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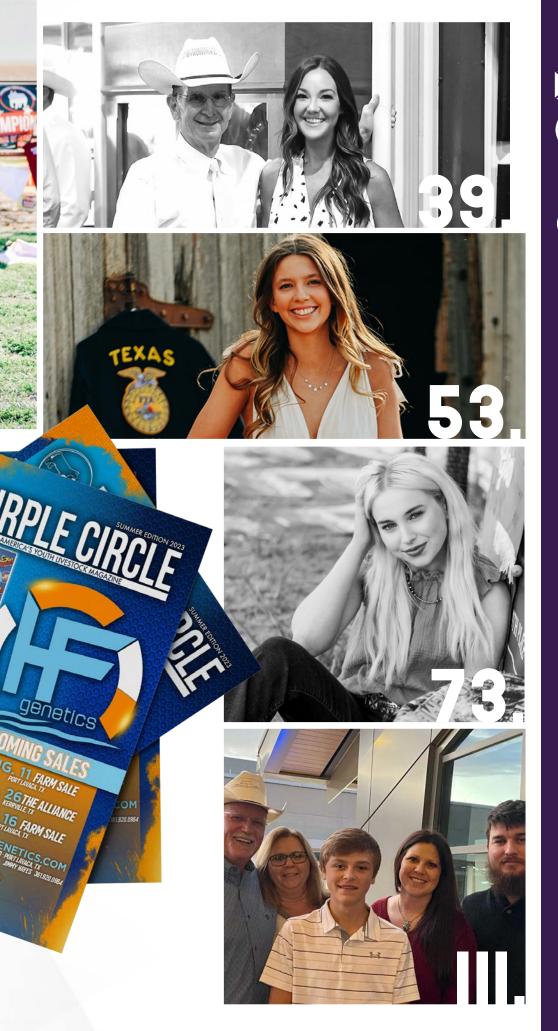
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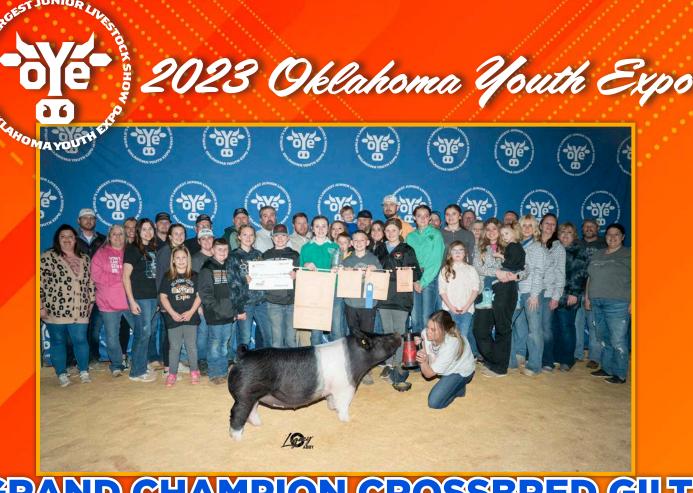


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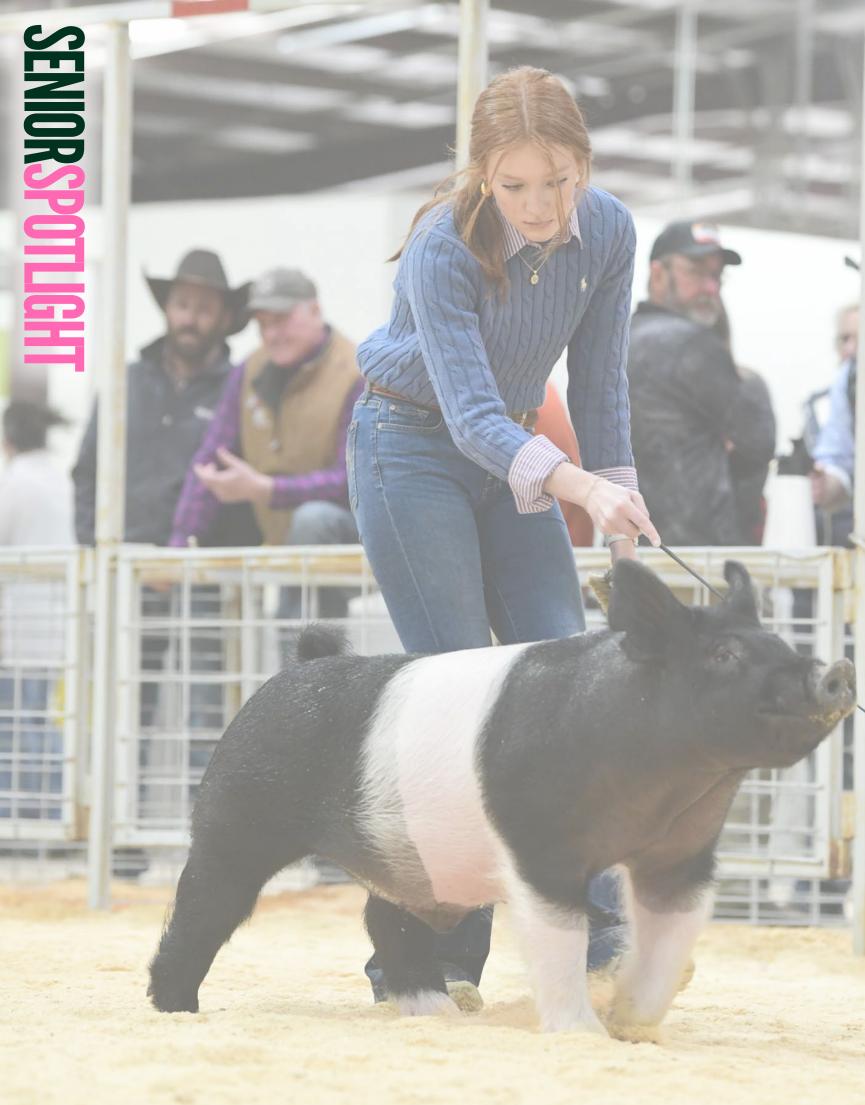
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but most people call me Abby. I am the daughter of Nick and Apryl Albracht and I am the oldest of 4. I have three younger brothers, Archer, Cain, and Tash. I am a recent graduate of Wildorado ISD where I have participated in golf, volleyball, cross country, the Wildorado Cattle Co., and student council. My stock show journey began as a peewee showman when I would go to watch my cousins show at our local county stock show. That was 12 years ago and I have loved it ever since. I have had the amazing opportunity to show at all Texas majors and even some national shows. I have mainly shown swine but have also shown sheep and goats in the past. Stock show was just the start of my passion for agriculture. During my time I was involved in a wide variety of competitions

through both 4-H and FFA. Some contests include chapter conducting, food and nutrition, duds to dazzle, speaking events, and many more. I also held many officer positions including Chapter president, club president, Amarillo District president, and the Area 1 Secretary. My knowledge and work was expanded further than FFA and 4-H in 2018 when we started IDK Genetics. IDK is our family owned operation located in Amarillo, Texas. Over the past few years we have built our herd and our genetics to compete with some of the best breeders in the country. This has allowed me to expand my knowledge in the industry and get hands on experience in breeding, farm maintenance, and learning pedigrees. In the fall I will be attending Texas Tech University and plan to major in Agriculture Communications to further my career in the agricultural industry. I hope to pursue a career in public relations and marketing. I fell in love with the industry at a very young age and every day I am shown why. Agriculture has been a huge part of my life and has provided me with countless opportunities which I will forever be grateful for.

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

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Showing livestock comes with many different rewards but I would have to say the connotations were one of the most rewarding things I gained from showing. I have been able to meet so many new people that have provided me with opportunities I could have never imagined. I have also met some of my closest friends that I can consider my family.

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

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#### WHAT VALUES ARE MOST Important to you?

Loyalty, honesty, and integrity are some of the most important values to me and I try to apply these attributes to my life every day. One of the most challenging things for me during my show career was balance. Balancing school, work, and just life in general can be hard sometimes and to include all of the extracurriculars like showing can be difficult and overwhelming at times. I learned to set my priorities and allow myself time to enjoy and participate in all of my activities.



#### IF YOU COULD TELL ONE NEW SHOWMAN SOME Words of Encouragement, what would You say?

My biggest peice of advice to give would be to never coast. When things get hard don't slow down, keep working and you'll always push ahead. When you seem like you're on top don't look back to see the competition, you have to keep working every day if you want to stay on top.

## GIVE US YOUR MOST IMPORTANT Showmanship tip.

My biggest showmanship tip would be to always keep working and trying new techniques. Even when you think you have it down there is still more that you could change. Make goals, achieve them, then make new goals.







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

I want to be remembered for my attitude and showmanship. I want people to see me in the barn next year and know how much I loved showing and how hard I worked to achieve everything I did.

#### 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?

If I could take any celebrity to lunch, I would take Taylor Swift. While, yes, this is because I want to meet Taylor Swift, I also believe that with the very large platform that she has she would be a huge asset at advocating for agriculture and she would be able to reach audiences around the world who have never heard of FFA or 4-H.

### IF YOUR FRIENDS Could describe You, how would They?



Some of the ways my friends describe me would be outgoing, creative, kind, and a leader.

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

In the next five years I hope to be graduated with a bachelor's degree and working in the agricultural industry with a job in public relations or marketing.

# "SHE BELIEVED SHE COULD SO SHE DID". -KATHY WELLER

## **WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL?**

I have had many role models through the years but one that has always been there and has always pushed me to be better is my dad. He is my number one supporter but always pushes me to be better.









<u>Do you have a favorite quote or Bible verse?</u>



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

In ten years I hope to be married and starting my family. I hope to have secured a good position at my job to where I am able to work from home and travel. Oh and I would really love a house with a super big closet in it!



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

### HOW DO YOU GO ABOUT SETTING Goals in order to become more Successful?

I always start small and dream big. If you set a lot of small goals that work towards a bigger goal you always have something that you are about to accomplish and it keeps you more driven and motivated. Being the oldest of four, I've always sort of been a leader but as I've gotten older, the feeling of success in the drive to win has pushed me to put my best foot forward. I have had many people help with all of my success, and I want to help other people the way that I was helped and that's what drives me to be a better leader.

## TELL US WHAT SUCCESS MEANS TO YOU

Success comes in many different forms, but it's not always winning. I believe that success is simply achieving your goals and knowing that you did your personal best and that you worked as hard as you could.





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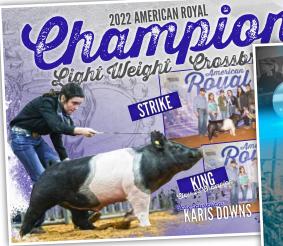
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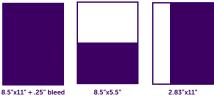
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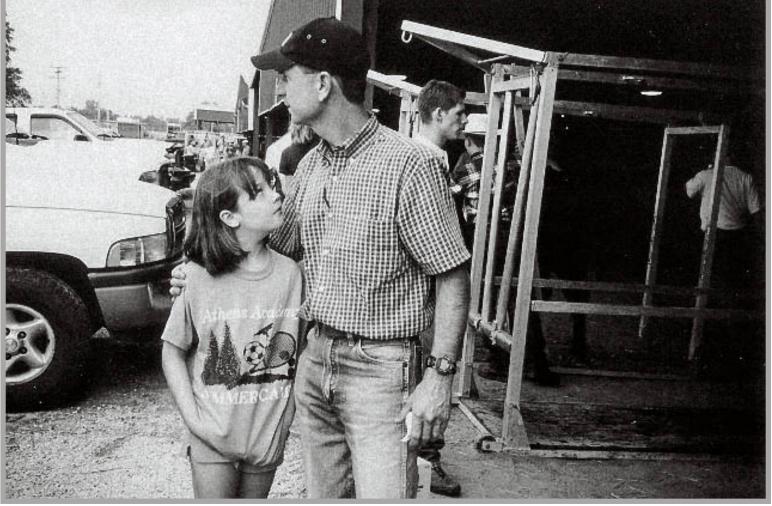




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# BY: TAYLOR GAZDA

# CANCER

Merriam-Webster defines cancer as something evil or malignant that spreads destructively. Sounds awful, wouldn't you agree? So why is it that something so awful always tends to affect the lives of those that we love? Well, I don't have the answer to that question, but I can tell you this... evil doesn't always win.

In October 2011, my dad was diagnosed with stage IV melanoma. I don't think I have ever been so mad in my life; I can't imagine how he felt. Here was this man who had dedicated his entire existence to being healthy, yet these doctors were telling him not only do you have cancer, but that cancer has already spread to other parts of his body.



# THE PROTAGONIST

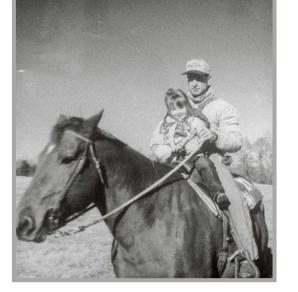
After the initial shock wore off, we began to realize that my dad was the perfect candidate for the disease–a poster child, so to speak. It was the many hours spent outside working cows, baling hay, and even exercising that exposed his unprotected skin to the sun's ultraviolet rays, causing him to develop the most aggressive and deadly form of skin cancer.

My dad could've let cancer impact him in several ways. He could've stayed angry at the world and angry at God. He could've blamed it on someone else. He could've felt sorry for himself. But instead, he chose to raise awareness so that maybe there would be a smaller chance cancer would impact the life of another farmer or rancher.



Remember how I said evil doesn't always win? David Gazda is living proof of that. When my dad was diagnosed, they said there would be a 75% chance the cancer would come back—and it did. They said there would be a 25% he would survive the reoccurrence—and he did.

# LIKE FATHER LIKE DAUGHTER



"Like father, like daughter" as my mother always says. For as long as I can remember, I have wanted to be like my dad. From his love for Georgia football to pursuing a career in livestock marketing, I have spent the last 30 years mimicking his every move. The passion for raising awareness is no different. This May during Melanoma Awareness Month, I launched the Protect Your Skin to Protect Yourself Campaign, a t-shirt fundraiser designed to not only benefit cancer research but also raise awareness about the often-unspoken risks that come with agricultural professions.

# HAPPY ENDING

As farmers and ranchers, we're wired... differently. We're wired to take care of what needs taken care of – the livestock and the land. But what we don't often realize is that we too fall into that category.

I challenge you to join me in the fight against cancer, to be aware of the signs and the symptoms, and to wear your sunscreen and protect your skin to protect yourself.

I have faith that a cure is coming soon. I hope that you do too.





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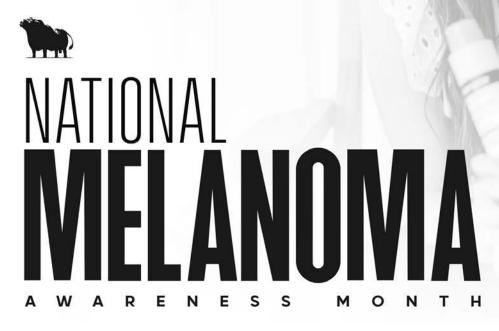
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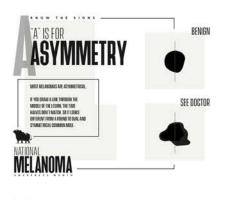
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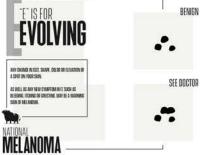












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and I am a 2023 graduate of Sudan High School. In school, I was the Sudan Student Council president, senior class president, a member of the National Honor Society, 2022 Homecoming Queen, and competed in UIL academics. My parents are Jeff and Jennifer Edwards. I am the middle child of the family, I have an older sister, Kaegan, and a younger brother, Kooper. I grew up on my family's 5th generation cotton farm where I was surrounded by agriculture from the very beginning. My stock show career started when my sister decided to start stock showing in the 5th grade. Ever since then, my family hasn't looked back and dove headfirst into the livestock industry.

I am a member of the Sudan FFA Chapter where I had great success in many different contests. I advanced to state in the Job Interview and the agricultural communications contests. I also had the privilege of serving as President at the chapter, district, and area level. Through 4-H I have had the opportunity to serve as a Texas Livestock Ambassador. In this program, I have traveled to Austin for Advocacy Academy at the State Capitol. Last summer I traveled to Hawaii to learn more about island agriculture. And my final experience as an ambassador will be traveling to Australia this summer to learn about global agriculture. My love and passion for this industry has only gotten stronger as I have grown up. I plan on attending Texas Tech University to major in animal science with a concentration in meat science. I hope to pursue a career as an agricultural lobbyist.

# SENIORSPOTLIGHT

# WHAT IS THE MOST REWARDING THING ABOUT SHOWING LIVESTOCK?

The most rewarding thing about showing livestock and the livestock industry is the people. The connections created and friendships made will be with me forever. The support from everyone in the show barn and my "show family" is what makes the livestock industry so special.

WHAT VALUES ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU? Kindness, honesty, and hard work.

# WHAT IS THE MOST CHALLENGING THING ABOUT SHOWING LIVESTOCK?

Time management was the most challenging part of showing livestock for me. From animals to school to extracurricular activities to social life, you can spread yourself thin. To be successful, you have to spend many hours in the barn at home, and it can be challenging to balance it all. Showing involves making sacrifices, but that has taught me many life lessons.



**IF YOU COULD TELL ONE NEW SHOWMAN** SOME WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY? When you think you have done enough, do more. There is always someone out there working just as hard as you.

# WHEN YOU GRADUATE, WHAT DO You want to be remembered for in the stockshow world?

I want to be remembered as someone who was kind to everyone and always willing to help a fellow showman. I also want to be known as the person that always supported each and every person. I had great role models to look up to when I was a kid and I hope to be that person for someone else.

# GIVE US YOUR MOST IMPORTANT Showmanship tip.

Always stay calm in the show ring. Sometimes it's hard to keep your cool, but the best thing you can do for your animal is to keep your composure and control your emotions. In order to do this you have to spend time working with your animal so you are comfortable with each other long before you step into the 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 Taylor Swift to lunch. She was an FFA member in Tennessee and I would talk to her about the continuing importance of 4-H and FFA and the leaders they create. The kids who are coming out of these programs will feed and clothe the world one day. She is performing consistently to 70,000 people three times a week on her tour and her platform and support could reach millions. I would share my agriculture story and why this industry means so much to me. I also just really love Taylor Swift.

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



see myself graduating from Texas Tech University and starting on my master's degree in meat science. I also see myself advocating for the livestock industry and helping my younger brother finish his show career.



# IF YOUR FRIENDS COULD DESCRIBE YOU, How would They?

My friends would describe me as trustworthy, down



to earth, silly, and kind hearted!

# WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL?

My role model is my sister Kaegan Edwards. Growing up we turned every little thing into (not so) friendly competition. She instilled determination and confidence within me. Kaegan has always been truly eager to see me succeed and is always willing to help. Kaegan has all the characteristics I hope to have. She is strong, independent, determined, and loyal. Her love is fierce, and I am so thankful to be her sister. Do you have a favorite quote or Bible verse?

**"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU DECLARES THE LORD, PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE". - JEREMIAH 29:11** 













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

In 10 years I hope to be working as a lobbyist for an agricultural organization. I want to be the bridge between those who produce our food and fiber and lawmakers. Growing up on a cotton farm and being involved in livestock production I have seen how challenging it can be for producers and I want to be the voice for the sector we all depend on.

# HOW DO YOU GO ABOUT SETTING Goals in order to become more Successful?

I've always been a firm believer in dreaming big. I set my goals outside of my comfort zone so I have to push myself to achieve them. If you aren't scared of your goals then you aren't dreaming big enough.

# WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO BE A Good leader, and to put forth your best effort?

Serving others has always been my motivation for leadership. A true leader fills other peoples cups before their own. I firmly believe God put us on Earth to serve others.

TELL US WHAT SUCCESS MEANS TO YOU Success means accomplishing a goal. Not necessarily winning or being number 1 but setting a goal for yourself, sticking to it and doing everything you can to achieve it.





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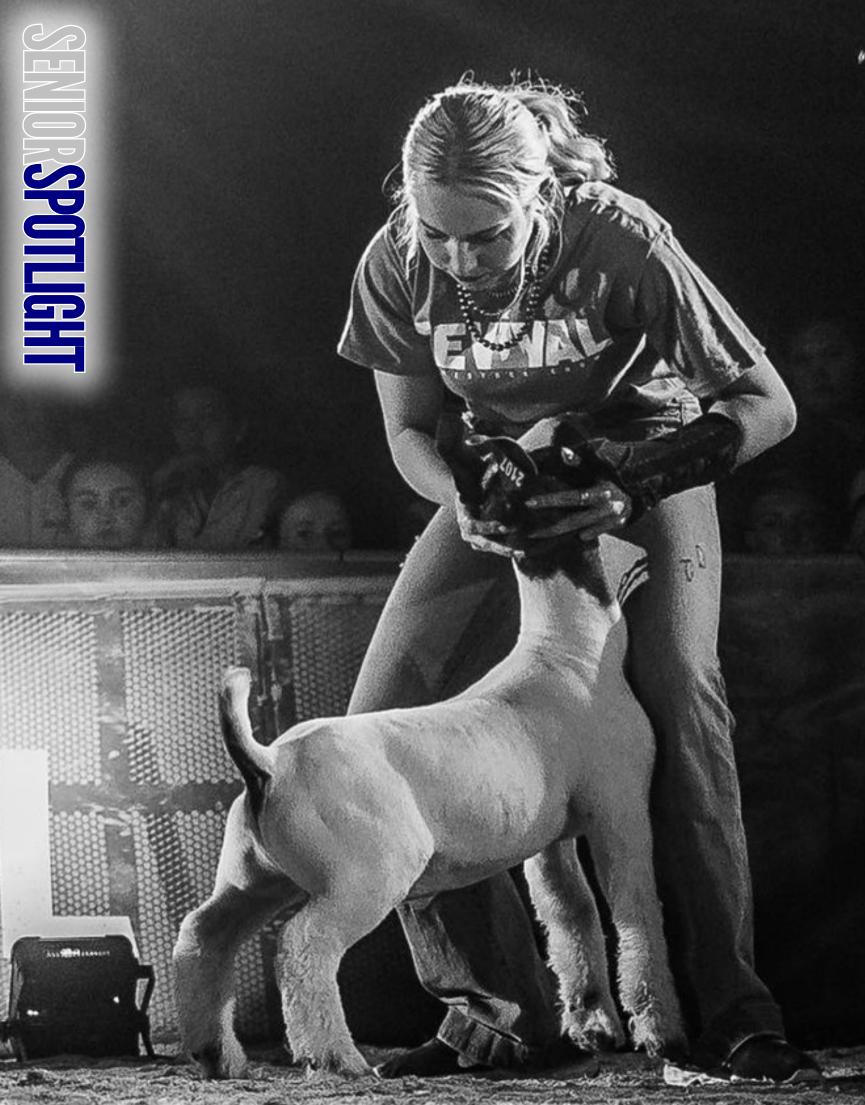
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# MY NAME IS REEGE INGVOLDSEN

and I am originally from Live Oak, California. I currently now live in Arkansas City, Kansas with my mom, Butchy Ingvoldsen and brother, Kace Ingvoldsen. I am a recent graduate from Arkansas City High School. My love for the Ag industry started as soon as I can remember. Being raised on a little ranch in the middle of Northern California let me experience every aspect to the Agricultural industry. I lived around rice fields, almond orchards, walnut orchards, and plum trees. Seeing the plant side of this industry helped me realize that I had a passion for animals. My mom grew up showing Hereford cattle and then passed it onto my brother then passed it to me. Showing cattle was my first real taste of the industry and from then on my passion for it grew. I followed my mom and showed Hereford cattle across the country with my brother. My brother decided one year to branch out and get a goat to show. Then from there we started showing goats and cattle. Immediately I knew goats were my passion and that is what I loved. My success with the goats shot off like a rocket and little did I know it was just the beginning of my career. I started showing for Michael Grady and he became a father figure to me and laid the building blocks for my show career. From there I started showing for Justin Burns and had JnJ Goats in my barn. I traveled to all sorts of jackpots and National shows with Justin. I had a great deal of success from 2018 to 2021 at my county fair and plenty of jackpots throughout the state of California. My success included Reserve Intermediate Showman at CYE,

Reserve Intermediate Showman at NAILE, multiple master showmanship wins, and plenty of other titles I could never have imagined. Traveling and going to multiple shows led me to meeting so many amazing people that I will keep with me for my life. While taking care of my goats, I fell in love with the science behind what it means to take care of animal. This opened my eyes to where I wanted to take my future, I wanted to make a career out of helping animals.

So not only has livestock taught me lessons and gave me friends, but it showed me what I plan to do with my future and that I will forever be grateful for.

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### WHAT IS THE MOST REWARDING Thing about showing livestock?

Personally, for me, the most rewarding thing about the livestock industry is the opportunities you gain. Opportunities for your future, opportunities to meet lifelong friends and families, and opportunities to gain lessons that you will cherish forever.

### WHAT VALUES ARE MOST Important to you?

There are so many values that I hold close to my heart. The values you have determined how you are as a person and showman. For me, the values are respect and loyalty.

### WHAT IS THE MOST Challenging Thing About Showing Livestock?

The livestock industry has given me a lot of obstacles throughout my career. The most challenging one has to be dealing with the impact of losing. You put your heart, soul, time, effort, and passion into your animals, and falling short of your goal is such a tough pill to swallow.

### WHAT IS YOUR MOST IMPORTANT Showmanship tip?

My biggest showmanship tip is to have a mirror in your barn and have a parent/ friend/mentor video you. Being able to see how you and your animal work together is a make-or-break factor in showmanship.

### WHEN YOU GRADUATE, WHAT DO You want to be remembered for in the stockshow world?

When I graduate I want to be remembered as everyone's sister. In other words, I want to be a person anybody can approach asking questions, advice, help, or anything! I have a bunch of girls at shows who ask for hair ties or with showmanship practice or help while they are inside the ring. Being that kind of person to people is something very

### IF YOU COULD TELL ONE NEW SHOWMAN SOME WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT WHAT WOULD THEY BE?

Keep your chin high and keep your eyes on the prize. Coming into such an industry can be tough, but never let defeat or the words of others bring you down. No matter how much you feel like quitting or giving up, don't. The reward of being in this industry is worth more than buckles or banners.





My friends in the industry would describe me as determined and hardworking. When I want something, I'll go get it. I'm someone who is always available if they need something. Most of them say I can be.

SUPPOSE YOU GOULD TAKE ANY GELEBRITY TO LUNCH AND TALK TO THEM ABOUT FFA/4HL, WED WOULD YOU TANKE AND WHAT WOULD YOU TELL THEN? I would take Adam Sandler out to lunch. I would discuss the importance of 4-H/ FFA members' role in society. We are the future of the Ag industry and are some of the best kids this world has to offer.

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

In 5 years I hope to be graduated from Kansas State University with my Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science/Pre Vet and pursue a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State as well. I hopefully will always be working at the Sheep and Goat Unit.

### WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL?

One of my biggest role models entering the goat side of this industry is Chancelyn Johnson. She was one person I fully looked up to and inspired to be. She carried herself with passion and confidence inside and out of the ring. She was always there if I needed to ask a question or



Bible verse?

Do you have a favorite quote or

needed help. The way she handled her livestock was something that blew me away every time I'd watch her. As time went on Chance became one of my best friends and like my older sister I never had. We traveled together across the country going to jackpots and National shows showing for JnJ Livestock. I even got the pleasure of competing against her in showmanship and even the one time I beat her she was right there with a smile on her face to congratulate me.

MACINE YOURSELF 10 YEARS FROM TODAY, WHAT GOALS AND AMERIONS DO YOU HAVE FOR YOURSELF, PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY In 10 years my goal is to be fresh out of Veterinary School and either working for Kansas States Veterinary School or looking for a job as a Large and Small Animal Veterinary.





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

What motivates me is that there is always someone watching you, in the ring and outside of it. You always have to be showing the best and most true version of yourself. You want to be someone that people can look up to and inspire you to be.

### HOW DO YOU GO ABOUT Setting goals in order to become More successful?

Truly my one goal is to just go out and do my best. If every day I can give 100% of myself and give it to my animals then I am achieving my goal. I have bigger aspirations at National and State shows, but I wouldn't necessarily call them goals that would push me to succeed.



Success in my world means stepping foot into the ring and giving it your all. Lots of people think success is winning and instead of thinking of winning as success, think of it as a drive to succeed.





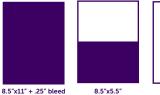
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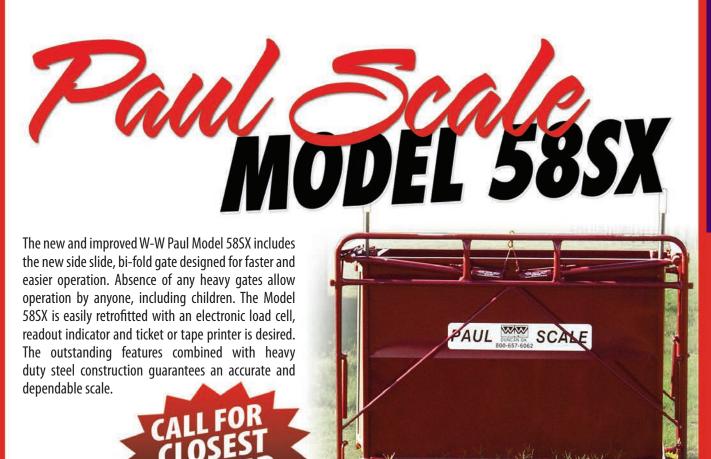
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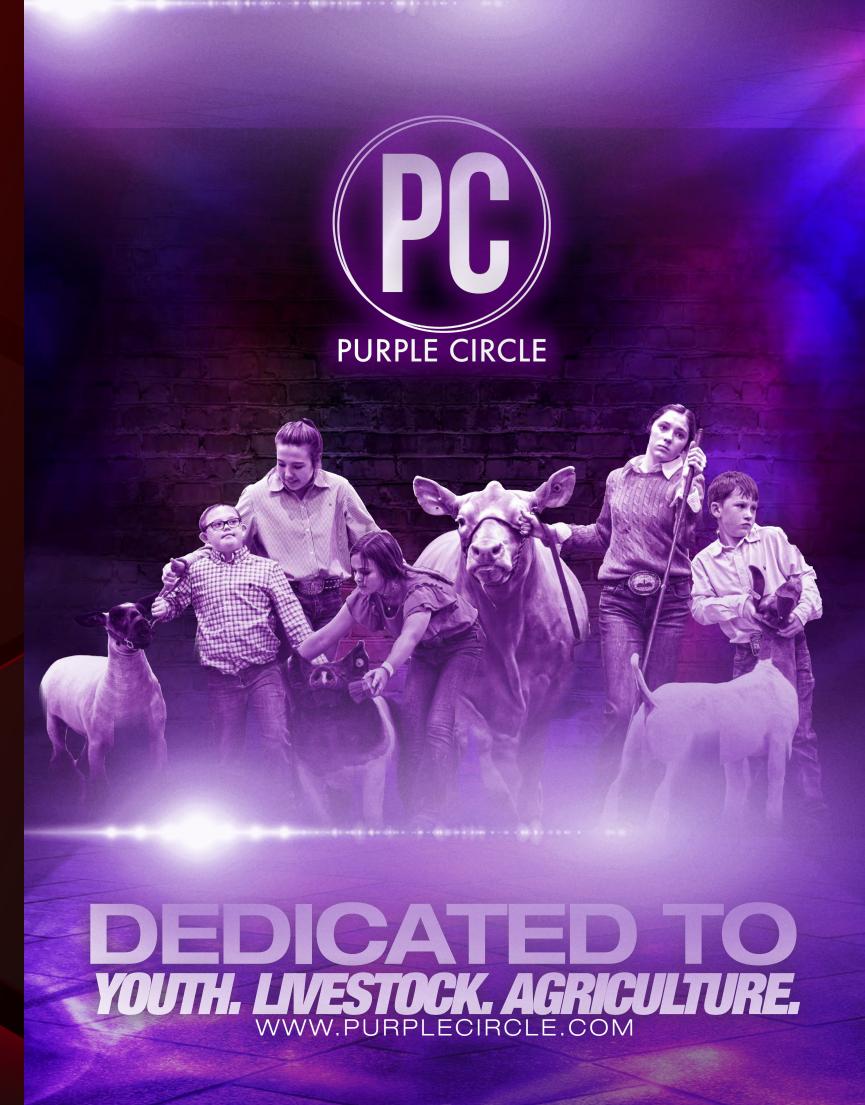


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1 pound baby yellow potatoes - quartered (or halved if they are already less than 1 inch in size, see note)

3 tablespoons olive oil

salt and pepper to taste - (I use about 1 teaspoon salt and ¼ teaspoon black pepper) 1 tablespoon minced garlic

- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme

Fresh thyme or parsley for topping - (optional)

#### Directions

1. In a large bowl combine steak, potatoes, olive oil, salt and pepper, garlic, and seasonings and toss to combine.

2. Divide steak and potatoes between four 12×12 inch sheets of foil, then wrap the foil tightly around the contents to form your foil packs. Grill over high heat for about 10 minutes on each side or until steak and potatoes are cooked through OR bake at 425 degrees for about 20-25 minutes until cooked through to desired doneness.

3. Garnish with fresh thyme or parsley and serve immediately.



### Cucumber Tomato Salad

long English cucumber sliced
large tomatoes diced
red onion sliced
tablespoon fresh herbs parsley, basil and/or dill, optional
tablespoons olive oil
tablespoon red wine vinegar
Salt & pepper to taste

#### Directions

- 1. Combine all ingredients in a bowl and toss well.
- 2. Refrigerate at least 20 minutes before serving.

### WATERMELON CUCUMBER BASIL LEMONADE

3 cups watermelon, cut into cubes

1 large cucumber, peeled and sliced

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup fresh basil

1/2 cup fresh lemon juice (about 4 medium lemons)

1/4 tsp fresh grated ginger (optional)

soda water for topping (optional)

#### Directions

1. Place watermelon, cucumber, basil, lemon juice and ginger (if using) in blender or food processor. Pulse until fully blended.

2. Pour mixture over fine mesh strainer (or cheese cloth). Use a wooden spoon to help push the liquid through the strainer. Work in batches if needed. Discard the pulp.

3. Pour strained liquid over ice and top with soda water. Garnish with cucumber slice and watermelon wedge if desired.

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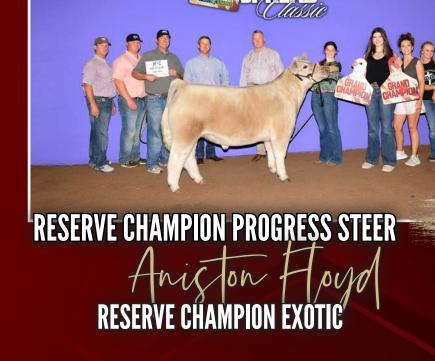
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1. In a large bowl, beat together cream cheese and sugar until smooth and creamy. Fold in the thawed cool whip.

2. Add strawberries, blueberries, blueberries, blueberries, and raspberries. Fold care fully into the cream cheese mixture. Serve immediately.



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#### What does LOVE look like?

What do you think of when asked the question, "What does love look like?" If you're like me, it won't take you long to come to a quick answer. We live in a culture where the word "love" is used abundantly, and we often hear encouragement to "love everyone, love yourself, or to show love to all". All of this sounds great, but is it biblical? What does love look like when defined by God's word? When Jesus commands us to love God and love your neighbor in Matthew 22, what does He mean? The cultural view of love is typically a self-serving, romantic, weak, and lustful desire of our own wants.

When we describe love, we naturally think of the things we "want" or "love", surrounded by passions and desires. 1 Corinthians 13 describes love in a different light. With defining characteristics such as, "not seeking its own", "not rejoicing in unrighteousness but rejoicing in truth", and the final trait Paul writes is that "love never fails." In this article, I want to look at "agape" love. Agape is the Greek word used for love that describes benevolent and charitable love. A self-sacrificing love. The love God displays in his motivation in John 3:16 when it is written "For God so loved..." and Scripture teaches in Romans 5:8 "but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." The Bible says in 1 John 4:19 that "We love because He first loved us". And that is perfectly displayed in Jesus and what He accomplished in conquering death for the sinner condemned to death. The true love that never fails described here is the only true love found in a perfect Savior who became sin for you and for me and paid a debt, that we earned in our sin, but yet had no way to pay.

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In God's grace and love, "He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf..."(2 Cor. 5:21). In Matthew 22:37-40 Jesus said the greatest commandment is to "Love the Lord God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." He goes on to say the second is like it "That you shall love your neighbor as yourself." But how do we do that? What does it mean to follow these two commandments from our Lord Jesus?

To love God with all your heart, soul, and mind means He must be first, and everything else second. He must take up your innermost desire, He must be submitted to, His Word must be the guide to your life, His commandments are not burdensome, but we desire to obey. (Including repentance and confession. 1 John 1:9). When it comes to loving your neighbor as yourself, Jesus taught us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us in Matthew 5:44. Not to approve of them, affirm them or accept them, but to love them. Selfless love is exactly what Jesus calls us to and exemplified as He died for the sinner, but in His love,

He pointed them to life, and the only true love which never fails is being in Him. In John 14:15 Jesus says "Those who love Me, will keep My commandments." And in John 15:13-14, Jesus says "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for His friends. You are My friends if you do what I command you." The truest love we can have, is to point our enemies to the One Way, Truth and Life in Christ Jesus. He is the Messiah predicted in the Scripture, who came, lived, and died for me the sinner. In His perfect love, there is no fear, and in His perfect love, we are kept, and will by no means be cast out. THAT is what true, perfect, Biblical love looks like.

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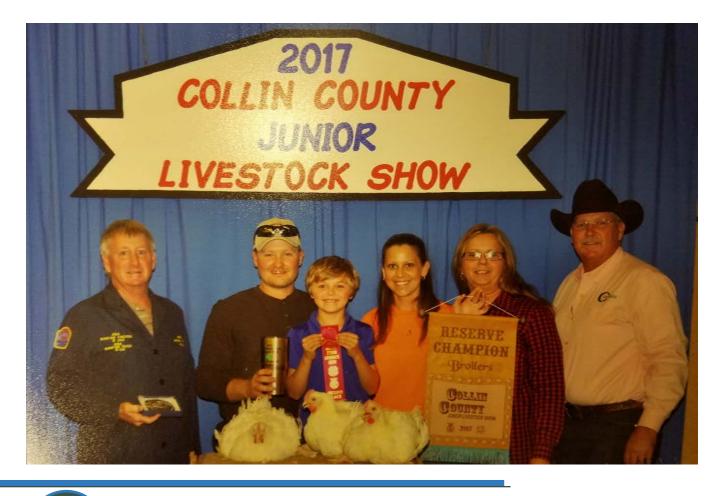












Please give a brief overview of your background, your family, and your childhood in the poultry industry. How'd you get there?

I was a Cattle guy, my family raised feeder calves and wheat on our farm in Navarro County. In high school, I started raising steers and had a small herd of Purebred Angus that I started from my show heifers. I was active in the FFA serving as an officer, being on Leadership Teams and Judging Teams, and participating in all things FFA. I got some experience showing broilers in the mid '80s helping some family friends. The competition and the process of the broilers really interested me. After my first experience showing broilers, I was hooked.

I went on to Tarleton State and became an Ag Science teacher beginning my career in Trinidad where I taught for 4 years then moved to McKinney where I taught for another 13 years. I had broiler feeders every year I taught and still advise and help exhibitors today.





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

President/CEO/Owner of Oxygen Livestock, feed supplements manufactured by Meal and More, Inc. My involvement in the Poultry Industry is marketing Supplements, Judging at all levels, helping/advising families and exhibitors do the best job feeding and selecting the best birds for their desired show(s).

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

The most influential people in my life growing up were my parents, my Ag teachers and my competitors. The will to want to continually do better and win in the show arena drove me to always want to do better.



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

I have Judged HLSR, S.A.L.E, and Rodeo Austin multiple times each. I have Judged at least 20 different County Shows and a dozen or so Local shows some of them more than 10 times over the years.

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

My first "Big" Show was HLSR, I had done some County shows with maybe 50 pens prior. I guess I had done alright at those Counties as I was asked to Judge HLSR the following year.







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

Lots of changes but biggest is when I was showing we had 5 birds per pen with a Maximum weight. Now it's as big as possible in the allotted number of days on feed.



What is your process as you evaluate market poultry at a livestock show? My process is to measure the breast width X length then how much taper there is and give a premilary score to separate the pens into groups. The preliminary score isn't the main judging criteria it is only to separate the pens into like sizes and then compare pen to pen.



What are the preferences that you rank among the most important in regards to poultry evaluation? Broad breast carrying well back to the tip of the keel, firm to the grasp, not soft or spongy. Color and cleanliness aren't a must but well-fed birds are usually vibrant in their color and are generally clean. I'm CERTAINLY NOT recommending washing birds like we used to do or adding all the corn products we used to make them almost orange but, I am suggesting feeding them well and start adding new shavings daily to the last week to 10 days before the show so they can clean themselves up as best as possible.



#### What is the most valuable portion of the junior livestock/poultry industry?

Experiences and relationships. I still look back on many of the things I learned showing Livestock and the life's lessons I learned through successes and some from not succeeding. I still to this day have friendships that started as competitors, judges, assistants, or instructors in the show ring or show world.



What is the funniest story you can recall in regards to showing or judging? The funniest story was at HLSR, I was sorting through the callbacks and had been putting my best towards the back of the ring, on my next to last call back I reversed the order and put my worst at the back. One lady who had apparently been watching all day yelled in excitement when I moved her child's pen to the the back of the arena, thinking they were set to be in the final round. She was NOT amused when I gave my reasons and told the audience I was keeping the X number of pens on the front row and not the back row.



What are your pet peeves in the show ring? Not necessarily a pet peeve but I do think the exhibitors should be ready or at the very least getting ready to show their birds when I get near 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? Not really, I do try to think through the number of

pens expected and start thinking through the best way to separate the pens and manage the callbacks.



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

I love fried chicken but as I said I'm a Cattle guy at heart, a big medium-rare ribeye is my favorite.



If you get a good box of birds you can make them great, if you don't get a good box you can do enough to make them great, you can make them better but you can never make them great. Brian lowe

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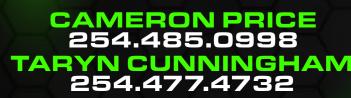
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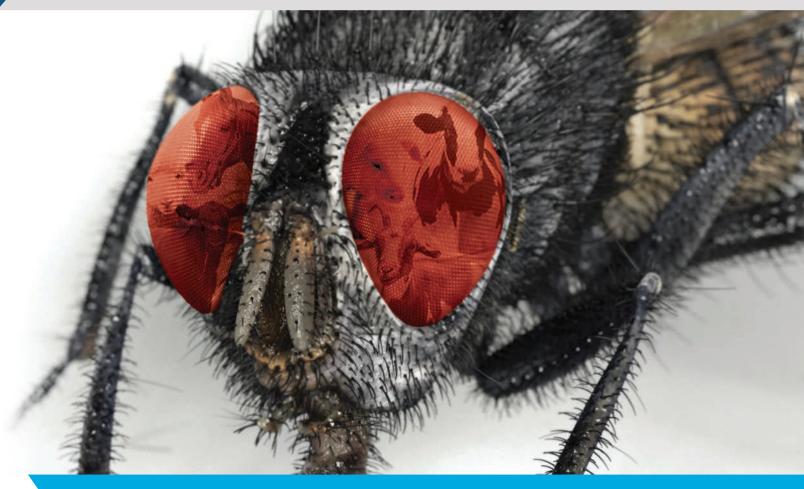
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