot in front of the other whether I am ready or not.

**Rodalyn:** A very basic goal setting practice in our barn is my mother writing down the goals. We want to achieve at the start of each year. If complaints are made down the road, she will remind us of the goals we are trying to reach. In addition to my barn, I have a notepad with my daily life goals. Almost every day I refer to it.

**Reece:** Practice, practice and practice. Practice is what makes you better and strive to be best you can be.

## TELL US WHAT *success* MEANS TO YOU

**Rodalyn:** To me, success is defined by doing something you enjoy and makes you happy. The idea also to me means often not just to choose the path of least resistance, but to allow yourself to be challenged by new challenges and grow mentally, spiritually, and professionally.

**Reece:** To me success is working hard and giving myself satisfaction knowing I gave my best to achieve my goals. Life doesn't always give the success you strive for, but always gives a lesson to learn from.

**Scout:** My definition of true success means staying true to a deeper sense of purpose, despite deviating from a superficial social norm. It means finding joy in suffering. It means having the courage to persevere my own journey when confronted by the fear of uncertainty.

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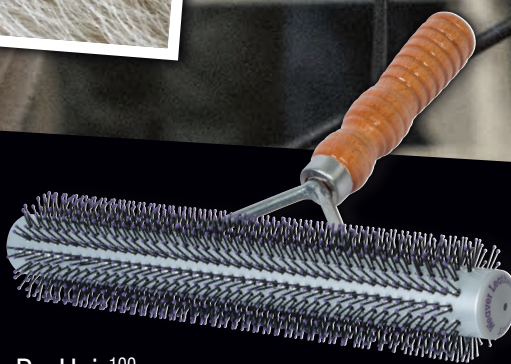
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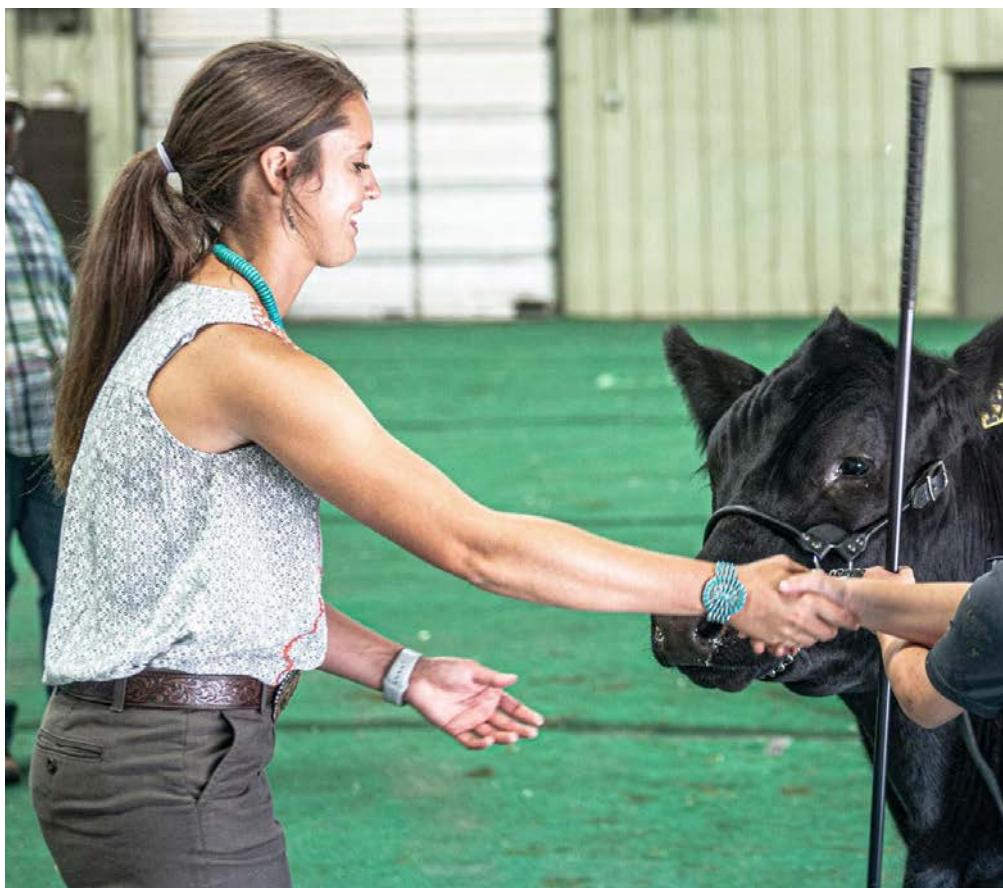
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**Please give a brief overview of your background, your family, and your childhood in the livestock industry. How'd you get here?**

I am very fortunate to be the fourth generation in an agricultural family. Both of my parents grew up showing cattle competitively and thankfully those roots helped my brother Austin and I. My dad, Mark, owns and operates Frontier Genetics where he specializes in embryo recovery and transfer. My mom, Kaye, is a Senior Finance Executive and also serves as a member of the National 4H Board. As kids, our entry fee money for shows came out of a change bucket. Our first show barn was an open sided wooden barn and we had an outdoor wash rack. Needless to say, we had to work for everything we had growing up in the show industry. We showed the ones we raised for a long time, and we were fortunate to have some success. As we progressed, Austin and I spent most of our time in the show barn working on steers and heifers to show throughout the winter, spring and into the summer at county and state fair. Austin was also very active in showing pigs and I showed horses throughout my 4H career. Dad spent most of his summer days behind a cow and mom had work every day, so at a young age, Austin and I were given a lot of responsibility. Looking back, I am so thankful for the life-lessons we learned through showing livestock and the hours preparing at home. The memories, hard work and perseverance were traits I will never take for granted. Aside from the show ring, we also have a family-owned ranch in Fort Morgan where we specialize in purebred and seedstock Simmental and Angus cattle.

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

I am currently the Livestock Judging Coordinator and Coach at Colorado State University. In addition, my family also runs and operates Reitzenstein Cattle where we sell a select amount of show cattle throughout the year to youth exhibitors around the United States. I also am building a small Berkshire herd, thanks to Blake Goss and his family.

3

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

My parents first and foremost are my biggest role models in my life. Both taught me right from wrong, and that hard work always pays off. Aside from mom and dad, both my grandmas have always been my biggest fans and support systems. It didn't matter if it was a 4H judging contest, cattle show or 101-degree horse show day, they were there supporting me. The other person who had quite an influence on me at a young age and still does today is Steve Gabel. He was my 4H judging coach and I owe a lot of my passion for this industry to him!

4

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

I started judging at 8 years old in the Weld County Livestock Judging Program. Throughout my 4H career, we had a great team that won Kansas City and Louisville in back-to-back years. I then continued at Redlands Community College and judged for Brandon Callis where we were named the National Champion Team. After Junior College, I transferred to Oklahoma State University where I judged for Blake Bloomberg on a Reserve Champion Team and I was fortunate to win reasons at every major contest. After I completed my undergraduate degree I got my masters at OSU and was the assistant coach for two National Champion Teams.

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**What would you consider your first ever “big show”?**

The 2021 American Royal Junior Simmental show is the first “big show” I got the opportunity to sort. Also the Maine/Maintainer show at the North American in Louisville, Kentucky.

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

The level of competition is at an all-time high. The quality of stock continues to get better, breeders are making livestock so incredibly good and don’t settle for them to be average. It is neat from a judge’s perspective to sit back and appreciate the level of quality not only in the livestock, but also the kids. My hats off to everyone who raises, shows and takes care of livestock in today’s times – it’s not easy or inexpensive, but I feel like the industry is in a great place right now making good stock even better.

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

I resort back to something I was taught at a young age... muscle and finish are the two most important things when it comes to sorting market livestock. Of course, balance, look and structure still play a vital role in the show ring. I will never forget Steve Gabel telling us in judging “good livestock beat average livestock, and average livestock beat bad livestock” – sometimes it really can be that simple and I often remind myself of that lesson. I’ve been very fortunate to judge at KC, Louisville and San Antonio this year and when the level of competition is very high, it is little things or personal preferences that determine the sort. Good livestock come in different shapes, sizes, weights, and colors. My champions do not have to be cookie-cutter similar. I appreciate good stock, regardless if they look the same or not.

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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 feel like as a judge it does make a difference and you can tell the kids who have put in the extra work at home on skin/hair. However, that doesn’t mean it has to be the hairiest steer at the show or the most perfectly clipped. I understand that some kids aren’t given the opportunity to have a cooler room or the connections to have someone come clip their calf – I get it! But, the point I’m making is that hard work doesn’t cost money and even if you aren’t blessed with all the extras, hard work goes a long way to have the animal looking their very best.



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

The life lessons and friendships that youth can gain is the best aspect of the livestock industry. Sure, winning is fun, but I would not be where I am or have the connections/friendships I have without being involved in the livestock industry.

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

When I was judging at Oklahoma State, I got the opportunity to judge several county shows in the spring. At this particular county show I was judging their swine show, which went great. After the show the manager came up to me and expressed to me that the judge they hired to judge their chicken and bird show wasn't able to come, which was due to start directly after the swine show. Needless to say, I had five minutes to YouTube how to judge chickens and birds. We had birds flocking their wings and I had no idea what I was handling on a chicken, but we made it through. I'll never forget getting on that microphone and giving reasons on the bird and chicken show.....

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

Kissing or "clicking" at their animals.

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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?**

I'm a big fan of music....I have to listen to two songs; Welcome to the Jungle by Guns N' Roses and The Crow & the Butterfly by Shinedown.

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

Favorite meal is undoubtedly prime rib. One thing I could never live without....peanut butter and jelly sandwich....it is about the only thing I can cook.



It's an honor and privilege to be asked to judge CYE. I look forward to working with the youth in California and seeing some great stock.

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# BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

How a special friendship brought a small town together to turn tragedy into a legacy.

WRITTEN BY MANDY COWLEY



**S**ituated on a long stretch of two-lane highway running between Midland and Sterling City sits the small town of Garden City, Texas. This sparsely populated town of about 1,300 people is located on a flat and brushy landscape broken up by cotton fields and dotted with pump jacks. The town is close-knit with many families able to trace their roots to the area for generations. Like many other small, West Texas towns, the citizens of Garden City are devoted to their little town, to their neighbors, and to agriculture.

This is where Quentin and Roni Gass moved their young family in 2014. Quentin, who is a cowboy by trade, took a position on a ranch outside of Garden City, and Roni became a teacher. Although they were concerned they would be seen as outsiders, Quentin and Roni found the residents in Garden City welcoming and friendly.

Moving to a new town can be particularly tough for children. But Quentin and Roni's oldest son, Ryder, who was a fourth grader at the time, made an instant connection with one of his classmates, Owen Seidenberger. It was an unlikely friendship. Owen was the tallest kid in his class, Ryder was the smallest. Yet, from the day they met, this unlikely pair were inseparable. They loved the same things: hunting, fishing, and being outdoors. Ryder would spend nearly every weekend at Owen's house. In high school, the friends made sure they had the same classes at school. By their junior year, they were making plans where they would go to college together. After college, both boys wanted to return to their hometown; Owen to become an entrepreneur, and Ryder to become a cowboy like his dad.

**“Owen and Ryder had a friendship like most grownups live their whole lives to find. They found it at a young age. They were like brothers,” says Quentin. “I think they were best friends because Owen is the biggest one in the school and Ryder was the smallest one. Ryder could run his mouth, and Owen would back him up.”**





Shortly after Ryder moved to Garden City, Owen talked him into showing pigs. Owen's family successfully showed pigs, and it was another way that the boys could spend time together. Owen's parents, Eric and Christy, took Ryder and Owen to pig sales and shows across the state. However, after a few years of showing pigs, Ryder realized he didn't share his friend's love of them. He begged his parents to allow him to show steers. Quentin and Roni were reluctant to buy a steer for Ryder because of the added expense and work. But Ryder was undeterred. Finally, after two years of begging, Ryder's parents relented and bought him his first steer. After that, Ryder swore off pigs and said he would only show steers from then on.

For Owen and Ryder, like most exhibitors, their county show was the highlight of the stock show year. In a community like Garden City which has deep ties to agriculture, the county show is a major event. The competition is fierce, especially in a county that boasts several top tier show stock breeding programs within its borders. The community is generous to the county's approximately 40 exhibitors with donations to the premium sale totaling around \$120,000 annually.

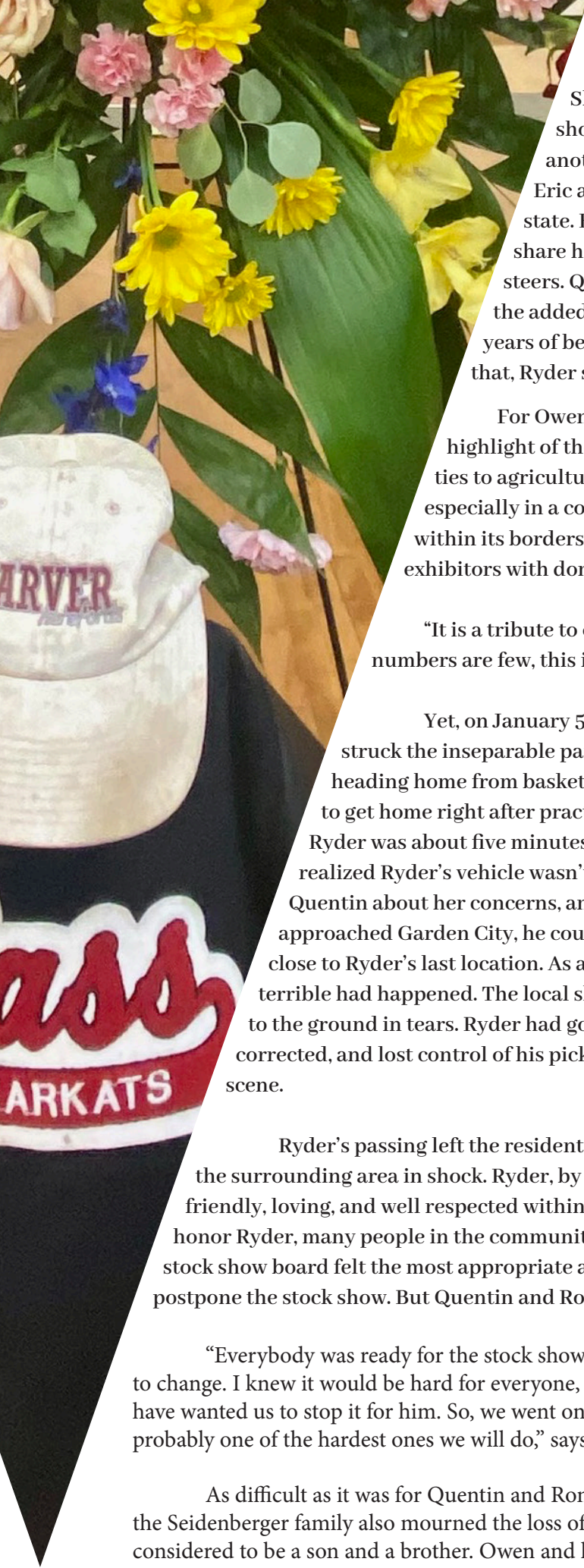
"It is a tribute to our community and how they support our ag kids. Even though our numbers are few, this is what we do," says Christy, Owen's mom.

Yet, on January 5, 2022, two days before the county show was set to begin, tragedy struck the inseparable pair, their families, and the community of Garden City. Ryder was heading home from basketball practice late in the afternoon. His mother told him he needed to get home right after practice so he could help her wash and blow dry the steers. When Ryder was about five minutes late getting home, Roni checked Life 360 on her phone and realized Ryder's vehicle wasn't moving. When she called him, he didn't answer. Roni then told Quentin about her concerns, and he said he would drive into town to check on Ryder. As Quentin approached Garden City, he could see the lights of emergency vehicles on the side of the road close to Ryder's last location. As a volunteer firefighter, Quentin knew immediately that something terrible had happened. The local sheriff met Quentin when he arrived on the scene, and both dropped to the ground in tears. Ryder had gone off the road, over corrected, and lost control of his pickup. He died at the scene.

Ryder's passing left the residents of Garden City and the surrounding area in shock. Ryder, by all accounts, was friendly, loving, and well respected within his community. To honor Ryder, many people in the community and on the county stock show board felt the most appropriate action would be to postpone the stock show. But Quentin and Roni disagreed.

"Everybody was ready for the stock show. Nothing was going to change. I knew it would be hard for everyone, but Ryder wouldn't have wanted us to stop it for him. So, we went on with it. It was probably one of the hardest ones we will do," says Quentin.

As difficult as it was for Quentin and Roni to lose their son, the Seidenberger family also mourned the loss of someone they considered to be a son and a brother. Owen and his dad, Eric, began







talking about ways that he could honor his dear friend. Owen decided to establish the Ryder Wayne Gass Memorial Scholarship as a lasting tribute to his friend. He decided to donate the premium he received from selling his pig at the county show to fund the scholarship.

“I knew that Ryder wouldn’t want me to do that, but I knew that it needed to be done so that kids many years from now would still have Ryder in their hearts even if they didn’t know Ryder personally,” says Owen.

The Glasscock County Junior Livestock Show was a raw and emotional event. Owen won Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Barrow, ensuring his place in the premium sale. As a special favor to Ryder, Owen showed his steer. Although Ryder’s younger brothers both showed steers, they could not handle Ryder’s. It was the first time Owen had shown a steer. He did a great job and earned his friend a sale hole in the premium sale the next day.

“Although the timing was bad, it was still a beautiful event because everybody was together, and

we got to say our hellos and goodbyes and send our love to the family,” says Christy.

After the show, the community worked together to collect donations for the Ryder Wayne Gass Memorial Scholarship and for the Gass family. Quentin and Roni, oblivious to what was happening behind the scenes, went to the county show board to say they didn’t want to sell Ryder’s steer for fear it would take a sale hole from another exhibitor. They were told their concerns were unnecessary, and Ryder’s steer would go through the sale. At the sale, Quentin and Roni began to realize what their community was doing to show their love to them.

“I didn’t find out (about the scholarship) until Owen went in and said something. Eric called both of us in and said, ‘There is a lot that is about to go on at the start of the sale. No matter what, don’t make any decisions today, in the next week, in the next two weeks. Just soak it all in and just roll with it today,’” says Roni.



# **“The love and support that was at the show showed how good the people are in our community. You just cannot imagine the outpouring of love,” says Quentin.**

In an amazing show of generosity, Owen's Grand Champion Barrow sold for \$58,000, with all the proceeds going to establish the scholarship fund. Then, Ryder's steer sold for \$98,000. And to top it off, the sale brought in \$130,000 for the other exhibitors in the show.

The Monday following the county show, the community came together to lay Ryder to rest. His funeral was held in the high school gymnasium. The approximately 700 seat facility was filled to capacity. Quentin and Roni were amazed by the number of people who had been touched by Ryder's life.

“The funeral was perfect. I know perfect is not the right word, but to honor his life, it was perfect. Our friends stepped up and did an amazing job honoring our little boy in everything he loved and everything he stood for. You could see all his passions there. Everything about that day would have been the way he would have wanted it,” remembers Roni.

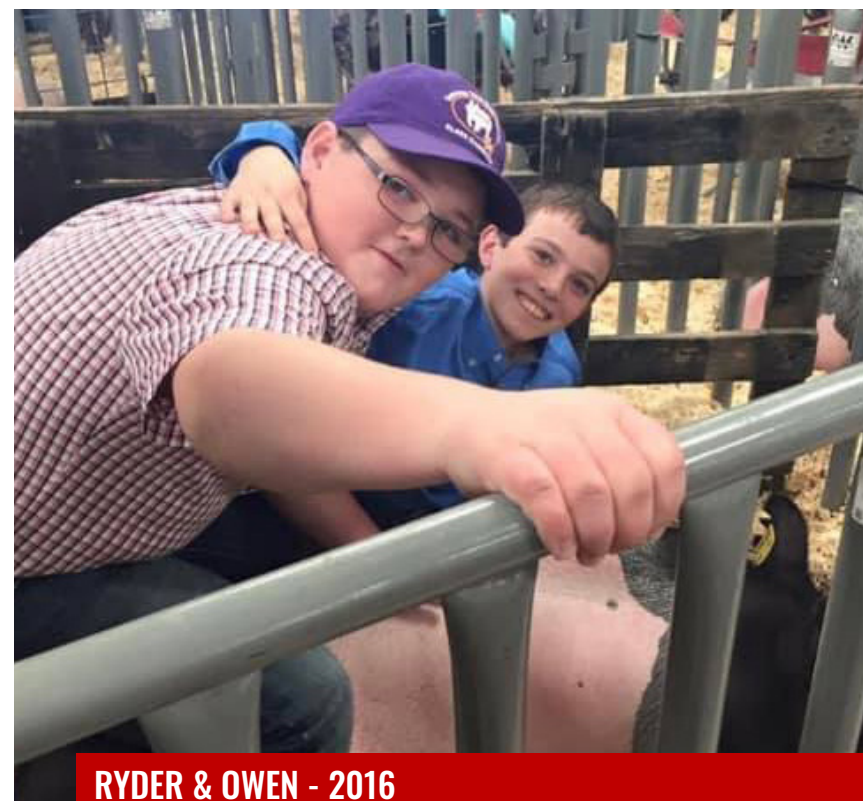
“It was amazing, the outreach of people from other communities, not just ours. How many people he was in contact with and touched,” says Quentin.

In the months since Ryder's death, his families and friends have found other ways to honor Ryder and keep him close to them. Before Ryder passed, he and Owen were building a predator calling rack as an ag mechanics project to enter at the spring stock shows. With the help of other friends, Owen completed the rack and took it to the San Angelo Stock Show. Quentin and Roni have honored Ryder's love of basketball and his teammates by attending all of the team's games this season.

“We promised the boys this year, if they wouldn't give up, we wouldn't give up. We wouldn't miss a game. We would be there yelling and supporting them just like if Ry were there. We haven't missed a game yet. Their hugs mean the world to us. I don't think they realize how much those hugs help us

get through not seeing him down there on the court with them,” say Roni.

Owen admits he is struggling with the absence of his friend. He is relying on the Lord to sustain him in this difficult time and remembering the promise of Romans 8:28. “And we know that in all things, God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”



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“The ability he had to make you laugh, but at the same time, make you want to punch him. That is what I miss the most,” says Owen. “It was a special bond. I know I will never have a friendship like it again. But I am glad I did,” says Owen.

For Ryder's three siblings, Jaedon, 20, Bronc, 12, and Roper, 9, they are processing what happened with their brother and miss him dearly. Jaedon, a student at Angelo State University, also has a special connection with the Seidenbergers and attends shows with them. Most days, Ryder's younger siblings are quiet about what happened to their





brother but have times when their grief overwhelms them.

Quentin and Roni hope that Ryder's scholarship will help other kids who exhibit many of Ryder's characteristics.

**"He was loving and friends with everyone. He never met a stranger. We want his scholarship to help someone that needs a helping hand. Someone who wants to live and play the way he lived his life. We don't mean play on the basketball court. We mean play in life. He loved to joke and pull pranks. He loved a challenge. Everything was a game to him," says Quentin and Roni.**

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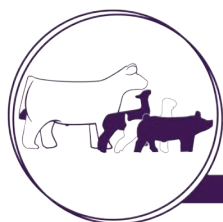
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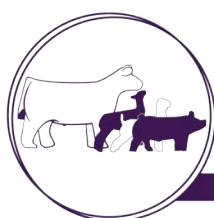
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San Angelo							
2018	2019	2020	2021	2018	2019	2020	2021
Steer				Market Lambs			
English				Finewool			
1009-1149	1010-1168	1000-1139	1022-1149	101-110	100-110	100-115	100-115
1150-1254	1180-1319	1155-1279	1180-1269	111-127	111-129	116-127	116-131
1257-1500	1340-1560	1296-1442	1286-1495	128-137	130-137	128-137	132-144
American & Crosses				138-165	138-170	138-161	145-170
1000-1175	1010-1177	1000-1174	1051-1150	Finewool X			
1188-1252	1212-1327	1201-1335	1156-1299	100-120	100-120	100-125	100-125
1258-1422	1337-1530	1367-1440	1300-1565	121-136	121-134	126-134	126-138
Black European & Cross				137-148	135-143	135-142	139-144
1020-1111	1011-1187	1000-1182	1015-1093	149-170	144-152	143-150	145-153
1134-1280	1210-1320	1208-1297	1124-1277		153-170	151-170	157-170
1339-1490	1359-1475	1355-1499	1319-1449	Dorper			
Other European & Crosses				90-110	90-113	90-112	90-120
1000-1127	1010-1119	1000-1111	1000-1104	111-153	116-152	114-149	121-153
1129-1248	1121-1238	1113-1208	1119-1220	Southdown			
1250-1349	1239-1340	1213-1320	1261-1370	90-110	90-110	90-115	90-115
1350-1469	1343-1555	1329-1490	1379-1560	111-128	113-128	116-130	116-130
Market Hog				129-160	129-166	131-162	131-170
Hampshire				Medium Wool			
240-242	240	240-251	250-263	100-125	100-125	100-125	100-125
240-242	241-252	240-251	250-263	126-142	126-139	126-137	126-143
243-253	253-268	252-266	264-278	143-153	140-148	138-147	144-151
254-268	269-280	267-280	279-290	154-170	149-155	148-155	152-161
269-280					156-170	156-170	162-170
Crossbred	Light Cross			Market Goat			
240	240-248	240-256	250	Div I			
240	240-248	240-256	251-264	60-68	60-72	60-71	60-71
240	249-259	257-269	264-278	69-73	73-77	71-77	72-78
241-247	260-270	270-280	279-290	74-78	78-82	78-82	79-84
248-254	271-280			Div II			
	Dark Cross			79-84	83-86	83-87	85-88
255-259	240-246	240-243	250-256	85-89	87-90	88-90	89-92
260-265	240-246	240-243	250-256	90-93	91-95	91-94	93-96
266-275	247-257	244-254	257-265	94-97	96-99	95-99	97-100
276-280	258-271	255-265	266-273	Div III			
	272-280	266-274	274-287	98-102	100-102	100-103	101-105
		275-280	288-290	103-108	103-108	104-111	106-111
				109-115	109-115	112-120	112-120

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San Angelo							
2018	2019	2020	2021	2018	2019	2020	2021
Duroc				Wether Does			
				Div 1			
240-245	240-248	240-245	280-288				
245-258	249-264	246-261	256-274	59-70	51-69	50-67	50-60
259-272	265-277	262-275	275-289	73-78	70-74	68-75	61-74
273-280	278-280	276-280	290	79-82	75-78	76-79	75-80
LOPB				Div 2			
240-244	240-257	240-253	250-270	83-87	79-84	80-84	81-85
245-260	258-280	254-280	271-290	88-93	85-90	85-89	86-89
262-280				94-97	91-97	90-94	90-95
DOPB				Div 3			
240-249	240	240-254	250-260	99-103	98-103	95-100	96-101
240-249	243-257	240-254	261-289	104-105	104-109	101-109	103-110
250-263	258-280	255-280	290	106-130	110-135	110-134	111-128
264-280							
Berkshire							
	240-249	240-247	250-264				
	250-280	248-280	265-290				
Yorkshire							
240	240-245	240-243	250-260				
243-264	248-265	244-263	261-289				
265-280	267-280	264-280	290				



## YOUTH MARKET ANIMAL JUDGES

### MARKET GOATS

- Brandon Morgan, Blanchard, OK

### MARKET HOGS

- David Corb, Oxford, OH

### MARKET LAMBS

- Dr. Scott Shaake, Westmoreland, KS

### MARKET STEERS

- Chad Coburn, Sterling City, TX

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## San Antonio

2018	2019	2020	2021	2018	2019	2020	2021
Steer				Sheep			
Angus				Fine Wool			
1000-1155	1000-1144	1000-1160	1000-1230	103-121	100-120	100-120	100-124
1156-1262	1145-1261	1161-1283	1231-1354	122-129	121-128	121-127	125-131
1263-1500	1262-1500	1284-1500	1355-1500	130-136	129-135	128-134	132-138
Brahman				137-143	136-145	135-142	139-144
1000-1169	1000-1174	1000-1199	1000-1189	145-175	146-160		145-165
1170-1289	1175-1279	1200-1279	1190-1289	Fine Wool X			
1290-1500	1280-1500	1280-1500	1290-1500	114-129	100-127	100-126	113-130
Charlois				130-136	128-133	127-134	131-138
1000-1169	1000-1217	1000-1199	1000-1199	137-143	134-140	135-141	139-147
1180-1272	1218-1325	1200-1299	1200-1297	144-147	141-145	142-152	148-153
1273-1500	1326-1500	1300-1500	1298-1500	148-151	146-151	153-175	155-175
Hereford				152-161	152-159		
1000-1201	1000-1189	1000-1189	1000-1234	162-175	160-175		
1202-1301	1190-1298	1190-1297	1235-1296	Southdown			
1302-1500	1299-1500	1298-1500	1297-1500	100-109	100-110	102-114	100-112
Limousin				110-119	111-118	115-119	113-118
1000-1212	1000-1199	1000-1199	1000-1190	120-124	119-124	120-124	119-124
1213-1299	1200-1294	1200-1283	1191-1314	125-130	125-130	125-133	125-133
1300-1500	1295-1500	1284-1500	1315-1500	131-140	131-139	134-141	134-141
Maine-Anjou				142-159	140-160	142-164	142-166
1000-1180	1000-1169	1000-1198	1000-1179	Dorper			
1181-1267	1170-1290	1199-1359	1180-1333			100-114	100-112
1268-1500	1295-1500	1360-1500	1334-1500			115-140	114-140
Red Angus				Medium Wool			
1000-1189	1000-1179	1000-1185	1000-1180	100-118	100-117	101-117	100-122
1190-1500	1180-1500	1186-1500	1181-1500	119-126	118-125	118-125	123-126
Santa Gertrudis				127-131	126-129	126-130	127-132
1000-1210	1000-1189	1000-1245	1000-1223	132-136	130-133	131-134	133-136
1211-1295	1190-1294	1246-1314	1224-1299	137-139	134-136	135-139	137-139
1296-1500	1295-1500	1315-1500	1300-1500	140-142	137-140	140-141	140-142
Shorthorn				143-144	141-143	142-144	143-144
1000-1155	1000-1141	1000-1151	1000-1170	145-147	144-146	145-147	145-146
1156-1274	1142-1259	1152-1277	1171-1335	148-151	147-149	148-150	147-149
1275-1500	1260-1500	1278-1500	1336-1500	152-155	150-152	151-153	150-152
Simbrah				156-158	153-155	154-155	153-155
1000-1189	1000-1237	1000-1220	1000-1199	159-161	156-158	156-157	156-158
190-1295	1238-1320	1221-1299	1200-1309	162-165	159-163	158-159	159-161
1296-1500	1321-1500	1300-1500	1310-1500	166-171	164-170	160-162	162-165
Simmental				172-175	171-175	163-168	166-170
1000-1219	1000-1211	1000-1209	1000-1199			169-173	171-175
1220-1319	1212-1316	1210-1325	1200-1320			174-175	
1320-1500	1317-1500	1326-1500	1321-1500				



## San Antonio

2018	2019	2020	2021	2018	2019	2020	2021
ABC				Goats			
1000-1135	1000-1143	1000-1131	1000-1189	Div I			
1136-1280	1144-1291	1132-1261	1190-1349	60-70	60-72	60-69	63-74
1281-1500	1292-1500	1262-1500	1350-1500	71-76	73-77	70-75	75-79
Brangus				77-80	78-81	76-79	80-84
1000-1200	1000-1198	1000-1196	1000-1191	Div II			
1201-1295	1199-1291	1197-1307	1192-1294	81-84	82-85	80-83	85-87
1296-1500	1292-1500	1308-1500	1295-1500	85-87	86-88	84-86	88-90
Red/Black Cross 1				88-90	89-90	87-89	91-93
1000-1150	1000-1145	1000-1185	1000-1241	Div III			
1151-1264	1146-1269	1186-1351	1242-1383	91-93	91-94	90-92	94-97
1265-1500	1270-1500	1352-1500	1384-1500	94-96	95-98	93-95	98-100
Red/Black Cross 2				97-99	99-101	96-99	101-102
1001-1150	1000-1151	1000-1150	1000-1199	Div IV			
1179-1284	1152-1329	1151-1299	1200-1350	100-103	102-104	100-103	103-106
1335-1455	1330-1500	1300-1500	1351-1500	104-108	105-109	104-108	107-112
Others				109-115	110-115	109-120	113-120
1000-1038	1000-1034	1000-1039	1000-1053				
1039-1109	1035-1101	1040-1100	1054-1112				
1110-1189	1102-1177	1101-1169	1113-1199				
1193-1256	1178-1248	1170-1239	1200-1289				
1264-1351	1249-1347	1240-1350	1290-1399				
1360-1499	1348-1500	1351-1500	1400-1500				
Swine							
Duroc				Yorkshire			
240-244	240	240-243	270-243	240	240	240	240-247
240-244	240	240-243	244-252	241-150	241-250	242-253	248-258
245-254	241-253	244-251	253-259	252-259	251-261	255-262	259-269
255-261	254-261	252-259	260-267	260-266	262-266	263-270	270-277
262-268	262-269	260-265	268-274	267-278	267-279	271-278	278-288
269-275	270-276	266-272	275-279	280			290
276-280	277-280	273-276	280-286	Landrace			
276-280	277-280	277-280	287-290	240-259	240-255	240-263	240-270
			287-290	260-280	256-280	267-280	271-290
Hampshire				Chester White			
240	240	240-244	240-244	240-247	240-245	240-257	240-257
240	240	240-244	240-244	248-267	246-264	258-273	259-275
240	240	240-244	245-251	268-280	265-280	275-280	276-290
241-247	241-249	245-250	252-257				
248-253	250-254	251-257	258-263				
254-260	255-259	258-264	264-268				
262-269	260-267	265-268	269-276				
270-278	268-276	269-279	277-286				
279-280	277-280	280	287-290	CHECK OUT OUR SWINE WEIGHT BREAK			

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## San Antonio

2018	2019	2020	2021	2018	2019	2020	2021
Berkshire				Crossbred			
240-244	240-242	240-242	240-250	240	240	240	240-243
245-260	243-258	243-257	251-269	240	240	240	240-243
261-280	259-280	258-280	270-290	240	240	240	240-243
Dark Cross				240	240	240	244-248
240-241	240-243	240	240-243	241-244	241-246	241-245	249-252
240-241	240-243	240	240-243	245-247	247-250	246-249	253-256
240-241	240-243	241-247	244-252	248-250	251-253	250-253	257-260
242-248	244-249	248-253	253-258	251-253	254-256	254-257	261-264
249-253	250-256	254-259	289-266	254-257	257-259	258-260	265-267
254-259	257-264	260-264	267-274	258-260	260-263	261-264	268-270
260-266	265-270	265-269	275-280	261-264	264-267	265-267	271-273
267-275	271-279	270-279	281-298	265-268	268-270	268-270	274-277
276-280	280	280	290	269-273	271-274	271-274	278-281
Poland China				274-277	275-279	275-279	282-286
240-251	240-250	240-249	240-264	278-280	280	280	287-290
252-280	251-280	250-280	265-290	278-280	280	280	287-290
Spot							
240	240	240-246	240-243				
241-252	241-251	240-246	244-255				
253-267	252-264	247-258	256-264				
268-280	265-280	259-267	265-278				
		265-280	279-290				



## YOUTH MARKET ANIMAL JUDGES

### MARKET GOATS

- Brent Jennings; Kenly, NC

### MARKET LAMBS

- Todd Wise; Keenesburg, CO

### MARKET STEERS

- Shane Bedwell; Holt, MO
- Assistant Judge: Curtis Doubet; Laramie, WY

### MARKET HOGS

- Brian Arnold; Lafayette, IN  
Spot, Poland China, Dark Crossbred, Landrace, Crossbred
- Marverick Squires; Dover, OK  
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Houston							
2018	2019	2020	2021	2018	2019	2020	2021
Market Lambs				Market Steers			
Finewool				Simmental			
115-129	106-128	Covid	100-132	1000-1212	1000-1221	Covid	1000-1220
130-140	129-138	Covid	133-143	1213-1311	1222-1300	Covid	1221-1299
141-169	139-188	Covid	144-172	1312-1499	1301-1499	Covid	1300-1667
Finewool X				Maine			
119-141	110-138	Covid	115-139	1000-1181	1000-1179	Covid	1000-1199
147-152	139-150	Covid	140-151	1182-1294	1180-1293	Covid	1200-1299
153-197	151-180	Covid	152-185	1295-1525	1294-1456	Covid	1300-1599
Southdown				Angus			
100-121	90-121	Covid	97-125	1000-1173	1000-1185	Covid	1000-1176
122-134	1222-134	Covid	126-137	1174-1265	1186-1234	Covid	1177-1295
135-165	135-171	Covid	138-210	1266-1448	1236-1460	Covid	1296-1605
Dorper				Red/Black Cross I			
90-110	90-109	Covid	90-107			Covid	1000-1152
111-120	110-121	Covid	108-121			Covid	1153-1249
121-156	122-165	Covid	122-159			Covid	1250-1353
Medium Wool						Covid	1354-1599
100-130	105-128	Covid	100-133	Brahman			
131-138	129-136	Covid	134-139	1000-1169	1000-1167	Covid	1000-1190
139-144	137-141	Covid	140-145	1170-1274	1168-1268	Covid	1191-1267
145-149	142-146	Covid	146-149	1275-1449	1269-1395	Covid	1268-1479
150-154	147-150	Covid	150-154	Brangus			
155-159	151-156	Covid	155-160	1000-1240	1000-1209	Covid	1000-1250
160-164	157-161	Covid	161-166	1241-1297	1210-1293	Covid	1251-1350
165-171	162-169	Covid	167-175	1298-1515	1294-1451	Covid	1351-1550
172-219	170-205	Covid	176-225	Santa Gertrudis			
Market Goat				1000-1203	1000-1199	Covid	1000-1199
Div I				1204-1299	1200-1328	Covid	1200-1328
65-72	65-70	Covid	65-70	1300-1430	1329-1485	Covid	1319-1604
73-77	71-76	Covid	71-76	Simbrah			
78-82	77-81	Covid	77-81	1000-1213	1000-1207	Covid	1000-1211
Div II				1214-1306	1208-1303	Covid	1212-1318
83-85	82-84	Covid	82-85	1307-1450	1304-1520	Covid	1319-1604
86-88	85-87	Covid	86-88	ABC			
89-91	88-90	Covid	89-91	1000-1111	1000-1089	Covid	1000-1100
Div III				1112-1199	1090-4462	Covid	1101-1197
92-94	91-93	Covid	92-94	1200-1300	1163-1223	Covid	1198-4270
98-97	94-96	Covid	95-97	1301-1500	1229-1300	Covid	1271-1350
98-100	97-101	Covid	98-100		1301-1541	Covid	1351-1500



Houston							
2018	2019	2020	2021	2018	2019	2020	2021
Div IV				Charlolais			
101-104	102-107	Covid	101-104	1000-1194	1000-1155	Covid	1000-1153
105-109	108-110	Covid	105-110	1195-1267	156-1220	Covid	1154-1230
110-115	111-115	Covid	111-120	1268-1323	1221-1260	Covid	1231-1303
Market Hog				1324-1498	1268-1331	Covid	1304-1350
Duroc					1332-1525	Covid	1351-1560
240	240-244	Covid	250-252	Limousin			
242-250	240-244	Covid	250-252	1000-1211	1000-1212	Covid	1000-1229
251-256	245-250	Covid	253-257	1212-1294	1213-1303	Covid	1230-1335
257-261	251	Covid	258-264	1295-1445	1304-1440	Covid	1336-1490
262-267	258	Covid	265-280	Other Cross			
268-279	266-272	Covid	271-277	1000-1069	1000-1048	Covid	1000-1050
280	273-279	Covid	278-286	1070-1140	1049-1120	Covid	1051-1125
	280	Covid	287-290	1141-1199	1121-1185	Covid	1126-1215
Hampshire				1200-1264	1186-1243	Covid	1216-1279
240-243	240	Covid	250-253	1265-1350	1244-1339	Covid	1280-1350
240-243	240	Covid	250-253	1351-1560	1340-1550	Covid	1351-1580
240-243	240	Covid	250-253	Red/Black Cross II			
240-243	241-245	Covid	250-253			Covid	1000-1220
240-243	246-249	Covid	254-256			Covid	1221-1350
244-247	250-254	Covid	257-262			Covid	1351-1547
248-250	255-261	Covid	263-268	Hereford			
251-256	262-267	Covid	269-273	1000-1219	1000-1217	Covid	1000-1229
257-259	268-274	Covid	274-279	1220-1297	1218-1305	Covid	1230-1301
260-263	275-279	Covid	280-286	1298-1500	1309-1494	Covid	1302-1525
264-269	280	Covid	287-290	Polled Hereford			
270-279		Covid		1000-1207	1000-1208	Covid	1000-1250
280		Covid		1208-1279	1209-1330	Covid	1251-1338
Berkshire				1280-1495	1331-1525	Covid	1339-1520
240-243	240	Covid	250-250	Shorthorn			
244-260	241-255	Covid	251-261	1000-1158	1000-1144	Covid	1000-1220
261-280	256-268	Covid	262-271	1159-1263	1145-1251	Covid	1221-1299
	269-280	Covid	272-290	1264-1500	1252-1546	Covid	1300-1530
Poland China				Red Angus			
240-250	240-248	Covid	250-256	1000-1186	1000-1150	Covid	1000-1145
251-280	249-280	Covid	257-290	1187-1305	1151-1253	Covid	1146-1299
				1306-1379	1254-1417	Covid	1300-1425





# MAJOR SHOW WEIGHT BREAKS

## Houston

2018	2019	2020	2021	2018	2019	2020	2021
Spot				Chester White/Landrace			
240-244	240-244	Covid	250	240	240-247	Covid	250-255
240-244	240-244	Covid	251-259	242-253	248-264	Covid	256-276
245-259	245-260	Covid	260-272	255-267	265-280	Covid	277-290
260-280	261-280	Covid	273-290	268-280		Covid	
Dark Cross				Other Cross			
240-243	240-243	Covid	250-252	240-241	240-244	Covid	250
240-243	240-243	Covid	250-252	240-241	240-244	Covid	250
240-243	240-243	Covid	250-252	240-241	240-244	Covid	250
244-250	244-249	Covid	253-257	240-241	240-244	Covid	250
251-258	250-257	Covid	258-264	240-241	240-244	Covid	250
259-265	258-264	Covid	265-270	240-241	240-244	Covid	250
266-275	265-271	Covid	271-276	242-245	240-244	Covid	250
276-280	272-279	Covid	277-289	242-245	245-259	Covid	251-255
	280	Covid	290	246-250	250-254	Covid	256-259
Yorkshire				251-254	250-254	Covid	260-262
240	240-243	Covid	250	255-257	255-256	Covid	263-264
242-250	244-253	Covid	251-263	258-261	257-260	Covid	265-266
251-258	254-262	Covid	265-272	262-264	257-260	Covid	267-269
259-267	263-277	Covid	273-285	265-267	261-264	Covid	270-274
268-279	278-280	Covid	286-290	268-272	265-268	Covid	275-278
280		Covid		273-276	269-273	Covid	279-284
				277-280	274	Covid	285-289
				277-280	277-280	Covid	290
					277-280	Covid	290

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## YOUTH MARKET ANIMAL JUDGES

### MARKET GOATS

- Cody Sloan, Cameron, MO

### MARKET LAMBS

- Jimmie Davis, Walter, OK

### MARKET STEERS

- Jirl Buck, Madill, OK

### MARKET HOGS

- AJ Genter, Archbold, OH
- Austin Thompson, Roanoke, IN

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Austin							
2018	2019	2020	2021	2018	2019	2020	2021
Steer				Market Hog			
British				Duroc			
1090-1255	1028-1215	Covid	1134-1210	240-247	240-249	Covid	250-251
1257-1345	1219-1252	Covid	1211-1334	248-262	250-262	Covid	252-267
1347-1470	1277-1342	Covid	1335-1489	263-275	265-279	Covid	268-283
	1361-1550	Covid		276-280	280	Covid	284-290
Shorthorn				Hamp			
1025-1279	1101-1249	Covid	1020-1241	240-243	240-242	Covid	250-252
1289-1425	1257-1450	Covid	1242-1573	240-243	240-242	Covid	250-252
ABC				240-243	243-251	Covid	250-252
1000-1124	1045-1175	Covid	1025-1170	244-254	252-259	Covid	253-260
1125-1193	1177-1219	Covid	1171-1235	255-264	260-266	Covid	261-268
1195-1247	1227-1243	Covid	1236-1289	265-273	267-273	Covid	269-279
1250-1303	1245-1300	Covid	1290-1380	274-280	275-280	Covid	280-290
1305-1357	1309-1347	Covid	1381-1579	York			
1363-1559	1349-1396	Covid		240	240	Covid	250
	1397-1567	Covid		241-257	247-263	Covid	251-266
Brahman				258-268	264-278	Covid	267-284
1105-1273	1052-1258	Covid	1100-1268	269-280	280	Covid	285-290
1274-1386	1259-1450	Covid	1269-1460	DOPB			
AOB Black				240-248	240	Covid	250
1000-1127	1045-1160	Covid	1055-1179	240-249	241-256	Covid	251-265
1133-1186	1172-1249	Covid	1180-1260	250-265	257-273	Covid	266-276
1195-1250	1269-1365	Covid	1261-1375	266-280	275-280	Covid	277-290
1257-1300	1366-1545	Covid	1376-1549	WOPB			
1315-1379		Covid		240-256	240-262	Covid	250-260
1381-1510		Covid		257-280	264-280	Covid	261-290
AOB Other				Crossbred	Light Cross		
1000-1057	1000-1097	Covid	1000-1089	240	240	Covid	250
1058-1124	1099-1155	Covid	1090-1149	240	242-252	Covid	250
1125-1175	1157-1185	Covid	1150-1227	240	253-261	Covid	251-259
1180-1217	1188-1237	Covid	1228-1265	240	262-268	Covid	260-270
1278-1251	1239-1254	Covid	1266-1212	240	270-279	Covid	271-280
1251-1278	1258-1272	Covid	1214-1280	240	280	Covid	281-290
1279-1310	1275-1299	Covid	1281-1450	241-244	Dark Cross		
1313-1366	1300-1315	Covid	1451-1660	245-248	240-243	Covid	250
1368-1429	1319-1349	Covid		249-252	240-243	Covid	250
1430-1501	1353-1397	Covid		253-255	240-243	Covid	250
	1399-1445	Covid		256-257	244-249	Covid	250
	1447-1565	Covid		258-262	250-254	Covid	251-255
AOB Red				263-267	255-260	Covid	256-260
1001-1171	1003-1166	Covid	1042-1225	268-270	266-271	Covid	261-266
1175-1242	1225-1309	Covid	1226-1414	271-276	271-276	Covid	267-273
1247-1319	1360-1550	Covid		277-280	278-280	Covid	274-281
1340-1515		Covid		280	278-280	Covid	282-289
						Covid	290



# MAJOR SHOW WEIGHT BREAKS

## Austin

2018	2019	2020	2021	2018	2019	2020	2021
Market Lambs				Market Goats			
Finewool				Div I			
114-129	108-128	Covid	108-135	60-73	60-70	Covid	60-71
130-137	129-139	Covid	136-141	74-78	71-78	Covid	73-78
138-161	142-160	Covid	142-169	79-82	79-83	Covid	79-82
Finewool X				83-85	84-86	Covid	83-85
129-138	114-139	Covid	120-142	86-88	87-89	Covid	86-88
139-147	142-154	Covid	143-153	Div II			
148-156	155-184	Covid	154-183	89-91	90-91	Covid	89-90
157-193		Covid		92-93	92-93	Covid	91-92
Southdown				94-95	94-95	Covid	93-94
108-124	107-125	Covid	90-123	96-97	96-97	Covid	93-97
125-135	126-439	Covid	124-138	98-99	98-100	Covid	98-100
136-162	141-170	Covid	139-175	Div III			
Medium Wool				100-102	101-102	Covid	101-102
108-136	102-133	Covid	107-134	103-104	103-105	Covid	103-104
137-142	134-142	Covid	135-143	105-107	106-108	Covid	105-108
143-147	143-147	Covid	144-149	108-111	109-113	Covid	109-112
148-153	148-153	Covid	150-154	112-120	114-120	Covid	113-120
154-158	154-157	Covid	155-161				
159-163	158-162	Covid	162-168				
164-169	163-172	Covid	169-175				
170-197	173-208	Covid	176-212				
Dorper							
	91-116	Covid	100-116				
	117-134	Covid	117-150				



## YOUTH MARKET ANIMAL JUDGES

### MARKET GOATS

- Eric Zimmerman, Texas

### MARKET HOGS

- Jeremy Cantrell, Oklahoma

### MARKET LAMBS

- Evan Snyder, Pennsylvania

### MARKET STEERS

- Nick Fitzsimmons, Oklahoma

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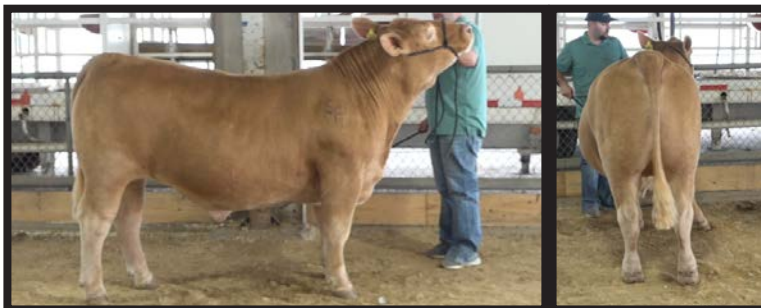


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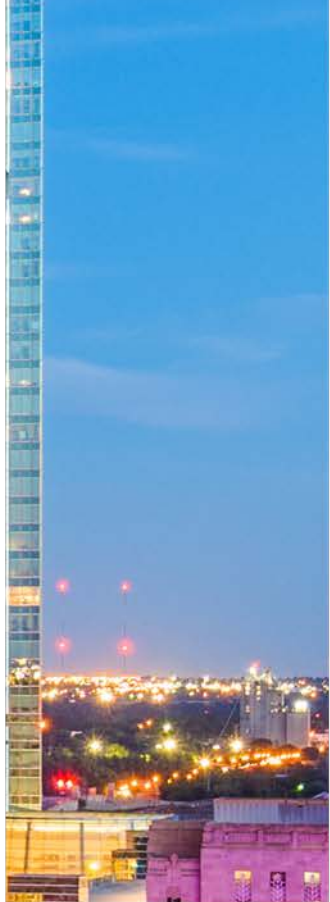




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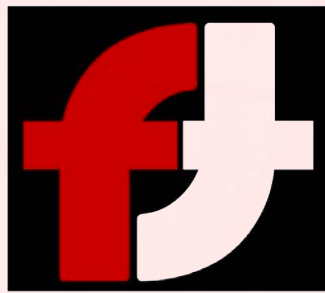
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# MY NAME IS CONNOR PENCE.



I am 18 years old. My parents are Cory and Denise Pence. We live in Mereta, Texas. Mereta is a very small town with a post office and a Farmer's COOP. I currently attend Veribest High School 20 miles East of San Angelo. My grandparents are Brian and Loretta Edmiston from Eldorado, Texas. I like to introduce my grandparents because of their tremendous support and generosity in giving me five does when I was 3 years old to start my meat goat herd. At the age of 3, I was thankful, but never realized how truly blessed I would be 15 years later. I have raised and shown my own goats for 15 years. I showed in my first show the month before my 4th birthday with a goat named Flipper. She was an orphan and raised on a bottle, as a result, she was extremely gentle. My parents wanted me to start young because of everything I needed to learn in raising, feeding, and showing. For years now, I have chosen to continue gaining knowledge, experiences, and memories through my goats and showing livestock. Through raising goats I have been blessed to have the opportunity to be named a National Champion in Goat Proficiency. I was able to travel to Indianapolis and connect with people across the United States. Leadership is a top priority for me. I am Student Council President, an active member in National Honor Society, 4-H Club President, and Area 2 FFA First Vice President. Moving forward I will always have agriculture in the forefront of my mind. My goal in college is to not only study embryology, but to also look at different aspects of agriculture that could be improved upon. I love to judge wool and livestock, and want to participate in

these activities when moving to Texas A&M University. As I close, I want to give thanks to the Glen Martin family for their guidance, support, and encouragement.





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

For me, it is the realization of how blessed I truly am to be a part of the livestock industry. Showing of course brings together friends, family, and memories; however, when I think about everything I've learned through showing livestock, nothing can take that away. The greatest reward is how showing livestock has shaped me as a person.



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

The most challenging thing for me when it comes to showing livestock is the combination of feeding and selecting animals for the intended judge.

## WHAT VALUES ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU?

A very important value to me is integrity. Not only in myself, but also in the eyes of others. Integrity to me is being respectful, honest, trustworthy, hard working, responsible, helpful and patient.

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

Win, lose, or draw, always do your best and always strive to better than you were yesterday.



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## GIVE US YOUR MOST IMPORTANT SHOWMANSHIP TIP.

My most important showmanship tip has to be keeping a good attitude in and out of the ring. While showing or training any species of livestock not everything is going to go your way. No matter what adversity you face in the ring a good showman always needs to stay positive and keep a good attitude.

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

I want to be remembered as being a good showman. Having the ability to present an animal and maximize that animal's potential is a goal I try to accomplish every time I step into a show ring.



## 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 Ingrid Newkirk, President of PETA, to lunch. I would like to talk about the experiences and lessons that FFA and 4-H have given me. I would share about my experiences with showing and raising animals and explain to him that we do not unethically treat animals. I would like to hear her thoughts and arguments related to agriculture, livestock, and showing. While having the opportunity to respond all in a casual conversation.

**DO NOTHING FROM SELFISH AMBITION OR CONCEIT, BUT IN HUMILITY COUNT OTHERS MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN YOURSELVES. LET EACH OF YOU LOOK NOT ONLY TO HIS OWN INTERESTS, BUT ALSO TO THE INTEREST OF OTHERS.**

*Philippians 2:3-4*





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

I think my friends would say I'm funny, nice and always around for a good laugh. With some intended sarcasm of course.



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

I will have finished my Bachelors of Science at Texas A&M University. While having been a member of the wool judging and livestock judging teams.

## WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL?

My biggest role model has to be my mom. Throughout my life she has taught me countless life lessons and how to be a showman. Without her, I would not be the person I am today.





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

Professionally, I hope to have obtained my doctorate degree in Animal Science specializing in embryology. Personally, I hope to have continued to increase the quality of my goat herd.



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

It's the people I have around me and connecting with them that motivate me to put my best effort forth everyday. It's working together plus setting an example.



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

The first step I take is recognizing a long term goal. Then I think about short term goals that add up to achieve my long term goal. I take one goal at a time, because if the plan doesn't work, change the plan, not the goal.



## TELL US WHAT *success* MEANS TO YOU

To me, success is a team whether that be a group of family members, friends or you and your animal getting together to achieve a certain goal. You can't do everything on your own. So, it's always good to have somebody that's got your back. This version of success is what I was taught through stockshowing.

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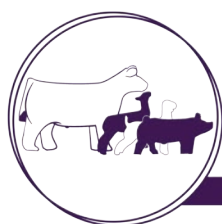


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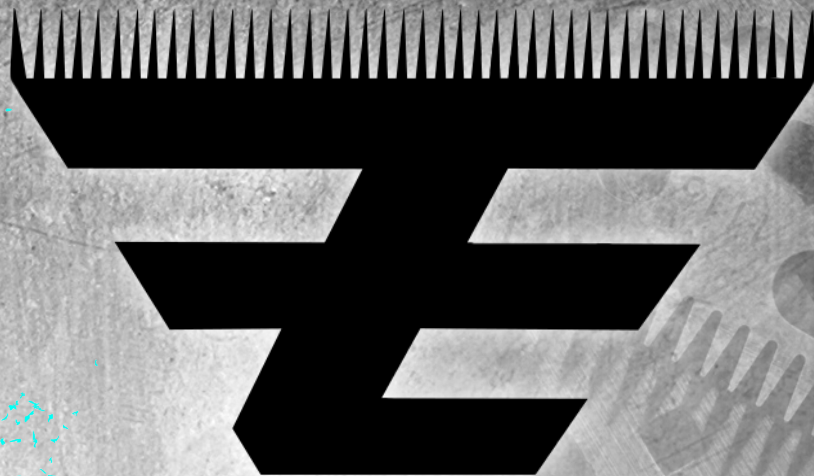
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# UNDER THE INFLUENCE

Interview conducted by Mandy Cowley



## TED LAIRD

*Founder and Owner of  
Premium Blend Genetics*

By any definition, Ted Laird is living the American dream. He had a passion which he, along with his children, wanted to turn into a business. He and his wife, Regina, leveraged everything they owned, and Ted left his job to start a business in their kitchen and small barn which has grown into a multi-million-dollar boar stud called Premium Blend Genetics. PBG seemed to burst onto the show pig scene in 2012 with the purchase of two standout boars, Bone Collector and Superman. Those two boars put PBG on the map, so to speak, and their business has grown from just a handful of boars to over 100.

But PBG's success has not come without perils. From mortgaging all their assets to get the business off the ground, to learning to work together as a family in a high stress industry, to, recently, enduring a costly and personal legal battle involving two of PBG's purebred Poland China boars.

Ted and Regina, along with their four children and their spouses, operate their boar stud in Arlington, Indiana, and focus their business on their customers' success. They recently completed a major infrastructure expansion which will continue to propel the business into the future. Ted is transitioning many of the day-to-day responsibilities to his children with the boys taking over the show pig side of the business, along with Crosby Jackman, and his daughter, Morgan, and Garrett Cole taking over the day-to-day operation of the boar stud. While Ted will always have the stud as his first priority and will continue to be heavily involved with it, he hopes to complete this transition quickly so he can concentrate on diversifying the business and focus on his favorite job, being Papaw to his four grandchildren.

Purple Circle is pleased to feature Ted's story and his insights into his business and the show pig industry.

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## WHY DID YOU CHOOSE THE NAME PREMIUM BLEND GENETICS

Around 2005, when we started having our first online sales, we had a friend who put together a group of people to have an online sale and called it the Premium Blend Online Sale. That fell away as everyone grew and started their own deal. In 2012, when we started the boar stud, I thought the name was cool. I asked him if we could use the name, and he agreed. Premium is the key in the name. Since day one, we have geared ourselves toward the elite of the elite. Then, it is a “blend” of genetics. We thought the name fit. A blend of the most premium genetics we can find.

## HOW DID YOU GET STARTED IN THE SHOW PIG INDUSTRY?

My family started in 1916 with my grandfather raising purebred Polands. My parents raised Poland Chinas into the 2000's, and I started raising purebred Hampshires my senior year of high school in 1981. My kids showed primarily Hamps and Crosses. We farrowed about 15 sows during those years. Like most people, my kids were addicted to showing like a drug. You define your life by show pigs. We started into Berkshires almost by accident with my dad buying a Berkshire sow who became famous, Miss Hathaway. She was a well renowned Berkshire sow who raised a couple of Berkshire boars that we kept to breed to our own sows and then to sell semen on the side. My oldest son, Jacob, had just graduated, and we decided to do that on a small scale.

The boar stud really started with the purchase of two amazing boars. Chris Jones and Brian Bennett in Conroe, Texas, had a pair of Berkshire boars that were really good. They were showing them at jackpots in Texas and winning grand and reserve overall, which was unheard of. Chris had shown a number of pigs out of Miss Hathaway and done really well, and we had a good friendship. He called me to say he had a boar that was winning everything and asked if I wanted to buy him. We decided to purchase one of the boars and named him Superman. He is one of the more dominant Berkshire boars to ever be used. He was different for the breed at the time. Huge legged, stout, and moderate. Then, I saw a video of Ty Goss driving a boar at his place that I thought was incredible and so different as to how he ran uphill and had a presence to him that just made you look at him. That boar's name was Bone Collector who was bred by Carl Kent. We purchased the boar, and he went on to do great things, including siring Bone Thug and Visionary, who are the backbone of everything Premium Blend. We consider those boars three of the all-time boars we have ever had in stud.

With Superman and Bone Collector as our first two boars, things just exploded from there. Jacob was working full time at the stud, although he had just graduated with a degree in speech therapy. We then hired Garrett Cole in the fall of 2012, who is still with us. At the time I think we had about 15 boars in the fall of 2012. Our middle son, Nolan, then joined full-time in 2013. Everything kept growing at an incredible rate and by 2014, I left Rolls Royce because there was no way to do both. Our youngest son, Mitchell, started full-time in 2017, and my daughter Morgan rounded out all four kids joining PBG full-time in 2019. Regina retired from dental hygiene in 2020, and there is no doubt she is a critical part of the deal. Finally, we added Crosby Jackman to work the show pig side of the business in 2021. It is a dream team for me as everyone does everything and everyone has their specialty.



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## WHAT WERE SOME OF THE GROWING PAINS YOU EXPERIENCED IN THOSE EARLY YEARS, AND HOW DID YOU OVERCOME THEM?

I would say facilities would be the main thing. We have been able to improve them as we have gone along. We started in our kitchen, like a lot of businesses. That is where we processed the semen to begin with. We had a little barn where I mounted a hot water heater I had cut in half and welded legs onto for a collection dummy. Then, the place across the road from us came up for sale. It had a large barn on it. Jacob moved to that place. We moved over and renovated that 1914 model, old-style barn. We built a processing area in it. Then we moved the office into Jacob's garage which gave us more room in the barn. Then we moved into Jacob's house.

Then we got a double-wide office that I found on Craigslist. In 2018, we built our current facility that held around 66 boars. Finally, we just recently completed our expansion. We can max out at 120 boar pens and doubled our office space, lab, and viewing area. We also have a family area for the spouses and grandkids to hang out which will be a great addition

The new facility has been life changing as we have all of the boars in one barn with plenty of lab and office space. One of the critical things we added was an indoor viewing area where we can have people looking at boars inside a facility that is heated to 70 degrees while it is freezing and snowing outside and dry when it is raining. It is great for keeping boars safe and out of the weather, and our customers love it. So, it's been good to go from starting in your garage and kitchen to having 120 boar pens with that kind of viewing area and lab. Up until this point, we renovated everything ourselves. But that is how we paid for it all. Pouring all of our money into boars as we have grown and upgrading facilities as we could has been our philosophy. I really don't like spending any money except on great boars and gilts and great people, but great facilities keep the boars healthy and ready to roll and allows the crew to be as efficient as possible which becomes more and more important as the families grow. That is a prime thing I am looking at right now – how to get our processes as efficient as possible to get everyone home as early as possible at night to be with their families.

## AS A BUSINESS, WHAT ARE YOUR FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES?

Our motto is, "Focused on your success." That is not unique, but it is all about making sure that people are successful. That success can be measured from placing in your class at your county show all the way to winning Grand at Houston. There are a lot of definitions to success. Obviously, on the showing side, it is an entertainment business. It is not relative to the commercial industry.

Therefore, success is kids having fun, and families enjoying it. If that doesn't happen, then we are all done. As a boar stud, our success is getting sows settled, having great semen quality, buying the best boars, and promoting the boars, kids, and breeders. We want to make sure we recognize people's success. The other thing we keep in mind is that every box we ship out has a dream in it. Somebody's dream at some level is going out in that box. We try to treat every customer better than we would expect to be treated if we were in their shoes.

Another core value of our business is that if you order semen first, then you get the semen first. There have been people who weren't happy with that, but it is a core principle. We just don't cut lines for someone who has a special sow. A dose of semen can literally change someone's life when you realize that someone could raise a \$200,000 boar or win a big show out of that dose. I can't give that dose to someone else. We just don't do it. That is what we have loved about our elite boars like Visionary, Next Intention, Never Before, and Bone Thug. People can put a little more money into semen, and they can hit it. Not to say that they can't hit using other boars, but those kind of boars are what we call Equalizers. You don't have to have 100 sows to raise a great one. You can do it with 5 to 10. We enjoy every success, but that is fun when you see a guy have success by stepping out.

The most fundamental principle is to love Jesus Christ and to follow him and work to be an example of what he wants us to be. We hope we can help bring people to believe and follow him. We have been incredibly blessed, and we are thrilled we can sometimes use that blessing to bless others. The most rewarding thing from this business is to see how much raising a great boar or gilt that we purchase can change a family's life. Many times, we will have folks tell us of how that purchase paid off a medical bill, or they had just lost their job and that purchase helped them get through a very difficult time. There is no better feeling than to hear the effect that our business can have.



## WHEN YOU ARE PURCHASING BOARS, WHAT ARE YOUR PRIORITIES?

It's a pretty basic formula for us. We start at toes. When the show is over, that is what we will be looking at in the back. The toes will generally tell everything on structure. Then, we look at joints and squareness. They have to be sound. It seems crazy, but a boar having to jump up on the dummy twice a week from a laying position in his pen year-round wears on them. Structural issues will reveal themselves very quickly doing that. Then you want to put as many extras-bone, back, and hair-in there as possible, especially in a boar stud. Our customers rarely say, "I just want a good pig." As my friend, Jeremy Cantrell, said when he judged Expo one year, we want power to meet pretty. Then, we look at the sow line and breeder behind the boar. The vast majority of the boars we have had were out of really good females. Every time we buy a boar from a breeder, we tell them we are going to do everything we can to make that boar famous. We are very driven to keep that boar healthy, looking like the elite animal they are, and to fight for them to get every great female we can.

## YOURS IS A FAMILY OPERATED BUSINESS. IS IT HARD KNOWING THAT SO MANY FAMILY MEMBERS ARE RELYING ON THE BUSINESS?

It is what keeps me up at night. Every day, I think about the scope of our business and the 7 families that are relying on it. In any business, someone is always coming after you. Not maliciously, it's just the nature of any business; we are all out here to win so the business thrives. It is amazing how well boar studs get along, though. People would be very surprised to know how much we all communicate. I don't know of any hard feelings between us or others. I mean, we all want to win and beat each other, but the fact that we all get along has been one of the most shocking things to me. Right when we started, Ben Moyer texted me to say, "Good luck. We don't want fight for our piece of the pie. Let's just make the pie bigger." I will never forget that. I think that has been proven to be the case as the boar studs give back tremendously to the industry to keep it growing.



**ORIGINAL PBG FACILITY**

## AS A LARGE-SCALE PRODUCER IN A RISKY BUSINESS, WHAT ARE SOME STRATEGIES YOU INCORPORATE TO HELP MITIGATE YOUR RISK?

It is an incredibly risky business. Banks don't loan money on boars, especially when the banks only consider them to be worth the price they would receive at a sale barn. You're not going to go to the bank and tell them you want to start a boar stud and expect them give you \$500,000. Unless you have some collateral to back it up or some other type of equity behind you, it's very hard to get started. We put my entire 401K into it, second mortgaged our house, and maxed every credit card we had to start the business. I think that is true of many boar stud owners. So, early on we were really at risk. We spent over \$600,000 in one night at Cobbs on Visionary, Beyond, Maverick, and Top Gun. That was a truly our make-or-break move. Looking back, it was a crazy decision, but I knew it was a very rare opportunity to get once-in-a-lifetime boars that I felt could take us to another level. If we had gone out one day, and Visionary or Beyond hadn't been alive or making semen, it would not have been a good situation.

At this point, our depth of elite level boars is the best way to protect ourselves from risk. We have now reached a point where we are not dependent on two or three boars. That has helped me sleep better. But there are still huge risks. If you insure them all, the insurance is a very big number when you consider the number of dollars we spend on boars each year. Also taking care of health and biosecurity. Staying on top of health and keeping the boars washed, cleaned, exercised, and warm/cool. We want everyone who works here looking at them so we can catch a problem quickly.



## WHAT IS THE AVERAGE USAGE SPAN FOR A BOAR?

We typically turn over 30% of our boars a year. If a boar doesn't hit his first season, he doesn't last. That effects where you buy them and at what age you buy them because they have to be ready to roll during prime breeding season. Otherwise, they might get forgotten. It is amazing that you might have the best barrow at Expo,

but if the barrow never gets shown out of the corner, that can make or break a boar. A boar can work his way back into regular usage, but it takes a lot, especially with Crossbreds because there are so many options out there.

In the smaller breeds, if a boar can rally in his second season, he can fight his way back, but it is really, really hard. It is rare to have a boar like Visionary, Never Before, or Next Intention where they stay hot for three or four years. Visionary is our oldest boar being 8 years old. He is retired but will keep his spot in the #1 pen in the barn until he passes away.



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## WHAT ADVICE DO YOU OFFER TO A PRODUCER WHEN THEY CALL TO ASK WHAT BOAR THEY SHOULD USE?

First questions I ask are what is the sow he or she is breeding out of, where do you want to help her, where do you think she is good, and what have her past litters been like? Then, I try to understand or have knowledge of what type of pig they like. It has become pretty homogenous what a show pig looks like across breeds, but there are guys who like them more powerful and slower growing. Then, there are guys who like them more complete and quicker growing. So, I try to get a feel for what the breeder likes and what has worked at his place.

## WHAT DO YOU FEEL ARE SOME KEYS TO SUCCESSFULLY WORKING IN A FAMILY BUSINESS?

No sharp objects. No loaded guns.

Seriously, I think it is respect and knowing at the end of the day we all want the same things. We are in a high stress business. There are very few orders that aren't headed to a very good female who our customer is counting on getting bred in a very short window of time. One of the most difficult calls is when a boar doesn't make as many doses as he typically does, and you have to call a customer and tell them that you can't ship them the semen. We try to let everyone know where they stand when they order if it is close to his typical doses, but sometimes it just happens. I've been on the other side of that call, and I know it is the last thing you want to hear. But the boars are not machines; some days they make less than you anticipated. Being family on top of that, it's hard. We are amazingly blessed that our kids are best friends. They do things together outside the business. Their spouses are all best friends. That is very helpful and very, very rare. That is the most blessed thing a parent can have. Ultimately, we stay focused on helping our customers be successful and making a living doing what we love.



## IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT ARE SOME OF THE CHALLENGES FACING THE SHOW PIG INDUSTRY?

There are less and less farms, and that trend will never change. That is especially true up here in the Midwest where we don't have any kind of school farms available. It is very dependent on families having a barn themselves. In general, moving away from agriculture and not having those facilities available will be a prime challenge. The elite will be the elite, and they will fight for it. But we must keep county fair level competitors in the game because they are the ones who make this industry work. As far as paying the bills, they are the bread and butter of the industry. I would say keeping competition at the local level available is vital. Also, any disease outbreak like ASF is very concerning. My guess is that could result in a major impact to the show pig world if that were to hit the US. My understanding is they are making progress on a vaccine. Hopefully, that is true, and it will be available very soon.

## WHAT MAKES YOU WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN THE SHOW PIG INDUSTRY, AND WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO YOUNG PEOPLE?

It is cliché, but there truly are very few programs that teach the dedication, work ethic, attention to detail, problem solving, and the ability to do physical labor like the livestock business. I think any young person who can do those things will have a very, very bright future no matter what they want to do in life. I don't know if there has ever been a time where learning a trade has been as valued as it is now, and I think the opportunities in those fields will only become more and more in demand. A computer can never replace a plumber, electrician, or welder, and I think the show world is a great way to prepare kids for those types of careers. It's just the best way for families to work together towards a goal every day and prepare their children for long-term success.



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## AS WE MENTIONED, TED LAIRD HAS BEEN IN A LEGAL ISSUE WITH THE POLAND CHINA RECORDS ASSOCIATION REGARDING TWO OF THEIR POLAND BOARS. WE ASKED TED TO SUMMARIZE THE ISSUE AND WHERE IT STANDS TODAY.

Both boars involved passed and were proven to be exactly what they were recorded as.  
The litigation is on-going.

Our issue was never about if they could be required to be tested, and we were never concerned they wouldn't pass. Our issue and why there is litigation is that the bylaws were not followed throughout the process, the completely arbitrary manner that situations have been handled, and the complete lack of any system to conduct the DNA testing process. Jason Foote and I should have been notified immediately when the complaint was received on June 9th and that a trial was being held. Instead, the trial was held, and decision was made to investigate the boars without our knowledge and to actually place a stay on the boars from any recording activities in the breed including recording any pigs already farrowed and issuing any AI certificates. That had never been done in the history of the breed. We were never notified of any of this until a customer told us about it in late July, right before the breeding season was starting. In fact, I was told by a board member that they were told not to tell me about it. PCRA president Jerry Masters, who was probably my dad's best friend, testified that it was just an oversight that they never told us.

That oversight and intentional delays resulted in it taking over 5 months to get correct results that take 3 weeks to complete. All Due Respect was kicked out of the breed twice along the way, and we missed nearly an entire breeding season. Had I known about the issue on June 9th when Ray Michou filed the complaint or of their decision at the trial on June 14th, I would have had samples to Geneseek the next day and results by the end of June. If they were truly interested in knowing the truth and what happened, they would have called Jason and I immediately. Instead, everything was done behind a very large and soundproof curtain.

They have no system to record what sow DNA samples they receive – none. The samples are placed in a tub with no protection from contamination. CPS interim-CEO Jack Wall testified that the blood card samples were protected from each other by the front flap on the sample card.

They changed a DNA sample that was a Spot boar we had purchased from saying Spot on it to Poland and wrote in All Due Respect's registration number. We caught that error as he showed up as negative in their system when we knew he was positive. Jack Wall testified that it was simply a clerical error. We told them to get rid of that card, and we sent another card. When they sent in the card to be tested for ADR, they sent the one that was marked out Spot. They lost ADR's original card and had a second card, but they sent the one they should have thrown out. Jack Wall testified that he didn't know why that sample was picked to be sent. It was in an envelope on a conference table, and he was told to send it in, and he didn't know who put that card in the envelope. That sample obviously resulted in a failed result, and they kicked ADR out. The second time they tested, there was an issue where the sample was tested using a low-density test, and it showed a fail to his dam. We had sent in cards at the exact same time that were tested using high-density testing, and they showed ADR passed at the exact same time as their result showed a fail. They knew of our result, but they ignored it and they sent out letters saying he failed.

They have questioned our family's commitment to breed integrity. That is where the line was crossed. It is, our opinion, the PCRA who has demonstrated they are the ones not dedicated to breed purity. For example:





- 1.) In 2021 there was a dam who failed parentage testing, and absolutely nothing was done to her litter and they were extremely successful that summer. There was no testing required, no letters sent out, no stay placed on any animals. The dam and her littermates have their names changed to “\*\*\*\*\*” and their sire is now listed as “UNKNOWN” and his entire lineage is listed as “UNKWOWN”. The testing caught an animal who couldn’t meet the bylaws to be in the breed and her off-spring, and now their offspring continue to contaminate the breed. The board voted to let that happen, and Jerry Masters testified that the bylaws do not allow that to be done.
- 2.) The DNA policy has never been published or available for anyone to see. Jerry Masters testified to that fact. When we finally received the DNA policy in the hearing, we found a clause that was very surprising to us. That paragraph states that any animal sold at a CPS sponsored event is grandfathered into the breed even if they later fail a parentage test. So, if you sell a Poland-appearing crossbred at a CPS event, you are exempted from parentage testing by the very policy that is in place to prove parentage testing.
- 3.) No littermates to our boars were ever required to be tested or a stay placed on them even though they would obviously have the exact same DNA. Only our 2 boars which are 2 of the 3 pigs ever required to specifically chosen to be tested.

In summary, we wanted no part of this and literally begged the PCRA to sit down and discuss the issue multiple times. If any organization has rules and policies in place, but ignore them when they choose, then you have no rules. You simply have the whim of the current board to do what they want. If we didn’t have the financial impact involved and the resources to fight it, ADR would be kicked out of the breed and that would have eliminated the most impressive boar I have ever seen who just sired the champion Poland barrow at San Antonio.

### **So, our primary goals are:**

- 1.) To have a change of leadership of the PCRA.
- 2.) Suspend the DNA policy until systems are in place to protect the samples from contamination and have it be open and transparent to the owners of the animals.
- 3.) Recover the significant financial damages we incurred by the delays, secretive nature throughout, and the numerous critical errors in executing the DNA testing process.

If they can get away with doing all of this to us with the resources we have to fight for the boars, then they will certainly feel they can do it to anyone they choose. We will fight with everything we have to not let that be the manner the PCRA operates.





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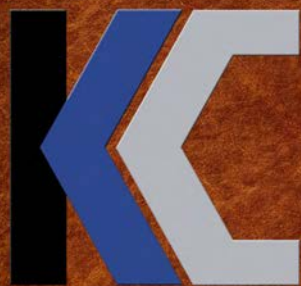
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**CARSON CLIFT, GRUVER, TX**

My favorite show is Houston or San Antonio. I've had better luck at those shows.

**KARLEY WILLENBORG, BOSQUEVILLE**

Houston. The ring help is always so great. It is so fluent the way they have things going through there. They know what they are doing. Also, I won the show in 2019.



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My county show. I know most of the people there, and it is fun to see the people that you know and be able to talk to them.





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**MAKAYLA WHITE, FRITCH**

I would have to say San Antonio. I like it a lot. There are a bunch of stores and other things. I like that. Plus, I like showing pigs here. It's a lot of fun.

**MILLER NORWOOD, TAHOKA**

I have only been to San Angelo and San Antonio, but I would definitely say San Antonio. There are more people and more to do. I like the atmosphere.



**BROOKE BROWN, DUMAS**

Houston. It is always warm. It's more fun. I like the show ring. It's green.

**MACKENLEE EVANS, IDALOU**

It would definitely have to be Fort Worth or Houston. Fort Worth has their cinnamon rolls, and I love the weather there. I like Houston because it is usually laid back, and I get to take my last animal there. So, it is a memory I always have.



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## *Plum-Glazed Lamb*

- 1 Bone-in leg of lamb (4-5lbs)
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 cans of plums (15 oz each), pitted
- 2 garlic cloves
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon dried basil

### *Directions*

1. Preheat oven to 325°. Place lamb on a rack in a shallow baking pan, fat side up. Season with salt and pepper. Bake, uncovered, 1-3/4 to 2-1/4 hours or until meat reaches desired doneness (for medium-rare, a thermometer should read 135°; medium, 140°; medium-well, 145°).

2. Meanwhile, drain plums, reserving 1/2 cup syrup. In a food processor, place the plums, reserved syrup, garlic, lemon juice, soy sauce, Worcestershire sauce and basil. Cover and process until smooth; set aside half of the plum sauce.

3. Baste lamb every 15 minutes during the last hour of roasting.

In a small saucepan, simmer reserved sauce 5 minutes; serve with meat.







## Savoy Herb & Cheese Monkey Bread

- 2 (16-ounce) cans jumbo refrigerated buttermilk biscuits
- ¼ cup (½ stick) butter, melted
- ½ teaspoon garlic salt
- 5 or so different fresh chopped herbs and/or grated cheeses

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Generously grease a 9- to 10-inch Bundt pan with butter, or spray with nonstick cooking spray.
2. Stir garlic salt into melted butter. Cut each biscuit in half and roll into a ball. Dip each biscuit ball in butter, then roll in desired coating. Arrange biscuits in the pan so that the various coatings are alternated.
3. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes until biscuits are done and surface is golden. You may want to start checking bread at about 25 minutes, and if it's browning too quickly, lay a sheet of aluminum foil on top for the remainder of the baking time. Cool in pan for 5 minutes. Run a thin, soft rubber spatula around the edge and down the sides of the pan to loosen any stuck cheese. Invert onto a plate, then lay serving platter on top and flip bread over onto serving platter so that the attractive side is on top.

## Kids Easter Bunny Drink

- 4 cups of your milk of choice
- 5 tbsp of strawberry syrup
- ¼ cup of white chocolate chips
- ¼ cup of white sprinkles

### Directions

1. Mix the milk and strawberry syrup until well mixed, set aside.
2. Melt the white chocolate and place into a bowl. Take the empty cup/glass and dip it into the white chocolate first and then into the sprinkles. Let sit for 5 minutes.
3. Pour milk into the cups.
4. Place marshmallows on the skewers and then place into the milk as a fun embellishment.



## Carrot Cake Bars

- |                                  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| • ½ cup butter melted            | • ¼ teaspoon salt                        |
| • 1 cup light brown sugar packed | • 1 cup shredded carrots                 |
| • 1 large egg                    | • 4 ounces cream cheese room temperature |
| • 1 tablespoon vanilla extract   | • ¼ cup granulated sugar                 |
| • 1 cup all-purpose flour        | • 1 large egg yolk                       |
| • 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon     | • ¾ teaspoon vanilla extract             |
| • ¼ teaspoon baking powder       |  |

### Directions

1. Place the butter in a microwave-safe bowl. Microwave for 30 seconds. If needed, microwave another 15 seconds to melt the butter completely.
2. In a medium bowl, add the melted butter and brown sugar. Mix to combine.
3. Stir in the egg and vanilla extract.
4. Add in the flour, cinnamon, baking powder, and salt. Stir until completely combined.
5. Fold in the shredded carrots. Set aside.
6. In a medium bowl, add in the cream cheese and sugar. Beat with a hand mixer until smooth.
7. Add in the egg yolk and vanilla extract. Beat until smooth and creamy.
8. Add half the carrot cake batter into pan and spread out.
9. Add half the cheesecake batter to the carrot cake batter in dollops - don't swirl yet.
10. Add remaining cake batter and then remaining cheesecake batter and swirl in.
11. Bake for 35-40 minutes at 350 degrees, until edges are golden brown.







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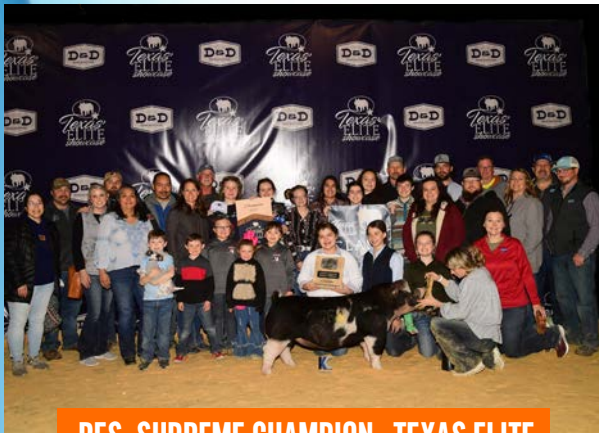


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