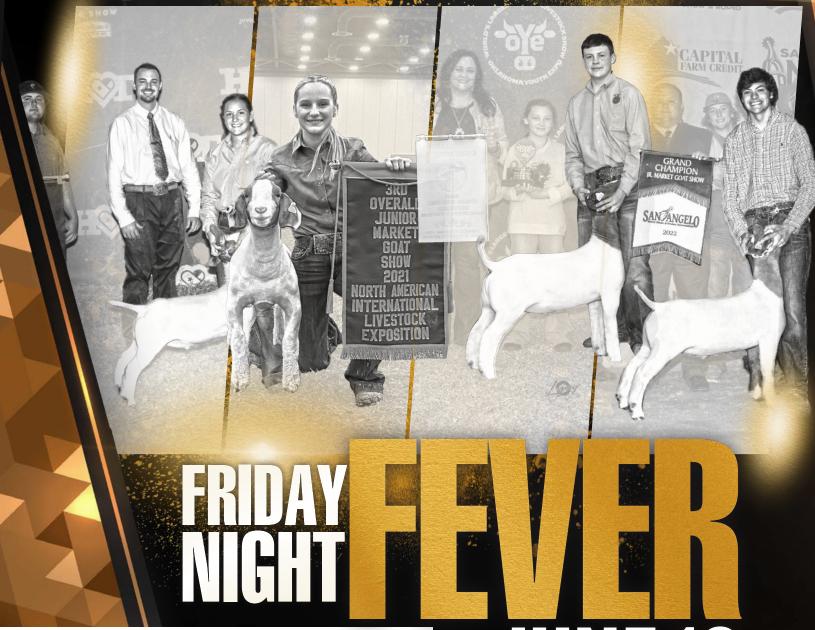
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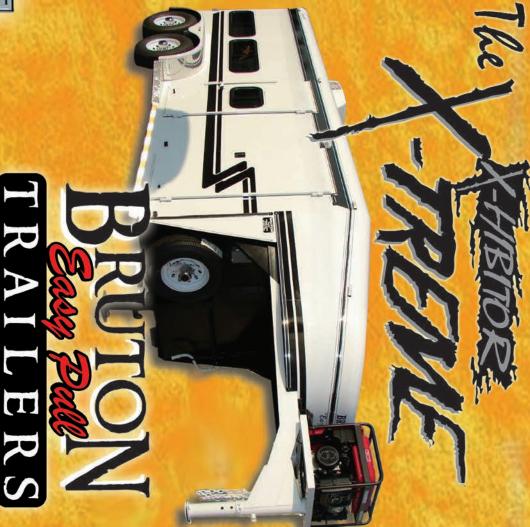








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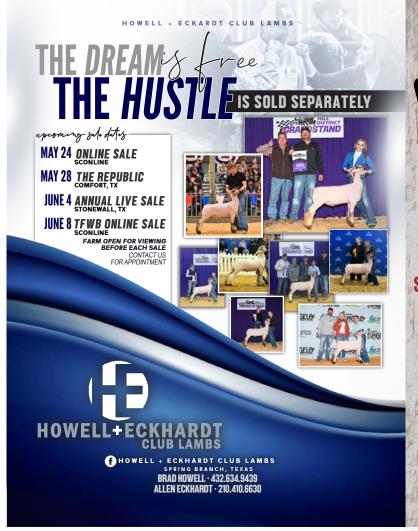
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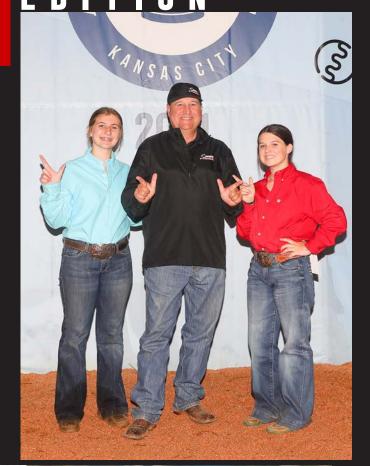






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MY NAME IS HARLIE MILLICAN.

I am 18 years old and I live in Dimmitt Texas. I am a middle child, if that tells you anything. I have an older brother, Lanam, who is 20 years old and is attending Texas Tech University. My younger sister's name is Ritzy. She is 14 and will be starting highschool next year. My parents are Jill and Pammy Millican. Throughout my show career I have been asked a million times "are you Pammy's daughter?" So before you wonder, yes my dad is Pammy Millican, and no doubt that you two go "way back". My mom is the Superintendent of Dimmitt ISD, and my dad is your classic farmer/rancher. As you can imagine between the two of them, they are full of very important life lessons that usually I learn the hard way.

My family has raised goats and commercial dorper sheep for as long as I can remember. We don't show the sheep, but all except a few of our goats that we show are born and raised at La Casa Millican. Every year we have veterinarians come to perform an embryo transfer on our herd. I have had the opportunity to meet people from Georgia, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Zealand, and



Australia. They brought all kinds of cool things for us to see and would show up in a literal goat ambulance. Raising our own show animals has taught me so much. I have pulled hundreds of baby goats over the years. It only took one time to learn you should really take off your jewelry before you decide to go fishing for a baby. Rookie mistake I know, but you gotta learn somehow.

During my time in the show ring, I have been very fortunate to have had such a successful show career. I have placed and made the sale at every major livestock show, including winning a class at Houston, San Angelo, and Fort Worth. I have been traveling and showing goats my entire life which makes for lots of fun memories that I will cherish forever. Traveling across Texas and back in a weekend is all fun and games until you get to the hotel after a long day to discover that the beds come with complementary body dents and a weird smell. It's safe to say we never stayed there again.

I could not have asked for a better senior year. This year has flown by and is coming to a close. I was Grand Champion goat and sheep in my county this year. I also was champion showman with my goat and sheep at county as well. Back in January I had no idea what was to come down the road. The first major show that we went to was Fort Worth. My third grade year was the last time I had shown there, so we decided to take a chance and see what would happen since it was my senior year. It was very cold and miserable, but I ended up winning

my class and then went on to win my division. I was in shock. It was an incredible feeling and I am so blessed to have gotten the chance to make so many friends and get to experience such a thing. I then went to San Angelo and made the sale there as well. Houston and Austin were kind of a blur since we did not go home between the two. In Houston, I placed 6th with my goat and made the sale. However that was not the case at Austin. I was one out of the sale, but no one would have looked as good as I did in the cryin hole, so all is well. I am extremely grateful to have gotten to go out with a bang, and I am very excited to see where my future takes me.



WHAT IS THE MOST REWARDING THING FROM SHOWING LIVESTOCK?

The most rewarding things about showing are the people you meet, the lessons you learn, and developing a good work ethic. Which is not very common these days.



WHAT IS THE MOST CHALLENGING THING ABOUT SHOWING LIVESTOCK?

I think putting in the work outside of the show ring is the most challenging. Traveling to shows is a lot more fun than cleaning pins, but you can't have one without the other.

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

We all have to start somewhere, work hard and just have fun because it is worth every second.

WHAT VALUES ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU?

The values that are most important to me are family and kindness and human decency. I would not have been able to be as successful if it were not for my family. I believe kindness and human decency go hand in hand and are required to be a good person.





GIVE US YOUR MOST IMPORTANT STOWMANSTIP TP.

A good showman is humble no matter where they place in the class. We are all in the ring for the same reason; we should be able to lift each other up instead of breaking each other down.

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

I want to be remembered as a friendly face in the showbarn, and as a good leader and friend.



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?

When I first read this question my mind went blank of every celebrity I know, and the only one that came to mind was Kevin Hart. Why? Don't ask me, so I suppose I would take Kevin Hart and try to convince him to get his little kids a Goat when they get old enough to show. Who wouldn't enjoy a comedian hanging around the barns?

HAVE I NOT COMMANDED YOU? BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS. DO NOT BE AFRAID; DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED, FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL BE WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO.



IF YOUR FRIENDS GOULD DESGRIBE YOU, HOW WOULD THEY?

When I asked my friends how they would describe me they said I was smiley, a smart alec, positive, and most importantly funny, but only by accident.







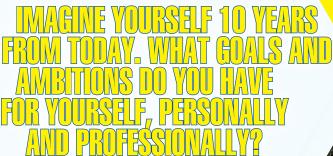
WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS?

In the next five years I hope to be well educated, happy, healthy, and off my parents dime.

WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL?

My role models are my parents. They are both so hard working and have taught me so many life lessons that I will forever cherish.





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Ten years from now feels like a lifetime away, all I hope is to be living a happy life.

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

When I was younger I always had a handful of showman that just stuck out to me. They were so positive, hardworking, and friendly to everyone. I watched them in and out of the ring for years until they graduated. I hope I have been that person for younger kids. I see them in the ring and think back to when I was that age and the leaders I had. I always tried my best to set good examples for everyone just as they did for me.

HOW DO YOU GO ABOUT SETTING GOALS IN ORDER TO RECOME MORE SUCCESSED ?

When I set goals, I make them realistic. Setting smaller goals that align with your larger goals help you achieve them faster and easier. Reaching those smaller goals increases my drive to accomplish my larger goals.









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UNDER THE INFLUENCE







DR. LONI LUCHER

West Texas A&M University

Dr. Loni Lucherk found her passion for meat judging as a 4-H and FFA member growing up in central Texas. Following high school, her passion for meats judging led her to Texas Tech University, where she obtained her bachelor's, master's, and Ph.D. While there, she competed on and coached numerous competitive teams. After the completion of her Ph.D., Dr. Lucherk and her husband, Kody, moved to Canyon, Texas, where she became a professor and the meats judging coach at West Texas A&M University. This move allowed Dr. Lucherk to build a judging program while performing research for some of the largest meat processing companies in the world. In November 2021, Dr. Lucherk was named the Gordon W. Davis Endowed Chair in Meats Judging. This gave her the distinction of being the first woman named as a chair in the Paul Engler College of Agricultural and Natural Sciences at WTAMU, as well as the first chair in meats judging in the nation.

Dr. Lucherk's life story demonstrates how skills that are learned through judging and showing can translate into a successful career. But it wasn't simply those experiences that set her on her career path. It was her dogged determination to be the best combined with hours of hard work which has brought her to the place she is now. Dr. Lucherk is certainly leaving her mark on the agricultural industry, and Purple Circle is proud to feature her work and the work she is doing to train future leaders in the process.

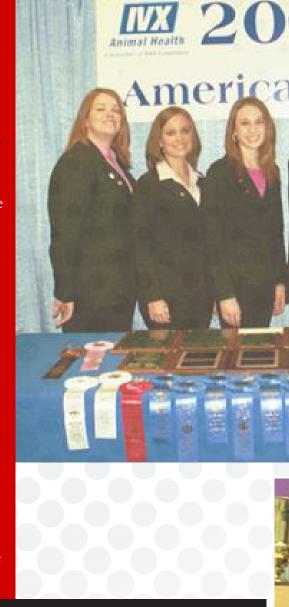


PLEASE SHARE YOUR BACKGROUND WITH OUR READERS.

I grew up in Grandview, Texas, just south of Fort Worth, participating in 4-H and FFA. My dad was an ex-ag teacher. I was raised on a hay farm, and we raised sheep for a time. I grew up showing sheep and pigs. My older sister, Landi, influenced my life greatly, and I followed in her footsteps in all the same things in FFA and 4-H.

When I was in high school, Landi was at Tarleton State University. She started a 4-H meats judging team in our county. We had always had a FFA team in Grandview but never a 4-H team until she and Jason Gaston started the team. My freshman year of high school was my first year to judge meats. I competed in my first meat judging contest in San Antonio in 2005, and I finished somewhere in the middle of the pack. I watched the other students walk up to receive their ribbons and awards and thought to myself I wanted to be one of those people next year. So, my freshman year we worked really hard and practiced at Tarleton and at home with pictures and at grocery stores. We won state 4-H meats judging my freshman year and went on to win nationals as well. My sophomore year, I won San Antonio and a scholarship. That got me hooked on meats judging and that passion carried me through my high school career. My FFA team was more novice, so I coached my FFA team throughout high school. We won state my senior year. I was high individual in the state FFA contest my sophomore, junior, and senior year. We finished second at nationals.

Following high school, I attended Texas Tech University. Although the rest of my family attended Tarleton, I was drawn to Texas Tech by Dr. Mark Miller and the judging program. I majored in Animal Science with an emphasis in Meat Science Business. I judged wool my freshman year, meats my sophomore year, and livestock and meat animal evaluation my junior and senior year.



WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO WORK TOWARDS A PH.D.?

I always knew I wanted to be a teacher from an early age. I would play teacher as a young girl. I thought I wanted to be a math teacher, but when I got to college, I really loved animal science and meat science. I decided to get my masters in part so I could stay at Texas Tech and coach a meats judging team with research focusing on beef quality and juiciness. Although I was unsure if I wanted to pursue a Ph.D., ultimately, I knew that was what I wanted to do, but I had people telling me to consider other things. So I had to decide what was best for myself and my husband. After lots of thinking and praying, I stayed at Texas Tech to get my Ph.D. I was a full-time instructor of meat science as well as a Ph.D. student for the next 5 years.

HOW DID YOU COME TO WORK AT WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY?

About a year before I finished my Ph.D., I interviewed for a position at WT. I interviewed for the position knowing I wasn't ready for it yet, but I wanted to see what happened. That year, the university hired my now coworker, Dr. Travis Tennant. Later, in the summer of 2019, the university came back to me and said they wanted to hire me. Dr. Kevin Pond, Dr. Ty Lawrence, and Dr. Tennant visited with me at RMC that year and offered me a job. Although I had an offer from another university, I thought WT was a program that we could do a lot with. The new meat lab is awesome. The location is awesome with its proximity to plants and feedlots.



WHAT DOES THE NEW FACILITY WITH ITS STATE-OF-THE-ART MEAT LAB MEAN FOR CURRENT AND POTENTIAL STUDENTS?

The new meat lab and the new building are key to our success, especially in recruiting great students to the university. Everyone from around the country, including from other universities, comes to our meat lab and says, "Wow! This is the best meat lab in the country." There is not another lab that comes close. We have the meat lab that others want to emulate. From an industry standpoint and our ability to do research, we have the capability of killing a truckload of cattle in a day, which is something no other university meat lab can do. This attracts students, who can tour the meat lab and see that they get to learn hands-on what they will see in a packing plant. That is hard to find. In addition, Dr. Lawrence leads the Beef Carcass Research Center which takes our students to plants all over the country allowing them major access to the industry.







FOR STUDENTS WHO WORK STUDY MEAT SCIENCE, WHAT TYPES OF CAREERS ARE AVAILABLE TO THEM?

We get calls every week from employers looking for students who are attending WT and majoring in meat science. Many of our students are going to work for the major packing companies, including Caviness, Cargill, National Beef, and Tyson. Those jobs can be in production facilities all the way to research facilities and headquarter facilities. We have students who work in the allied meat industries and work in sales for meat packaging, spices, and other meat-related products. We have some students who will become meat graders, but that is a small percentage, even though that is probably the first job someone thinks of for a meat science major. There is a high demand for jobs in this field and lots of opportunities.



YOU RECENTLY WERE NAMED TO THE GORDON W. DAVIS CHAIR IN MEATS JUDGING AT WT. HOW DID THE ENDOWMENT COME ABOUT?

Dr. Gordon Davis has been my mentor for about 13 years, ever since I went to Texas Tech. He is someone who has pushed me to do my best and to do more than what I thought was my best. He would come to talk to the meat judging teams and push us to be better than the team before us. He would talk about the history of other teams and good judges. He inspired me to want to be included in the list of the best judges in the program's history. He was like our meat judging grandpa. When I became a coach, he would call me after a contest and ask me what I did right and wrong and what I could do to improve as a coach.

Gordon and Dr. Kevin Pond, the Dean of the Engler College of Agriculture and Natural Sciences at WT, are very good friends. He informed Dr. Pond that he wanted to endow the meats judging program and myself at WT. Dr. Pond told Gordon he believed Dr. Lawrence should receive an endowment first. So, Gordon offered to endow both. He endowed Ty and me in two separate meat science endowed chairs. Dr. Pond took that a step further and went to Caviness Beef Packers to receive additional funding to make Dr. Lawrence's endowment a distinguished chair.

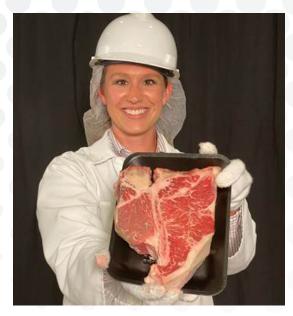
Gordon's goal was to endow the first chair in meats judging, and he wanted it to be someone who was young and at the beginning of his or her career. Coaching takes a lot out of you. He wanted someone young who was starting their career and pushing a program. Having an endowed chair means that the meats judging program at WT will happen in perpetuity. Whoever is in this chair will have the funding necessary to continue the program. For this chair, the program receives about \$60,000 per year to budget for the meats judging team. This can be used for the things we need and for travel.

WERE YOU ANTICIPATING THIS HONOR?

I was completely surprised. They announced it at the awards banquet for the International in Dakota City, Nebraska, this past November. I thought it was interesting that Dr. Pond, Dr. Keith, and Gordon were there to walk through the contest and attend the banquet. I was amazed I had such supportive people in the department who would come so far for a contest. Then they all were on stage during the awards banquet, and I couldn't figure out why they were up there. They made the announcement, and I was so honored. As a young faculty member, you don't think that such an honor is for you. You know it would be cool, but you never think about it happening in the first few years of service to the university.







YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED MUCH IN YOUR LIFE. WHERE DOES YOUR DRIVE COME FROM?

Both of my parents are competitive. My mom is an accountant and has an "A type" personality. She sees things in black and white and right and wrong. She believed that my sister and I should always be doing right or else. My dad was an ag teacher and coached many successful LDE and CDE teams. He wouldn't accept anything less than the best in the show ring or at school. It wasn't that they really pushed me to do that;

it was just the way I was raised. Also, I am inherently competitive. If I needed to get a 92 on an exam to get an A, I still wanted to score the highest grade in the class. Some things like sports were more challenging for me, and I had to work really hard to be better than average at those things. I thought that meats judging came naturally to me, but actually, I just studied all the time. I would study between classes, even in high school when the other kids didn't think that was cool. I was okay with that because I knew that meats judging would pay for my college education. It really did. I received over \$70,000 in scholarships during my undergraduate and received more after that. I also think having an older sister pushed me to do my best.

DR. LONI LUCHERK

Gordon W. Davis Endowed Chair Assistant Professor of Animal Ocience West Texas A&M University

WHAT TYPE OF RESEARCH ARE YOU DOING RIGHT NOW?

The work that I do is primarily in beef quality research. Currently, we are working on trained sensory panels for a NCBA project that I received funding for last year. We are working in conjunction with a professor from the University of Arkansas to study consumer freezing of meat. If you were to go to the grocery store and purchase a vacuum packaged steak versus an over-wrapped steak and then freeze them, how long would the meat be edible in those different types of packaging. We also have many of our grad students doing salmonella research looking at the prevalence of that pathogen in feedlots. Before I came to WT, there was not someone who was mainly focused on meat palatability and sensory. I have been able to step into that role and study how feeding different types of things affects meat palatability.

What is cool about research at WT is we have people in the industry coming to us, saying they see a particular issue, and asking us to help them find the answer. There is so much industry connection to this university and so much trust with our faculty that businesses reach out to us to help them solve their problems, and we can provide those answers.

YOU BECAME A NEW MOTHER IN DECEMBER OF LAST YEAR. HOW HAS THE EXPERIENCE BEEN FINDING A BALANCE BETWEEN WORK AND MOTHERHOOD?

I think work/life balance is something that we talk about, but no one really understands what that means because we have so much access to technology now that you can work from anywhere. It has been a challenge, I won't lie. I used to work a lot between 5:00-10:00 pm. During the day I meet with students and teach. So those hours after work were my time to do desk work. Now, I spend more of those hours with my family. I'm thankful my job is flexible, and Luka can go with me. My husband and I spend many hours at home talking about our work because we both love our jobs. I'm thankful that my husband is supportive of what I do.

As a faculty member, we are supposed to have a certain percentage of hours dedicated to teaching, meeting with students, and research. But the truth is, we are to give 100% to everything we do. I think that is how I operate the best. A busy person is usually more effective than someone who has a lot of time to get things done. I have had to learn to prioritize my family over non-urgent emails or things that can wait until tomorrow.









WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OR THOSE IN THE FIRST FEW YEARS OF COLLEGE?

I think a lot of students, including myself, think that they are extraordinarily busy and don't have time to do new things. That's not true. You do have time to do it. Join every organization. Say yes to every opportunity you possibly can, especially early on in your college career. Then your junior and senior years, you can focus on the things you have a passion for. But those first two years, I tell people to do everything. Attend a different club or organization meeting every night just to see what it is about. You may find something at a meeting or hear from a guest speaker or see something on a tour that resonates with you, and you realize you have an interest in that area.

On that same note, I would advise studying abroad. I learned a lot from traveling, including overseas. You see and learn a lot from other cultures, and it is fun. I wished I would have studied abroad in a Spanish-speaking country. In the meatpacking industry, it is advantageous to speak Spanish. I wish I could walk into a plant and converse with everyone. Internships are also very important. I did an internship for the North American Meat Institute in Washington, DC. I learned about regulations and legislation and that I didn't want to live in DC for the rest of my life. Internships are beneficial because they allow students to get a feel for what it is like to work for a company and know whether they would enjoy working there.



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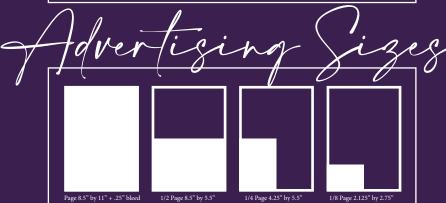


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MY NAME IS REGAN SMITHWICK.



I was born in San Angelo, Texas to Kyle and Julie Smithwick. I've grown up on a ranch just outside of Miles, Texas where I live with both my parents and my two younger brothers, Dawson (14) and Curry (12). I've attended Miles ISD K-12 and will graduate this May. After I graduate I will attend Oklahoma State University in the fall where I plan on majoring in animal science and minoring in agricultural business.

I've been around sheep, literally, since before I was born. My dad was raising finewools and finewool crosses before I ever came along. After I was born and was big enough to go with him...I did. My mom tried the pink bows and dresses but I took more to blue jeans, ball caps and sheep pens. Not only did I love being around livestock, I loved being around my dad and his friends as well. Before I knew it, I had come down with a fever for the show industry and never looked back.

Growing up, sports became a part of my life too. Volleyball, basketball, softball, tennis, and even golf, took up most of my free time. When I looked up in high school, I realized I was juggling sports, sheep showing, keeping my grades up and finding time to be with my friends and my family. Add on livestock judging and my plate was full. Although it was a lot to handle at times, I have been blessed over the years for I have memories and friendships that I would not trade for the world.

As I reflect on the past 10 years of showing, I am overwhelmed with gratitude. There is no doubt that these years were some of the best of my life. The support that I've had from the industry and the people in it truly warm my heart. I've grown up with an outstanding group of friends who were raised by an even better set of parents. I cannot thank my friends, family, and mentors enough for sticking by my side, teaching me valuable life lessons, and

giving me some of my most prized possessions...wonderful memories. Thank you, Texas Agriculture, for shaping me into the person I've become today and for bringing me the best family a girl could ask for.







WHAT IS THE MOST REWARDING THING FROM SHOWING LIVESTOCK?

The most rewarding thing about showing livestock is the life lessons that come along with it. It's not about buckles and banners. It's work ethic and heart. It's learning discipline and respect. My years in the show barn have rewarded me with experiences to overcome whatever obstacles might come my way.



As a student-athlete, time management was the most challenging thing about showing livestock. I had to learn the balance between fun and work. Often, I had to sacrifice something to reach the goals I desired. However, if there is one thing that I'm thankful for, it's this challenge because it has given me a valuable life skill.

WHAT VALUES ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU?

The things I value most, not only in the show barn but also in life, are integrity and kindness. It's one thing to win. However, it's a whole different level of success when you compete by doing things the right way. I believe that if you compete fairly and treat those around you the way you want to be treated, you are genuinely winning in life.

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

All good things are worth waiting for. As a child, I was very impatient, and if you know me now, not much has changed. I always want to do things now or see results as soon as possible. In my first year of showing, when I hit the truck at every Texas major, I was appalled. I couldn't comprehend that all my hard work was for nothing. I remember asking my dad, "Why do we do this again?" However, with some patience, learning, and luck, I can confidently say that my years of hard work developed into years of blessed success that were well worth the wait.



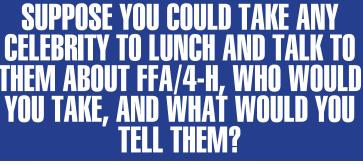
GIVE US YOUR MOST IMPORTANT SHOWMANSHIP TIP.

My most crucial showmanship tip is to always stay calm with an animal. Even if your stock is not cooperating, the best thing you can do is keep your cool. When you get worked up, so does the animal, and everything goes downhill fast. Stay calm, keep your composure, and always be in check of your emotions.

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

I'm a firm believer in leaving things better than you found them. When people look back on my show career, I would love for them to remember me as someone who wanted to make their environment a better place. I'd be honored for people to remember me as a hard-working, kind, and fun-loving individual.





If I could take any celebrity to lunch, I'd take Dr. Miguel Cardona (U.S. Secretary of Education). I'd plead my case on why at least one Ag Class should be required to graduate high school. It blows my mind that most people understand Algebra 2 (which, in my opinion, is practically a foreign language) better than understanding the process of obtaining the food they consume. If you could educate people on the process of farming and livestock production, respect for the industry would increase astronomically.



NO DISCIPLINE SEEMS PLEASANT AT THE TIME, BUT PAINFUL. LATE ON, HOWEVER, IT PRODUCES A HARVEST OF RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PEACE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TRAINED BY IT.

IF YOUR FRIENDS COULD DESCRIBE YOU, HOW WOULD THEY? Most of my friends describe me as the funniest "not funny"

Most of my friends describe me as the funniest "not funny" person they know simply because the only reason I make people laugh is that I get so tickled with myself! I also often get told by my friends that I remind them of their dads because of my phunny jokes, comments on the quality of welds, and love for old westerns.







WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS?

I see myself as an OSU graduate attending law school at Texas Tech University in the next five years. I also still see myself being involved in the show industry, whether it be helping my brothers finish their careers or having my own flock of club lambs.

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

I see myself as a successful agriculture lawyer ten years from now, living on a ranch and operating a small finewool club lamb operation.





WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL?

My greatest role model in life was undoubtedly my papa, Jerome Smithwick. He was rough and tough on the outside but was also kind and loving on the inside, and he would give the shirt off his back to help those he cared about. My papa was quite a character. He

was known for lacking a filter, and when he said something, he meant it and it demanded respect. Ironically, the older I get, the more respect I have for him and the way he lived. He always stood up for what he believed in no matter what the costs were, and in today's world, that's hard to come by. Jerome also bought a herd of finewool ewes when I was 7 years old because he was worried my dad wouldn't keep any of the good ones for me. The first banner I ever received was from a sheep out of that herd.

Unfortunately, my role model passed away before he ever got to watch me show. If you've watched me in the show ring and seen a shiny clip on my pocket, it was his

old money clip. I still carry it with me almost everywhere I go as a reminder to be more like my papa...strong, brave, loving, and kind.





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

Looking back on my childhood motivates me to be a good leader and put forth my best effort. When I reflect on the beginnings of my show career, I always remember the kids I looked up to in the show ring. Now that I'm older, I want to be the role model for other kids that I was lucky enough to have. I hold myself to a high standard in effort and leadership for myself and the kids who might be looking up to me.

HOW DO YOU GO ABOUT SETTING GOALS IN ORDER TO BECOME MORE SUCCESSFUL? Growing up, my mom always told me that if your goals didn't scare you, they

Growing up, my mom always told me that if your goals didn't scare you, they weren't big enough. When she first started saying this to me, I was confused about why you'd ever want to be "scared" of something you wished to achieve. As I got older, I realized that what she meant was that it's not a big enough goal if you can get it easily. Now, I set my goals outside of my comfort zone. Often, I have no clue how to reach them at first. But, to be my most successful self, I have to do things that require me to test my limits.









TELL US WHAT success MEANS TO YOU

This question has always been a difficult one for me to answer. I've never been one to believe in participation trophies, but I have always admired those who at least have the courage to try. My definition of success is doing everything in your power to reach the goals you have set for yourself. At the end of the day, you might not reach them, but at least you've bettered yourself in the process of trying.

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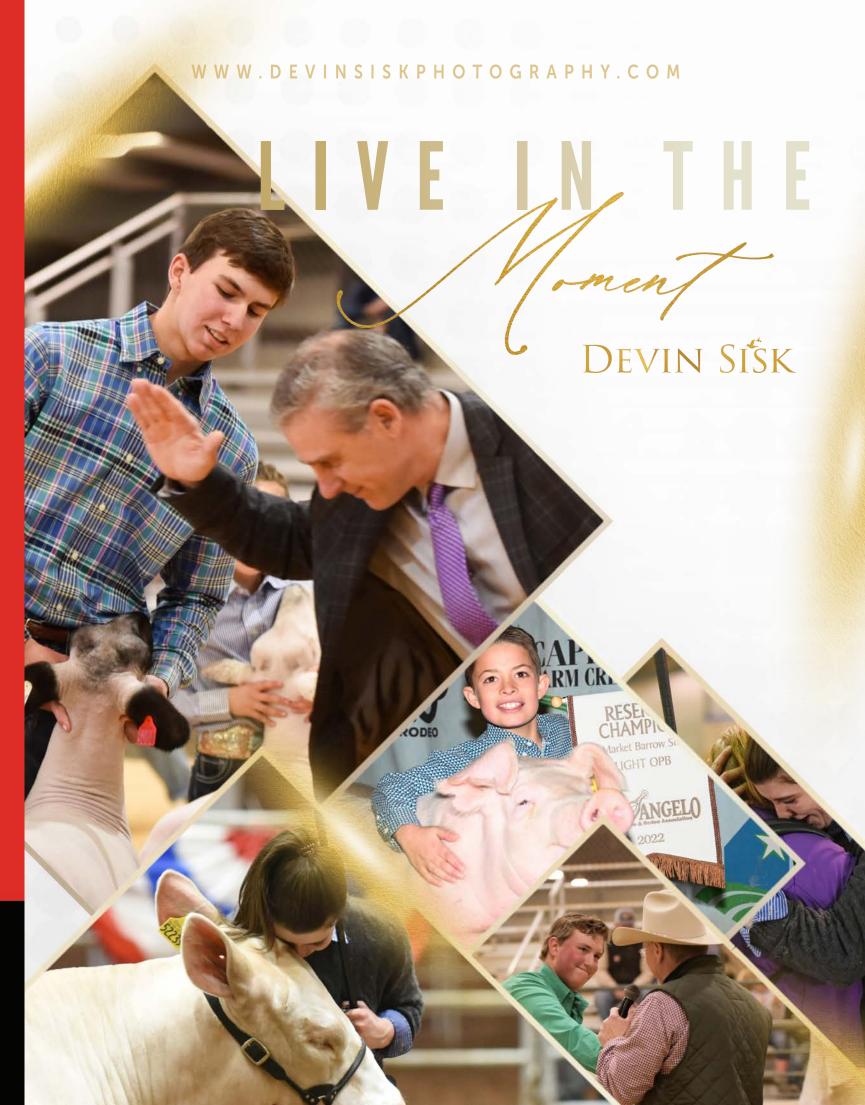
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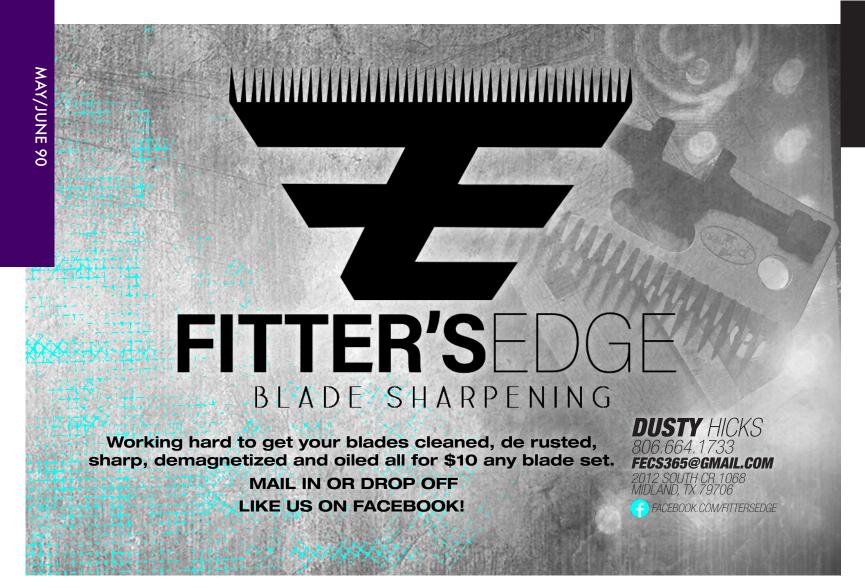


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Jeremiah 17:7-10 NLT

How often have we heard or read, "Just follow your heart." Although it is a nice platitude to say to someone who is facing a difficult decision or situation, this saying does not reflect God's truth. In Jeremiah, God declares to the prophet that the "human heart is the most deceitful of all things". Those are harsh but honest words about the human condition. Why would God say something so harsh? He understands the human heart and knows that humans have a sinful nature that is prideful and seeks its own self interest above all else.

But God says we don't have rely on ourselves. He promises that those who seek Him will be unmovable, satisfied, and blessed. This is true because God never changes, and as the Creator and the Author of time and history, His wisdom stretches far beyond human intellect or understanding.

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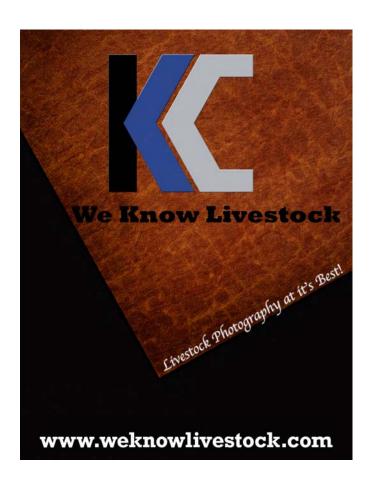
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Please give a brief overview of your background, your family, and your childhood in the livestock industry. How'd you get here?

I grew up on a commercial based hog farm, that my dad and grandfather ran until I was 6 years old. My Mom's father also ran about 50 brood cows in which I was able to be involved with. Once I was able to get to 4-H age we had about a half dozen showpig sows and about 10 brood cows which we had purchased from My Grandad and I would exhibit their offspring every summer at the county fair.

2

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

I am currently the owner/operator at Keplinger Farms where we run a 100 plus sow showpig operation, consisting of mostly Crosses, Durocs, Hampshires and Yorkshires. We also have a few boars on stud that we collect and sell semen on. I also run a small row crop farm with my Dad.

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

I feel like I have had several people that I have come across in life that have been extremely influential to where I have gotten to today! But there are three people growing up had the most substantial impact on my life, first and foremost my Mother, who has always been my biggest supporter and honestly the most genuine human being you'll ever come across. My Dad who taught me work ethic and inspired me to be involved in Agriculture. My Grandad is one growing up I always wanted to emulate, not only as a person, but his ability to be creative and to improvise in agriculture and the livestock industry. To me Superman had nothing on him!



Please give a description of your livestock judging experience.

My experience and judging path was probably a little different than most, I remember starting out judging as many county fairs as I could, and it just kind of snowballed from there. As I have been privileged to judge all throughout the country.



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

Missouri State Fair Barrow show



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

The most significant changes I have seen in my tenure is all the shows that these kids have the opportunity to show

at now. Another thing is the ability to watch these shows online.







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

Start at their foundation and work up from there!!! And the ability to have those intangibles that separate them from their contemporaries!

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

BUILD! And then having those things maxed out in terms of shape, width and still giving them a unique look from the side without sacrificing the ability to get out and go!

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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 honestly think presentation is becoming more and more important, as a show judge, it shows that there is a lot of work being done at home. I believe it is one of the quickest ways to get noticed! Especially how competitive it has gotten at the top it can be that advantage you need to separate yourself from the others!

10

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

Most valuable portion of the livestock industry is simple. The kids that are in the ring and the memories you are creating as a family!

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

think the funniest story I have as a judge is I was judging showmanship at a Northern Michigan county fair and every kid came out smiling with great eye contact, but they forgot where their project was. But hey they had a smile and eye contact!

12

What are your pet peeves in the show ring?

Pet peeves in the show ring is DOWN TIME! Meaning kids aren't prepared or late to a class and everyone has to wait on them.



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?

Snickers and Black Coffee before every show. I honestly love music but don't have a certain genre, leading up to a show, it's just according what mood I'm in.



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

Favorite meal, A Sullivan's Steak.

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Seth D. Keplinger

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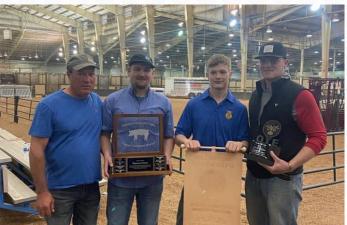






















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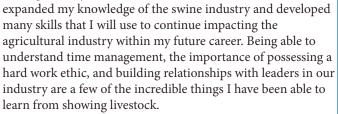
It is hard to believe that graduation is upon us again. As in years past, the stock show industry will see another bright and talented group of seniors leave the ring to purse the next stage of their lives. Purple Circle asked a group of seniors to reflect back on their show career and tell our readers what is the most surprising thing they discovered while showing livestock.

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MCKENZIE HEHS BULVERDE, TEXAS

The most surprising thing I have learned throughout my show career is that the animals I have shown were not just projects in the ring, but rather projects in life that taught me many lessons along the way. The misconception myself and many other livestock kids have is that these animals are only used to help us win banners, buckles, and ribbons at the many shows we attended. What I have learned is that the projects I have raised have taught me valuable skills that will take me far beyond graduation and help me win outside of the show ring. Throughout my show career I have



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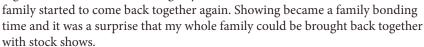
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The most surprising thing I've learned throughout my time in the ring and around the show barn is how quickly small interactions can turn into big relationships.

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The most surprising thing I have learned is how shows bring families closer together. My family used to be pulled so many different directions and not spend a whole lot of time together. After I started showing, my





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BRYNLEIGH FORTES MARION, TEXAS

For me as I ended my show career, I remember that the banners and buckles were awesome, yet what really hit me was what everyone always preached but as a kid you don't understand. "Showing animals will mold you into a better person, and the things you learn will benefit you the rest of your life."





OLIVIA BOWEN CLYDE, TEXAS

As I complete my showing career, the most surprising thing I've learned

along the way is that showing is hard work. You work day and night with that animal. Yes, it's mentally draining, but the rewards are so much greater than the loss. Once you reach the end of showing, you can look back on all the amazing memories you had and all of the amazing people you had around you, supporting you every step of the way.





LOGANN WEIDENFELLER **BOERNE, TEXAS**

As I wrap up my show career, the most surprising thing I have learned along the way is that in order to find success, it does not require elaborate facilities and equipment. It requires support from friends and family, good stock, hard work and dedication, lots of practice, and many early mornings and late nights to make your animals the best that they can be.

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LANDRY KLEMAN NAZARETH, TEXAS

Throughout my show career, I have learned many things, but I would have to say that the most surprising thing I have learned is to not get too caught up in the moment and to always do the right thing. While it is fun to go win all the shows, it is easy to get too caught up in the moment and do whatever it takes to make sure that you win. Everybody wants to win when they go to a show, but I have learned that when you do things the right way and put in the work, your successes are more rewarding. At the end of the day, I want to know that I did a good job and that I am ok with the choices I made.

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STEELE KINNEY VALLEY SPRING, TEXAS

As my show career has come to an end, I have learned a lot of things along the way, but probably the most surprising thing that I have learned is, even though we are all fierce competitors in the show ring, outside the ring the show barn is like one big family who would do anything to help each other out. While this surprises me at times, it is one of the reasons I love this industry so much.

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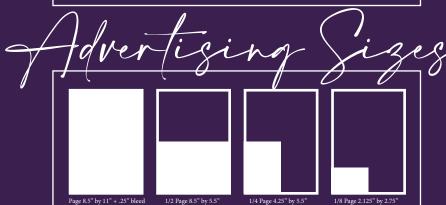


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MY NAME IS COLT RANDALL.

I am a 19 year old senior at Canute High School in Canute Oklahoma. I started my show career at the young age of 16 months old walking into the ring with my first natural lamb and 18 months old with my Spotty Dottie spot pig. I loved that pig more than life itself. I was raised in the barn with my dad being a Ag teacher so I learned to love it at a young age. My mom figured out real quick if we wanted to see my dad we had to load up and go the the shows. At the age of 4 I was sitting at the Oklahoma Youth Expo watching the Grand Drive watching some of my dads FFA kids and I told my dad "I am going to be in that Limo someday"! My dad knowing how hard that would be just kind of laughed and said ok kid. I kind of got mad because he wasn't taking me seriously and I said "DAD! I WILL BE IN THAT LIMO ONE DAY"! So with years of hard work, tears, and laughs I got in that limo, not only once but 4 times in my career. I actually won Grand Champion Market Lamb at the Oklahoma Youth Expo in 2021. I have had an extremely blessed show career. Many Breed Champions, County Grand Champions, Southwest District Grand Champion, 2021 OYE Grand Champion, NAILE Reserve Grand Champion, 2022 National Western Grand Champion all being Market Lamb. I have won showmanship in all my divisions at every major show; I love showmanship. I think showmanship really shows off the time spent with your animal. I'm also involved in different sports at my local school. I am a four year starter on our basketball team and baseball team. Our basketball team made it to state for the first time in 23 years this year and our baseball team has made it to state 5 out of 6 times so far since my freshman year. We actually won the State Championship Fall 2020. I am attending Seminole State College in the fall on a baseball scholarship after graduation. After my two years at Seminole, I plan to attend Oklahoma State College to get my Ag Science Degree.





WHAT IS THE MOST REWARDING THING FROM SHOWING LIVESTOCK? The people you meet and friendships that will last a lifetime.



For me, it was time management, between sports, school and animals.

IF YOU COULD TELL ONE NEW SHOWMAN SOME WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY? Hang in there, the late nights and early mornings are all

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

That I was someone who worked extremely hard in the barn to make my dreams come true and so can you.





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 Donald Trump and talk to him about how amazing the livestock industry is and tell him how it shapes the hardest working and most dedicated people in our generation. I would talk to him about investing his money into the youth of agrictulture.

TO WHOM MUCH IS GIVEN, MUCH WIL BE REQUIRED. IF YOU HAVE HEARD THAT LINE OF WISDOM, YOU KNOW IT MEANS WE ARE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT WE HAVE. IF WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED WITH TALENTS, WEALTH, KNOWLEDGE, TIME AND THE LIKE, IT EXPECTED /THAT WE BENEFIT OTHERS.

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IF YOUR FRIENDS COULD DESCRIBE YOU, HOW WOULD THEY?

Dedicated, loyal and honest.









WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS?

Graduating college and returning to the barn to give back to the youth.

WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL?

My Papa. My Papa was the man I dream of becoming; his attitude towards everything and his drive to get things done. He was one of the most respected men I have ever met. He loved his family but he loved the Lord more. He worked hard everyday and came home to his family with a smile on his face. Even in the bad times when harvest weren't good or cattle prices were low. He would come in from the farm, sit at the dinner table, and was at complete peace at his home with his wife and kids and everything the good Lord had blessed them with. I want to be that guy.

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

I hope to be married with a family and doing what I love; which involves coaching my sons or daughters and also pushing them in the sheep barn to be the best they can possibly be. I would like to have my own herd of sheep by then and raise and sell some high quality livestock.







LEADER, AND TO PUT FORTH YOUR BEST EFFORT?

The smiles on the kids face when they finally accomplish their dream. That to me, makes all the butt chewings and laughs along the way totally worth it.

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

Put in the work when nobody else is willing to. There are going to be days where you want to sit in the house and not do anything, but those are the days that you can be better than everyone else.









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Watermelon Feta Salad

- 8 cups cubed ripe seedless watermelon
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 ounces feta cheese, crumbled
- 4 basil or 6 mint leaves, minced
- Lemon zest (optional)
- 1 pinch kosher salt, for garnish
- Fresh ground black pepper (optional)

Directions

- 1. Chop the watermelon and arrange it on a platter. Drizzle with olive oil. Sprinkle with feta crumbles, basil or mint, and kosher salt. Add lemon zest or black pepper if desired.
- 2. Serve immediately. If making ahead, refrigerate the cubed watermelon separately: it releases a large amount of water after it is cut. Then assemble the salad right before serving. Leftovers store for up to 2 days.

Cherry Limeade Sweet Tea

- 8 cups water
- 6 tea bags
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 can (12 ounces) frozen limeade concentrate, thawed
- 1 cup chilled cherry juice blend
- Ice cubes
- Lime wedges and pitted dark sweet cherries

Directions

- 1. In a Dutch oven, bring water to a boil; remove from heat. Add tea bags; steep, covered, 10 minutes. Discard tea bags. Stir in sugar until dissolved; cool slightly. Transfer to a pitcher; cool completely.
- 2. Add limeade concentrate and cherry juice to tea. Serve over ice with lime wedges and cherries.

Blueberry Cake

- 1 1/4 cups plus 1 teaspoon all-purpose flour, divided
- 2/3 cup firmly packed cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt

- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1/2 cup plain Greek yogurt
- •1/2 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups blueberries
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice



- 1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
- 2. Butter an 8 or 9-inch springform pan or round cake pan, then dust it with flour. If using a cake pan, line the bottom with parchment paper.
- 3. Place the flour, brown sugar, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda, and salt into a medium bowl and use a fork to thoroughly mix the ingredients together.
 - 4. Use your hands to make a hole in the center of the dry ingredients. Into the hole, crack the egg and add the olive oil, yogurt, applesauce, vanilla, and lemon zest. Use a fork to mix the ingredients together until smooth and blended.
 - 5. In another bowl, mix the blueberries with the lemon juice and 1 teaspoon flour.
 - 6. Pour the batter into the prepared pan. Sprinkle the blueberries in a single layer on the top (no need to press them down).
 - 7. Bake until the cake 35 to 40 minutes (ours took 37 minutes), until golden brown on top and a toothpick in the enter comes out clean.
- 8. Remove from the oven and leave on the counter to cool completely, 1 hour. If using a springform pan, remove the sides (if using a cake pan, you can leave in the pan or remove it). If desired, sprinkle with powdered sugar. Cut into pieces and serve. If desired, serve with ice cream or whipped cream.







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