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## PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

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## LANDRI OTTMERS

Hey y'all, I'm Landri Ottmers!

From Fredericksburg, Texas, the daughter of, Anna Ottmers. I've grown up embracing the world of agriculture and livestock with a heart full of passion and purpose.

After graduation, I plan to attend Texas Tech University to major in Ag Communications with a minor in Ag Business or Animal Nutrition. This academic path will equip me to bridge the gap between farmers, consumers, and the industry as a whole.

My journey in agriculture began at a young age, as I started exhibiting livestock in the first grade. With the guidance of my early mentor, Russell Kneese, I embarked on a journey with show pigs that would shape my future. The introduction to Luke and Fallon Lindner not only opened the door to working at Lindner Show Pigs, where I gained invaluable experience in farrowing sows and watching the babies grow into show pigs but they have given me chances to succeed in the show ring more than I ever could have imagined. I'm extremely grateful for all that Luke and Fallon have poured into me.

For the past six years, I've proudly held officer positions in both 4-H and FFA, organizations that have been instrumental in my personal and professional growth. Through these programs, I've had the privilege to compete at state and national levels, expanding my horizons and building a network of like-minded individuals who share a deep passion for agriculture.

Beyond the show ring and classrooms, I am committed to making a positive impact in my community. As the chair of the Healthy Pantry Haus, I actively contribute to providing fresh and nutritious options to those in need. This endeavor reflects my belief in the intersection of agriculture and community welfare.

As a Texas Youth Livestock Ambassador and Texas Pork Junior Ambassador, I'm dedicated to staying well-informed about the agricultural industry. These roles allow me to advocate for the future of agriculture, fostering understanding and awareness among both my peers, the younger generation, and the wider community.

Reflecting on the past 12 years of my life, I'm immensely grateful for the invaluable life lessons and relationships I've gained through my experiences in the agriculture industry. I am indebted to my mom, grandparents, friends, mentors, and Texas Agriculture for shaping me into the driven and compassionate individual I am today.



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

For me, the most rewarding thing about showing livestock are the friendships I've made along the way. Through stock shows, I've met people who live many hours away from me that I'm so thankful to call my best friends. Those are relationships that will last a lifetime and we've made memories which I can always look back on and be proud of.

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

One of the most challenging things for me during my show career was finding my balance. Figuring out a way to balance my schoolwork, livestock, and all the 4H/FFA and AG related events I was in was tough. But I always found a way to make it work, I learned to focus on what was most important to me and have fun along the way.



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

I would say to never give up. There will be times when you feel discouraged and things may not be going your way, but never give up. Push through those times and give it your best effort, because at the end of the day you never know what will happen and you'll want to look back and be proud of how you handled the situation.



## WHAT VALUES ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Integrity, loyalty, honesty, selflessness, and keeping a strong Faith are ones that I will always try to live by.



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## GIVE US YOUR MOST IMPORTANT SHOWMANSHIP TIP.

Always be courteous and thankful to those around you, inside and outside of the ring. I've learned throughout my career that success is something shared with others. I would not be where I am today without my family, my friends, and those who always supported me along the way. I'm happy that I can my call those people my stock show family.



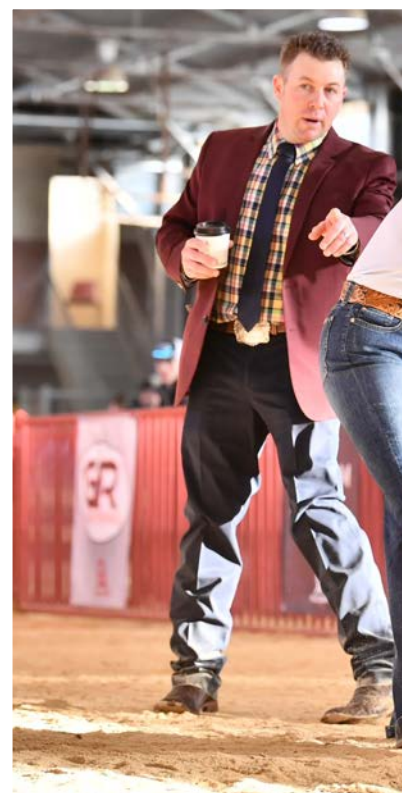
## WHEN YOU GRADUATE WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE REMEMBERED FOR IN THE STOCK SHOW WORLD?

I want to be remembered as someone who showed kindness to everyone and was always willing to help a friend or maybe someone who I didn't know. I want to be known as the person who supported each and every person. I had great role models and whether they knew or not, I always looked up to them. Now, hope to be that person for someone else.



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

I think my friends would say I always stick up for what I believe in and I strive to do the best I can whether it be school or any other activities I participate in.





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

I see myself graduating from Texas Tech University with a degree in Agricultural Communications and continuing my passion with the AG industry in some type of way.



## WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL?

My role model is my mom. She has always said, "everything in life is earned, not given". When I hear those words, I think about my own situation and how I have gotten to where I am today. My mom has always driven my passion for the agriculture industry and is my biggest supporter inside and outside of the ring. She always pushes me to be the best version of myself at all times. Without the help of my mom, I truly don't know where I would be today, she always strives to take me out of my comfort zone and motivates me to work amongst the best of my abilities.

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

What motivates me to be a good leader is the future of the younger generation. When I think about the future of the agriculture industry, I hope for it to be stronger than it is today. As for the future generation, I will be sure to educate, advocate, and push them to always do their very best because they will be what makes the agriculture industry bigger and better.



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

I always try to focus on what I believe in. I strive to put my best effort into things which I see a bright future for and focus on building those things into success and being proud of how I spent my time on them.



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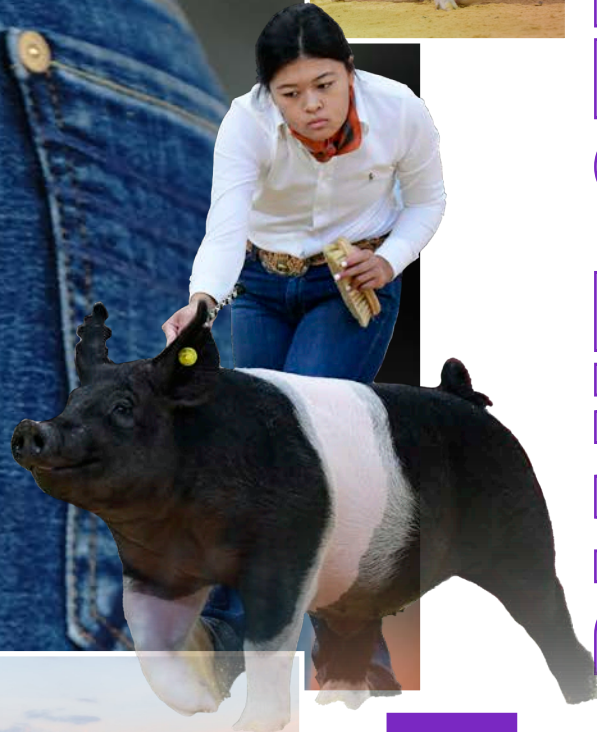
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# SUCCESS

Success is something that you have to define for yourself, and no one can do it for you. For me, it's being able to do the things you love and have fun while doing so. You want to look back and be proud of what you accomplished.







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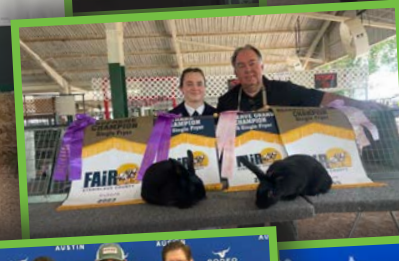


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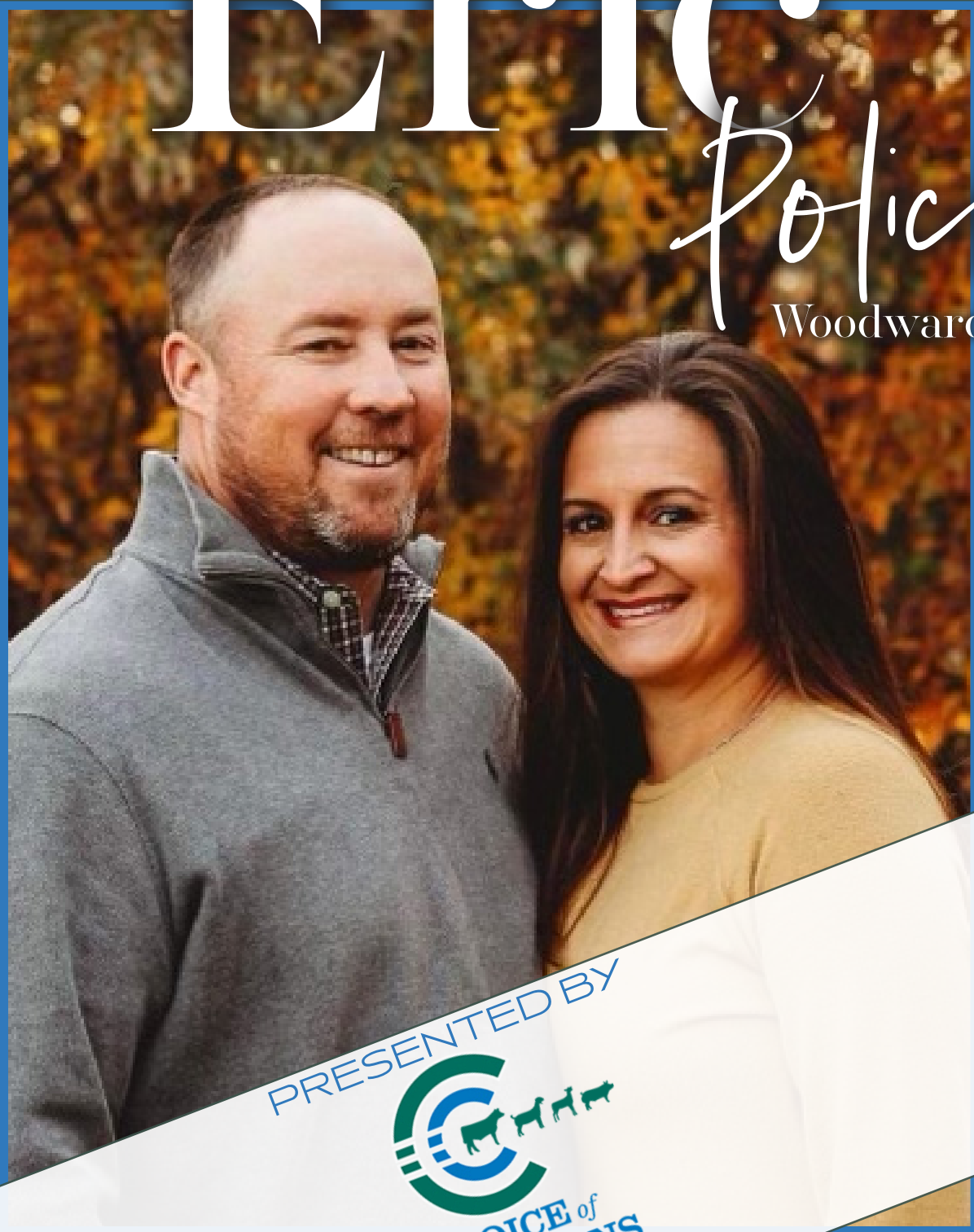
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Please give a brief overview of your background, your family, and your childhood in the livestock industry. How'd you get here?

I grew up on a small farm in Woodward Iowa with my parents and two younger brothers, where we raised commercial hogs, then transitioned to breeding stock and then show pigs. We always bred our own county and state fair pigs and utilized the boars at SGI as far back as 1985. I grew up a few miles from Duroc breeders Dean and Kay Christian and worked for them through high school I started a small purebred Hampshire herd while in high school selling boars and gilts and kept that breed through college. We had multiple champions over the years at the Iowa State Fair, National Barrow Show, the Fall Classic in Duncan Ok and the Southwest Type conference in Belton Tx

I attended Iowa State University majoring in Animal Science and was on the 1996 Livestock Team. I was fortunate to have Dr. Scott Griener and Dr. Mark Hoge as my coaches. Throughout college, I worked for Al Christian at the University Swine Farm. Dr. Lauren Christian was my academic advisor.

## Market Barrows *San Antonio*





2

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

I currently own Polich Showpigs which consists of 120 sows and 10 boars that we currently collect and sell semen on. We mainly deal with crossbreds but have 10-12 purebred sows as well. I run the business with my wife Lindsey and 4 boys Kade, Dane, Jase, and Jude.

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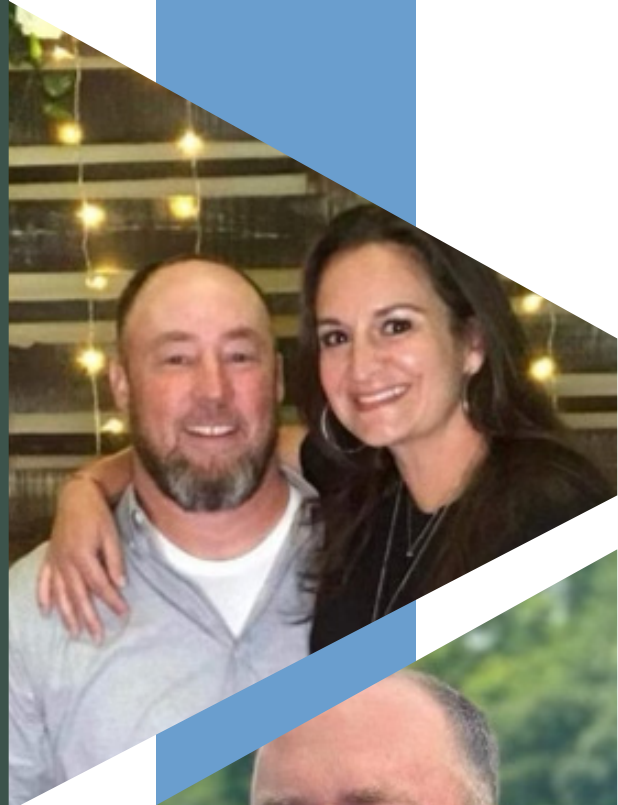
Who were the most influential people in your life growing up?

Growing up the people who influenced me the most were the breeders like Dean and Kay, Al Christian, Earl Cain, John Huinker, and Jim Grimm. Dr. Harold Hodsen was another great mind I always enjoyed traveling with and talking genetics with.

4

Please give a description of your livestock judging experience.

Looking back I was very fortunate to have Mark Hoge talk me into getting on the judging team. I had not planned on going out because our High School didn't have FFA and I had never judged before. The first contest I ever got cards in was Denver at the National Western for Iowa State. We had a solid team that year, winning Sioux Falls, Iowa Beef Expo, Houston, and the American Royal in KC. After graduating I continued to judge local and county shows in the Midwest. I have judged the Ohio, Colorado, North Dakota, and Nebraska state fairs, the Georgia National, Hampshires at the Fall Classic and many Jackpot shows. My first show in Texas I got the opportunity to do was Gillispie Co in Fredericksburg. John Huinker asked me to judge the barrows with him at San Antonio in 2008, that was my first major show. I was able to judge San Antonio again in 2013 with Brian Arnold.





5

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

The most significant change I have seen over the years in the junior livestock industry is just the way we take care of the pigs. Daily care, feed products, and skin and hair maintenance have become a staple if you ever want to see the backdrop. Showmanship skills and the ability to drive are at an all-time high. The amount of time and effort kids put into the projects before they ever hit the ring is unreal to me.

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6

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

Obviously, at a major like San Antonio, the first thing we see back in the sift pens is the front end coming out of the gate. A big chest floor, square knee, and a high-head carriage are a must. I like barrows with a big back that has shape coming out of a big blade and a big center cage that transitions back to a square hip and pin set. Barrows have to be sound with good range of motion and they have to be square at the ground off both ends. From the side, barrows need to be balanced and well designed, with a long level hip. Big feet, big legs, and a stout skull top it off

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7

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

In the past, we didn't put as much emphasis on skin and hair and presentation, but in today's show ring, it's a must. You may bring the best barrow to the show but if he's dingy, mangy, or doesn't get shown he's not going to win. I like where we are at now with the clipping, taking the head and neck tighter blending it back, and leaving more on the body. I do not recommend trying to fit leg hair on barrows for me that's going too far. My biggest pet peeve in the show ring is when kids show with their offhand behind their backs. If you are lucky enough to still have both hands, use them.



8

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

To me, the most valuable portion of the Junior Livestock industry is taught at home. Kids learn to be responsible and are held accountable for their actions. Hard work pays dividends. They may not realize it, but the attitude and effort that goes into these projects will have them on the right track to be successful adults.

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9

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

I was judging a show in California and after a showmanship class, I had a mom come up to the ring and proceed to tell me how I screwed that all up because the winner used his offhand too much and that I didn't know what I was doing. I calmly grabbed the mic and told the crowd that I was going to take a break and this lady was going to judge the next class. As I handed her the mic she went pale and left the building. I never heard from her again.

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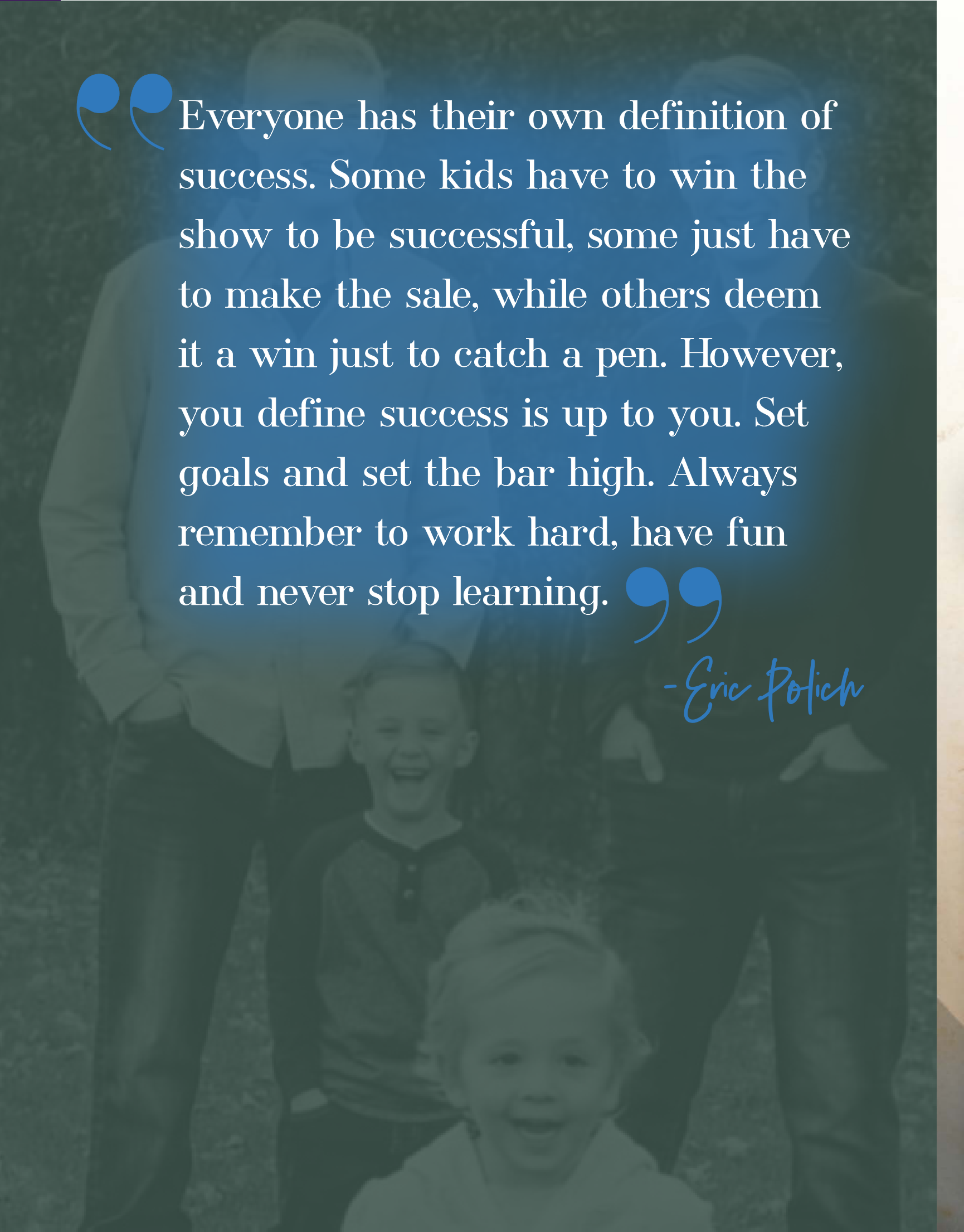
**Last, but not least, what is your favorite meal? One you could never live without?**

I'm an Iowa farm boy so to me there is nothing better than a medium-rare steak and potatoes. However, Lindsey has got me hooked on good Sushi when we do get a date night.



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“Everyone has their own definition of success. Some kids have to win the show to be successful, some just have to make the sale, while others deem it a win just to catch a pen. However, you define success is up to you. Set goals and set the bar high. Always remember to work hard, have fun and never stop learning.”

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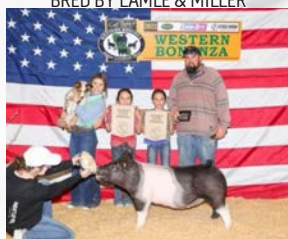
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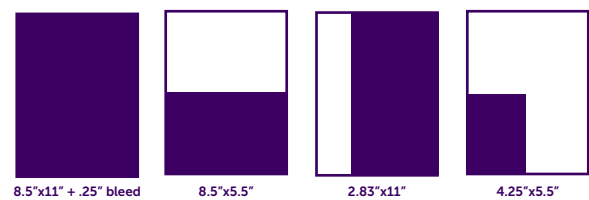
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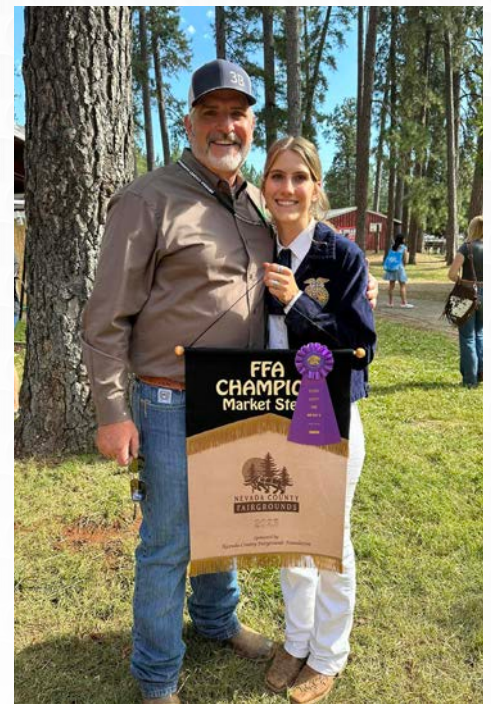
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"Lazy people do a little work and think they should be winning. Winners work as hard as possible and still worry if they're being lazy."

**-LEWIS CAVALLA**



## GARRETT ECHTLE

My name is Garrett Echtle. I was born in San Antonio, Texas to Michael and Ashley Echtle. I've grown up on a hay farm in LaCoste, Texas where I live with my parents and my older brother Logan (20) and younger sister Addison (11). I am a Senior at Medina Valley High School and will be graduating in May. After graduation, I plan on attending college to pursue a degree in Ag Business.

I have been involved in 4-H for 10 years and a member of the Medina Valley FFA for four years. During this time, I have participated in shooting sports, livestock judging, and tractor tech but my main focus has always been showing pigs.

My cousin, Troy Cole, introduced me to showing when I was in second grade. That year he let me show his gilt at the San Antonio open show. After that, I was hooked. My passion for showing has grown over the years and I have been very fortunate to have great livestock and amazing people helping me over the years. I have been fortunate to show at all the

Texas majors, showing with some of my best friends.

Six years ago, I was introduced to Luke and Fallon Lindner, this provided me the opportunity to learn from them while showing their pigs. Along the way they have helped me achieve my goals both in and out of the ring. My show family is amazing, and I have created lifelong friendships which I am forever grateful for.

In addition to showing pigs, I am also very involved with our family's hay farm. I have been working alongside my dad helping with the day-to-day operations for as long as I can remember. Our farm consists of 350 acres of quality Tifton and Coastal hay, which produces from hay from March through November. After I graduate from college my goal is to take over our family farm and operate G&L Skid Steer Services. I am grateful for all the life lessons, memories, and friendships the livestock industry has given to my family and me over the last ten years. I am looking forward to my last year showing and to what the future holds.





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

The most rewarding thing about showing livestock is learning to be responsible, and all the lifelong friendships I've made throughout my show career.

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

The most challenging thing about showing livestock is figuring out how to manage my time between school and my pigs.



## WHAT VALUES ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU?

The values that are most important to me are hard work, responsibility, and determination.

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

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

I would like to be remembered as someone who always helped others, worked hard to achieve my goals, always made the best out of any situation, and never regretted anything.

## 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 Johnny Manziel and talk to him about the industry and tell him how it teaches respect and responsibility.



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

Determined, strong-willed, and helpful.





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

In the next five years, I see myself graduating college and being back on our farm.



## WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL?

My dad, because he works hard and we both share the same passion for farming, and I appreciate all the time he has put in to teach me everything I know.

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

What motivates me is knowing that younger kids are looking up to me, and always watching. That motivates me every day to work harder, be kind to everyone, and help anyone in need. I have learned from my parents that have always sacrificed their time to help me, whether it was helping in the barn, hauling to shows, or making a trip to Comfort to get feed.





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

A goal is something I strive to meet every day and there have been many times when I've failed to meet that goal. All I can do is tell myself that I tried my hardest and made the best decisions possible to try and achieve that goal. Tomorrow is a new day.



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Success to me means being able to sit down and look back and tell myself that every day I did something good to better myself, and the people surrounding me.



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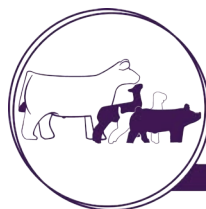


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# Brandon Ogle

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

I grew up in Strasburg, IL a small town in south central Illinois. My parents are Dennis and Cathy and I have two younger siblings Caleb and Chelsea. We grew up on a small farm and my dad raised commercial hogs for several years. After the pigs left, we converted one of the barns into a sheep setup. I was very fortunate to have good friends growing up whose fathers were incredible breeding sheep men, Darrell Rincker and Greg Smith. I went w the Rincker's to the Illinois state fair when I was in middle school as a plus one just there for the fun and caught the show bug fast. Joined 4-H, showed sheep my last 4-5 years, very active in the FFA, this ultimately led me to Lake Land Jr College and Michigan State University on the judging teams. That ultimately opened up many doors and introduced me to many great livestock people. My wife Raeanne works alongside me here at the farm. Along with 4 children. Jake, Emma, Max, and Jack. Jake is in the Navy and Hospital Corpsman petty officer second class and stationed at Camp Pendleton in San Diego. Max is a lineman in Yorktown, Indiana. Emma is here on the farm with us and the office manager for Country Side Veterinary Clinics. Jack is going into first grade, top ranch hand, a cattle lover, and an upcoming breeder and enthusiast of the spotted breed.

Market  
Barrows  
*San Antonio*





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

I own and operate Ogle Genetics, a show pig operation of 75-100 sows. I've been doing this as my full-time gig for 11 years now. I've been raising pigs for 20 years since I got out of college which makes me feel old putting that into print. I also assist with boar selection and sales at Crossroads Genetics in Indiana.

3

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

There have been several very influential people. Growing up I always looked up to my dad and grandpa. They were hard workers, great men, and just good people. In my high school years, I mentioned Greg and Darrell previously and without their help and opportunities I'm not sure I'd have got that spark and passion for livestock and for that, I'm very grateful. Jon Althaus who was the judging team coach at Lake Land took a chance on a no-name kid and brought me in to judge. Jon taught me a lot about livestock and life in my two years there. Michigan State introduced me to the guy that probably taught me as much as anyone about breeding swine and that's Al Snedegar. Sned is one of a kind, I'll always appreciate him for being the first person to get on ya if ya needed it and the first person

to put his arm around ya if he knew you were down. Jeff Mafi, my judging coach there really taught me a lot about giving reasons and presentation. I met a Ph.D. student there I'd heard of but never met. We hit it off and became good friends and he taught me so much about show pigs and getting them prepared and fit, that guy was Mark Hoge.





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

Denver 2012

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

During my time in the industry I think the biggest changes I've seen are the tremendous growth of the junior associations and the participation in shows like the Expo and NJSS.

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

Judging at the major stock shows in Texas in particular with the setup and flow I'm gonna position initially to see them come right at me. Get a gauge on skeletal width and front-end build. Step off to the side and get a read on body shape and fill and rear leg structure. Then get behind them and make sure they are square-hocked and have enough. That would be the initial sort in the sift. In the big ring can get down to the particulars and extras and get a more in-depth read.

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

When judging I like the ones that check all the basic boxes and bring extras. They have got to be sound with good feet and legs and be able to grab a gear out there. Square chested, big ribbed, rolled up back, with feature and look.

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8

**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 presentation is very important to me in the show ring. Fresh skin and hair with a good clip job most definitely helps catch your eye. Also, it lets me know the exhibitor prepared at home to play ball at the show. The hair thing is getting a little more discussed than I prefer. Adhesive belongs in another barn, and a bad paint job makes my skin crawl.



9

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

The most valuable portion of the junior livestock industry in my opinion is learning responsibility and work ethic. It also teaches kids at a young age that there are winners and losers and how you react and build on that will teach you a lot about preparation in the real world. Life does not hand out participation trophies, you reap what you sew.

10

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

This is the easiest of all the questions! I'm laughing as I type this. 2014 Houston Barrow show, I'm judging with my good friend Andy Rash. He's the primary judge of the Yorkshire's and that second-wave PED was working its way through the barn, which is not funny. However, there was a barrow in the holding pens 10-15 feet away from Andy that coughed and shot projectile liquid diarrhea all over the front of him and his clothes. He had worn a white button-up that day that made matters worse. He turned and looked at me disgusted, I just kind of threw my hands in the air and asked what do you want me to do. Needless to say, his wife had to make a flying trip to the hotel for a wardrobe change.

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

I'd say anything that takes the attention off your pig and on you is not ideal. I don't like lots of touching or contact with the pig. Any sort of unnecessary whistling or noise toward the pig I can do without. Any extra or excessive use of the whip makes me cringe.

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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?**

My routine judging is usually pretty simple. Get up get ready, and have my judging partner tie my tie correctly because I'm awful at that. I like to have one Diet Pepsi every morning. Not a coffee guy. If I have my earbuds in or music on before hitting the ring I'd probably listen to Eminem's "Lose Yourself" or "Not Afraid" "Zero Possibility" "Enter Sandman" from Metallica or "Country Boy Can Survive" by Hank Jr. As you can see I have a very wide taste in music!

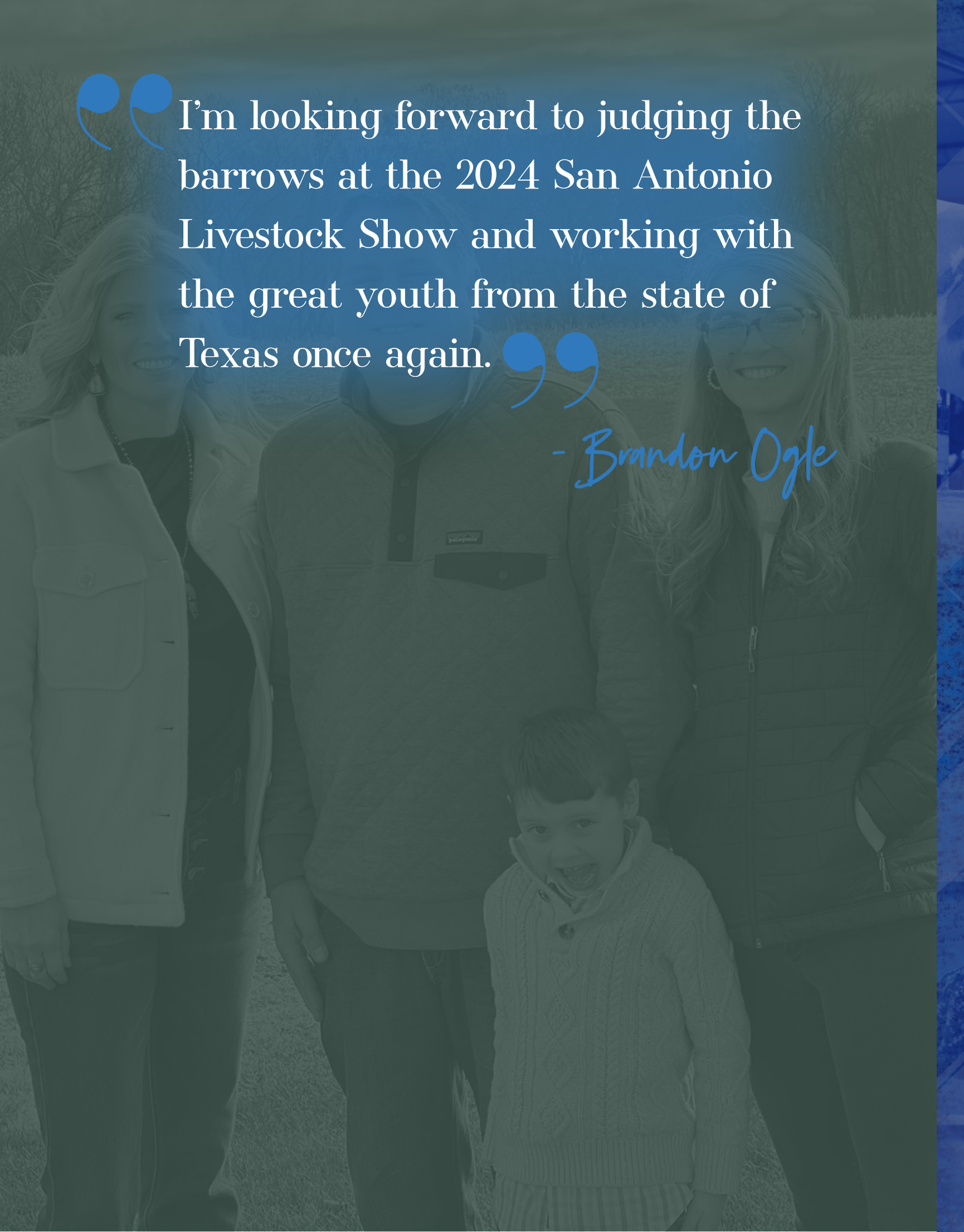
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**Last, but not least, what is your favorite meal? One you could never live without?**

I like a lot of variety of foods. Any sort of beef, pork, chicken. I enjoy good seafood and anything Cajun related. However without a doubt, if I had to pick a last meal it would be my mom cooking beef liver and onions with mashed potatoes and scratch gravy. If you're wrinkling your nose some of you didn't grow up poor enough! Haha! My favorite go-to now is a nice locally owned place near here that serves a filet with lobster sauce on the weekends.







“I’m looking forward to judging the  
barrows at the 2024 San Antonio  
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the great youth from the state of  
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## Cowboy Casserole

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1 cup corn  
2/3 cup Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup  
1 cup cheddar cheese , shredded and divided  
1/3 cup whole milk  
1/4 cup sour cream  
1 teaspoon onion powder  
1/2 teaspoon black pepper  
1/2 cup bacon , cooked and crumbled  
32 ounces tater tots

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
2. In a large skillet, cook beef over medium heat until browned.
3. Add the corn, cream of mushroom soup, 1/2 cup cheese, milk, sour cream, onion powder, black pepper, and bacon to the skillet and mix well.
4. In a 9x13 pan layer the beef, then the cheese and finally line up the tater tots before baking for 40-45 minutes uncovered.
5. Sprinkle with remaining cheese and bake another 5 minutes.







## Honey Butter Skillet Corn

2 tablespoons butter I use salted  
2 tablespoons honey  
1 bag (16 oz) frozen corn  
2 ounces cream cheese cut into chunks  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon black pepper

### Directions

1. In a skillet pan, over medium-high heat, melt the butter and honey. Once melted add the frozen corn and cook for 5-8 minutes, stirring occasionally, until cooked through.
2. Add cream cheese, salt, and pepper. Stir together and let it cook, about 3-5 minutes, while stirring occasionally.
3. Serve immediately. Leftovers keep well, covered in a container, and stored in the fridge.

## Strawberry Agua Fresca

4 cups fresh strawberries, hulled and quartered  
1/2 cup + simple syrup\* (recipe in instructions)  
1/3 cup lime juice, freshly squeezed  
8 cups cold water  
extra strawberries and limes for garnish, optional

### Directions

1. To make simple syrup, combine 1 cup water with 1 cup granulated sugar in a small saucepan. Stir over medium heat until sugar dissolves or mixture starts to boil. Remove from heat and cool slightly. (Yields approximately 1 1/4 cups of simple syrup.)
2. Blend strawberries with 1/2 cup of simple syrup and 1 cup of cold water until smooth.
3. Set a fine mesh strainer (with a layer of cheesecloth, if you have it) over a large pitcher. Pour the strawberry mixture through the strainer. Use a spatula to press the fruit/pulp through. Repeat if needed. Discard the seeds/pulp.
4. Add the remaining 7 cups of water and lime juice to the pitcher. Stir and add extra simple syrup to desired sweetness, if needed. Keep cold, or serve with ice.



## Buckeye Bars

1/2 cup butter softened  
3 cups peanut butter creamy  
4 cups powdered sugar  
1 1/2 tsp pure vanilla extract  
12-ounce package chocolate chips 2 cups, semi-sweet  
1 tbsp butter

### Directions

1. Peanut Butter LayerPlace butter, peanut butter, powdered sugar, and vanilla extract in a large bowl. Using an electric mixer, beat until smooth. The dough will be very thick and crumbly.
2. Line a 9×13-inch pan with parchment paper. Transfer the peanut butter dough into the pan and press firmly covering the bottom of the dish.
3. Add chocolate chips and the remaining 1 tablespoon of butter into a microwave-safe bowl. Microwave in 30-second increments, stirring between intervals, until smooth.
4. Pour the melted chocolate over the top of the bars and spread evenly using a spatula. Refrigerate for 1 hour. Carefully remove the bars from the pan by pulling up on the excess parchment paper, and transfer to a cutting board. Slice into squares with a sharp knife.
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# UNDERSTANDING & RESPECTING SUPPLEMENTS

We all know that feeding your goat is ultimately one of the biggest factors that will make or break you inside the ring. One of the biggest issues that people run into is supplements. More specifically, how to use them in a manner that will benefit you. Understanding supplements isn't as difficult as you might think. You must first determine what your goal is and what you want the supplement to accomplish. Remember, your basic feed ration is the most important component, especially if your goal is to gain weight and muscle mass.

When deciding whether or not to add a supplement, first determine what you need and establish a goal. In our barn, at the beginning of each feeding season, we set goals. This is essential when feeding your project and ensuring he or she looks the best at your target show. Once you determine what you need, it makes picking a supplement easy. Here are some questions you can ask yourself: Do I need more cover? Do I need to burn fat and tone? Those are the two biggest reasons to add supplements.

The vast majority of people feeding projects need more cover! Either you are too skinny or the judge tells you he would like to see more muscle and shape. If you don't have the right genetics you likely will never be able to get the amount of muscle necessary to be at the top end. However, if you have good genetics that is when you need to increase your calories and fat in the diet to gain weight and build muscle. Do not try to significantly increase protein as that will keep your goat lean and not allow them to bloom.



WRITTEN BY TRAVIS ANDERSON



On the other hand, if you need to burn fat and give your animal more shape, then you can look for a supplement with a high protein content. This will allow you to reduce some of that extra cover. It will give you more shape and tone to the muscle underneath. Remember, in this case, exercise is key; supplements alone will not accomplish your goal.

In all aspects of your project, management has a lot to do with your success. Supplements do not guarantee you a win and there is no perfect outline to follow. Every animal is different. They have different metabolisms and must be fed differently. If you combine a consistent feeding program, exercise schedule, and countless hours in the barn that is when you will begin to see success in the ring. Also, remember it takes years of practice and experience to get there. There is not a simple overnight fix.



If you are unsure as to what you need to add or how to feed your project, reach out for help. Your breeder is the easiest to ask. They have years of experience with their genetics and know lots of things to do to get those goats where they need to be. Also, today there are several people in this industry that work directly with families to help them achieve their goals. Find someone that has your family's best interest in mind and let them help you. Finally, whatever you do, do not reach out on social media for help. You will get a plethora of answers that will likely never help you. I urge you to ask someone with the experience and knowledge that will benefit you.

**Remember, supplements are not a cure-all. They can significantly help you and can be detrimental if used the wrong way. Your best bet is to always make sure you are getting a good amount of quality, fresh base feed into them consistently. Combine a good work ethic, a parasite prevention program, consistent feed and exercise, and the appropriate people in your corner and you will be heading in the right direction to accomplish your goals.**



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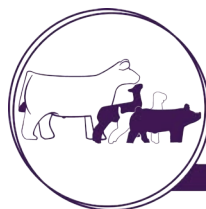
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# TAKE HAVE *courage*

**The beginning of the school year is a lot like the first day in January for many people. It's the start of the new academic year for many students, from Kindergarten to Grad school, as well as teachers and professors. It's a new season. It means time to maybe start a new diet or workout regimen. Time for new routines and busy schedules. Many times, it comes with new projects with 4-H and FFA. Gathering pigs for spring majors sure fit that timeline. Simply put, it's time for many new beginnings this time of year. I want to challenge you the reader to have a new beginning with Christ. Our creator, the one who unconditionally loves us. Maybe it's the start of a personal relationship with Him or growing closer to Him in the next weeks and months as we lead up to the celebration of His birth. I challenge you to get in His word daily and watch God speak and move in your life. Study His word. Find yourself, maybe 3-5 verses to really lean on in the upcoming months.**

I have had 3 verses at the forefront of my mind lately and I would like to share them and their influence on my life. The first one is found in Luke 6:46. It says, "Why do you call me Lord, Lord, and not do what I say". This verse can sting even the strongest of Christians. It's a daily reminder that although I know I will never be perfect and my creator knows that as well, that I should strive to live each day as He commands. Jesus paid the ultimate price for our sins giving us freedom from our sins. Romans 6:23 says "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life". God sent His son Jesus as our gift for the forgiveness of our sins. Nothing we can do will earn eternal life in heaven. All we must do is accept His gift of salvation. God's mercy and grace are free and new each morning. No matter what we did yesterday, we can rest assured on the fact that God has a good and perfect plan for us. What do you need to stop doing today, to draw you closer to our savior tomorrow?



The second verse is Jeremiah 29:13. It says, "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart".

When we seek God with everything, and when we submit our lives fully and wholeheartedly to Him, He tells us we will find him. That's 100% submission to our creator. I know it's much easier said than done but give it a try, I promise you won't regret it. Giving God complete authority over our lives is one of the most freeing acts of obedience we can do. Don't keep even one small thing under your control. Give it all to God. It may be a day-by-day of surrendering to Him, but when God is in control it will work; for the Lord tells us, in Romans 8:28, "God works all things for the good of those who love Him." When trials come, or the road gets bumpy, just know God is working and He is working for our good. What a calming feeling to know that no matter where God takes me, he is working for me. At the end of each trial or period of growth comes good!

The third verse, and it is the most recent verse I have added to my list to study and to strive to be better at, is John 3:30. It simply says, "He must become greater, I must become less". What part of your life can you give God greater control over? What part of your life do you need to surrender to Christ? Where does God want to move in your life but you are holding Him back because of the lack of obedience? God desires more and more of us as we mature in our relationship with Him. It's not natural for us to want to give up control of our lives, but that's exactly what God asks us to do. In 2 Corinthians 5:7, the Bible says "We must walk by faith, not by sight." Faith in God, the creator of all, the one who loves us unconditionally and has called us into a relationship with Him, wants all of us. Our identity as a Christian can be explained in Galatians 2:20. It says, "I have been crucified with Christ, it is no longer I who lives, but Christ in me, and the life in which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me".

Remember, God loves you and so do I. I would love to visit with you about your walk with Christ, or especially how to begin that relationship with Him. For now, I'm sure we will see you down the road soon.





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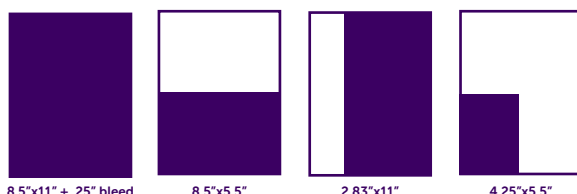


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God is within her,  
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## GEORGIA BEZNER

Hi!! My name is Georgia Bezner, and I will be a senior at Dalhart High School! I have shown pigs, steers, and heifers, and I am excited to focus on steers in my final year of high school! I have had the opportunity to show in Denver, Kansas City, Baltimore, Oklahoma City, and all of the Texas Majors. I love to spend time with my friends and family and at the golf course! I have met so many incredible people along the way, and I am so excited to start my senior year!



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

The most rewarding thing from my time showing livestock is the relationships I have made. Some of my best friends are people I have met showing. I truly believe that the memories and friendships made throughout these last nine years will last a lifetime.

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

One of the most challenging aspects of showing livestock is all of the unknowns. We spend 365 days preparing for one moment, and there are so many things that could go wrong along the way. It can be very upsetting when you arrive at a show with an animal that you think could have great success, and they do not eat or get sick on show day.



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

I would tell a new showman to just have fun and enjoy every moment because it goes so fast! There are hard times in the show ring and in the barn, but there are also so many fun memories made, and they should enjoy every part of it!



## WHAT VALUES ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Honesty, kindness, and integrity hold immense importance in my life. From a young age, my parents instilled in me the value of treating everyone with kindness, regardless of their background. As I've grown older, I've come to recognize the significance of honesty and integrity. Being kind to others not only spreads positivity but also reflects the core of who I am. Honesty, on the other hand, has taught me the power of owning up to my mistakes and learning from them!



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# GIVE US YOUR MOST IMPORTANT SHOWMANSHIP TIP.

The most important showmanship tip I have to give is to have respect for the other showman in the ring. Make sure you are always giving others space! You should also always give an incredible first look. Present yourself and the animal well the whole time you are in the ring!

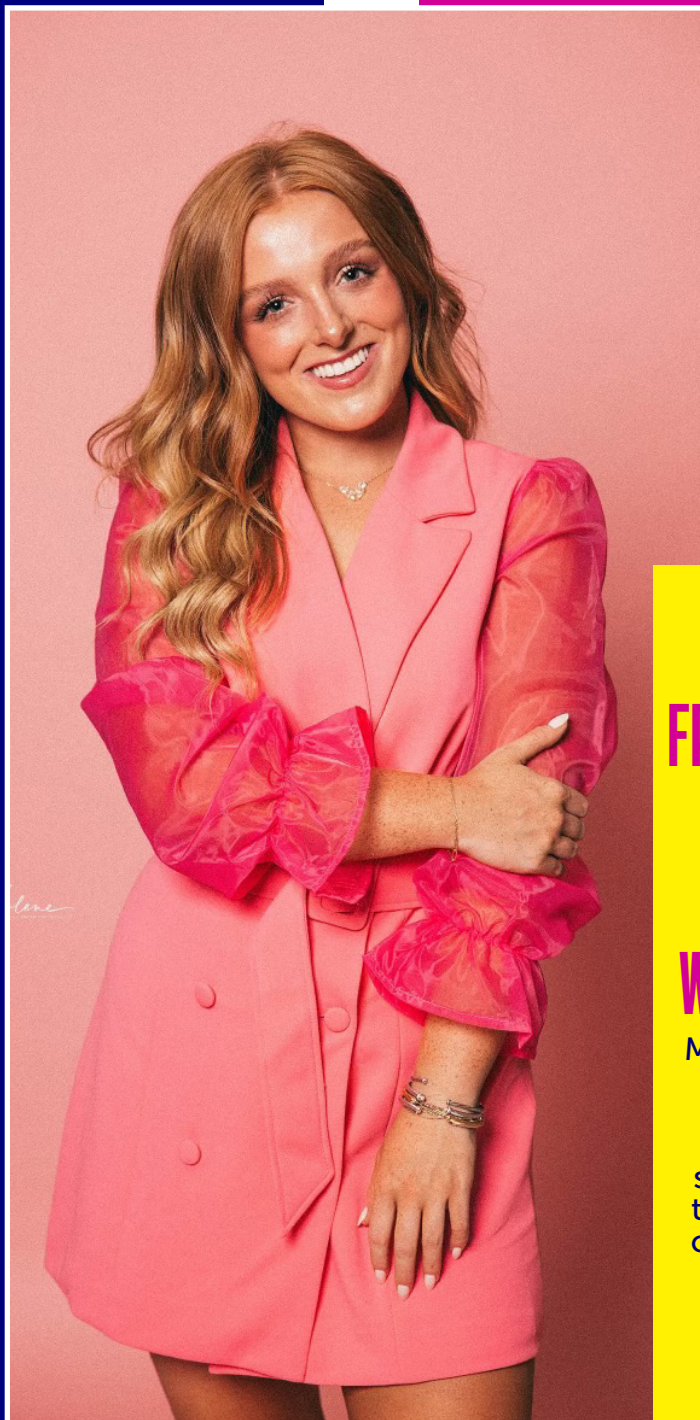


## WHEN YOU GRADUATE WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE REMEMBERED FOR IN THE STOCK SHOW WORLD?

I want to be remembered for always being helpful and respectful. So many of my role models were always willing to help me inside and outside of the show ring, and I want others to remember me as someone who was always willing to help out.

## 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 Kim Kardashian. Kim has so much influence on many different demographics, and she could reach so many people with the knowledge I give her on the benefits of 4-H. I would tell her about all of the different projects that 4-H offers, from public speaking to food projects to livestock showing. I would explain agriculture's role in conserving and protecting our environment and natural resources.



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

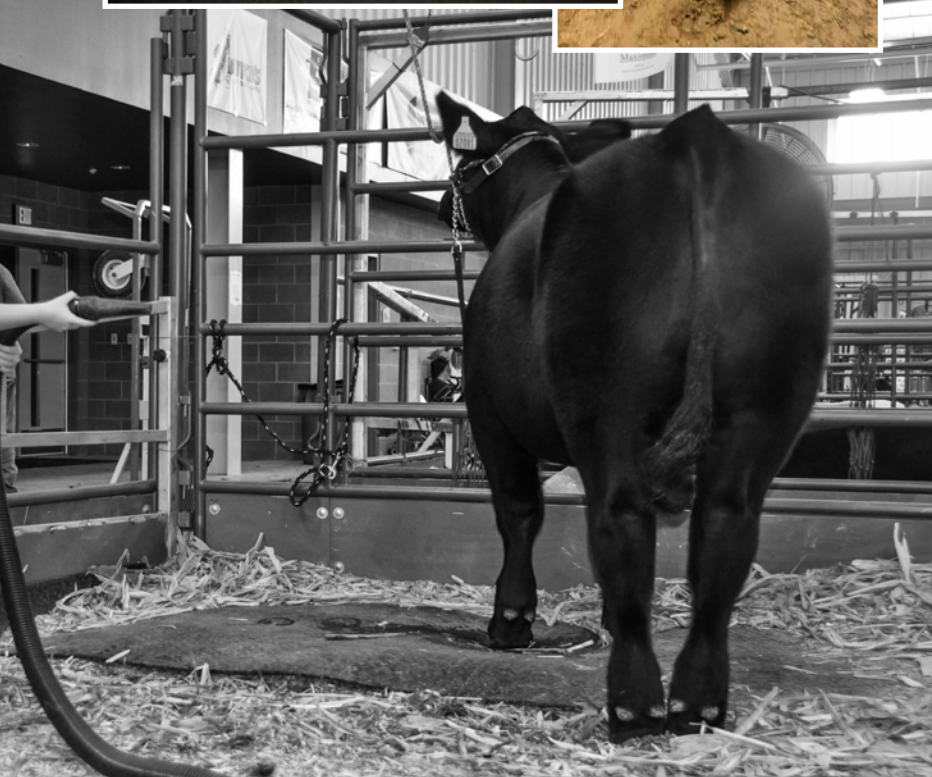
My friends would describe me as optimistic and kind. I always strive to be kind to everyone and create a positive environment wherever I go.





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

In five years I hope to be graduated from college and starting my career, as of today, I think I will be working as a nurse!



## WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL?

I have been so fortunate to grow up around so many positive role models. Each of my older sisters are the best role models I will ever have.

Each of them are so determined and have worked so hard to be where they are today. They always encourage me to do my best and I am so thankful for both of them!

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

The younger kids in my community motivate me to be a good leader. Whenever I started going to 4-H meetings in the 3rd grade, I can remember how well the older kids presented themselves and I wanted to be just like them!





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

From a young age, my family taught me how to set goals. I start each show season and school year with a set of goals. I think it is important to only set goals that are specific and attainable!



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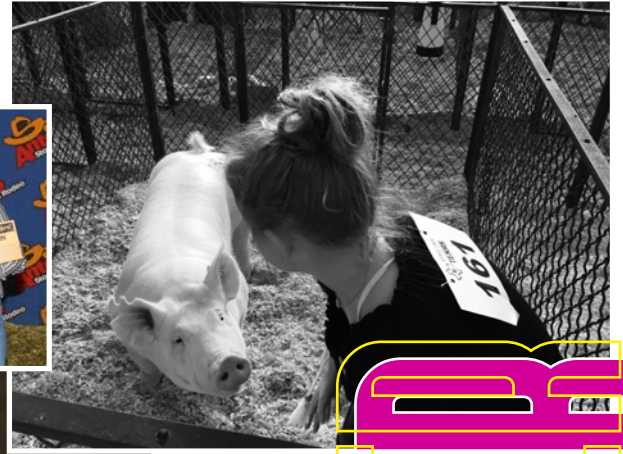
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# SUCCESS

In my mind success can be defined in so many different ways. Success can mean making a ton of money in your career or winning fifth place at a major stock show. Success is going through something and recognizing the lessons learned on the other side. Success is winning in a humble manner and losing graciously!







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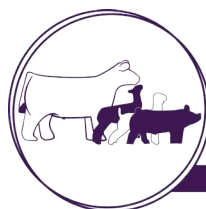


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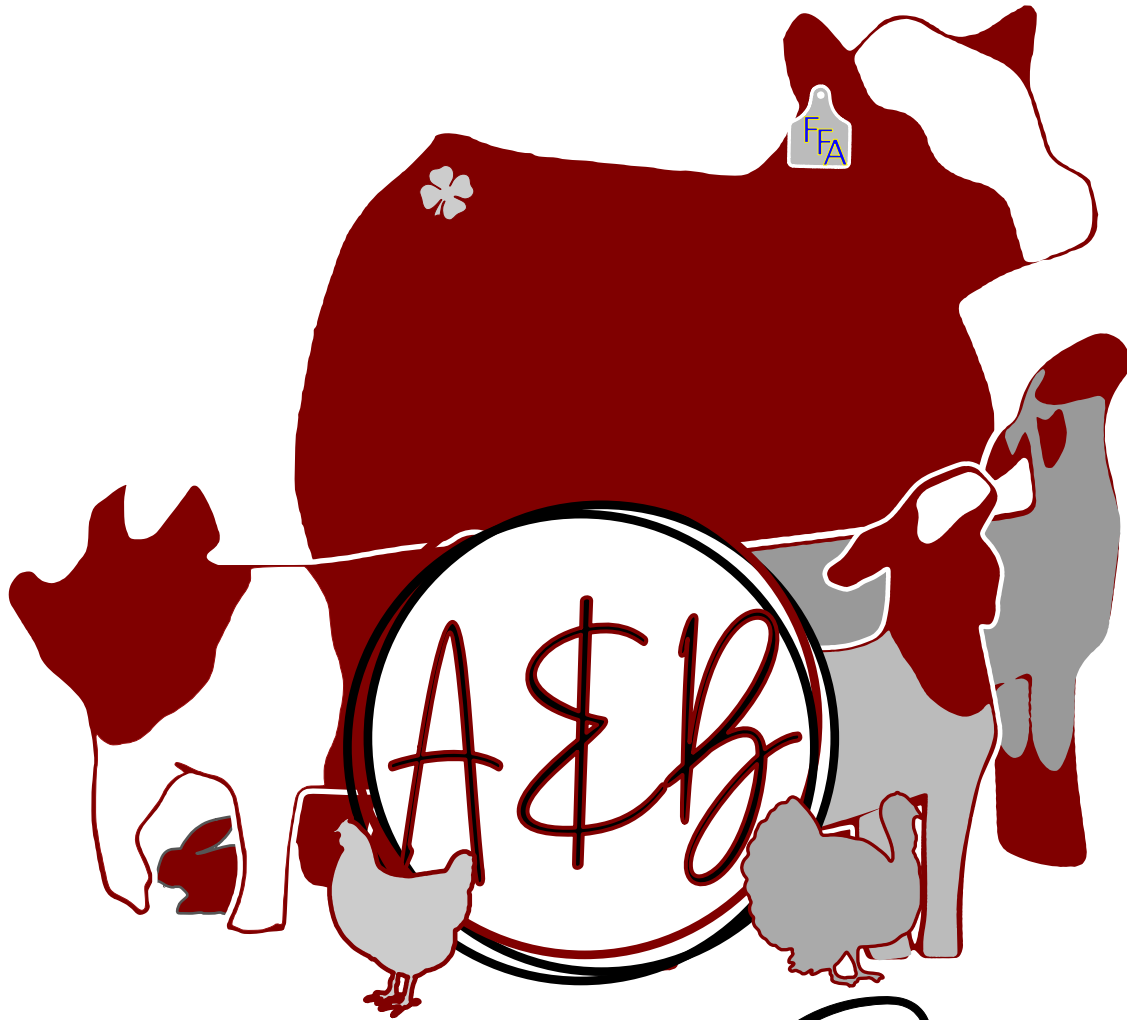
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2

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3

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

The most influential people in my life are my parents (Lonnie and Ruby Clinard), my high school ag teacher Don Keumpel, along with my wife Shannon. I have also had numerous parents and students from Kirbyville and Jasper County, Anderson-Shiro, and Grimes County along with others over the years who raised poultry projects and had a major influence on me and my judging background. As far as respected peers, I would have to name Steve Gardner and Keith Skaggs as mentors to me as I have judged more and larger shows.





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

Livestock shows. My first actual judging experience came at the Magnolia ISD at their project show.

5

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

The first big show I ever judged was the 2021 San Antonio Livestock Broiler Show, followed by the 2022 SALE Turkey Hen Show and the 2023 SALE Turkey Tom Show. I personally want to thank Dr. Brian Faris for that phone call back in the Summer of 2020 asking me to judge.

6

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

The biggest change over the last 30+ years has been the decrease in the total number of exhibitors participating but the competitiveness has increased exponentially!

7

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

The first thing I look/feel for when judging is the overall thickness and width of the breast. I then work towards the back of the breast and down the keel to determine fleshing and width.

8

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

My preference is always MEAT, bring me the biggest birds you have, after finding those big birds, I look for wrap around on the back of the breast and carry down to the keel and overall finish.

9

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

The most valuable thing in the Livestock industry is the kids and their families. Without the next generation caring for the animals and educating the public on where their food comes from, we are going to be in a world of hurt in the future.



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

Nothing too funny except the numerous times I or an exhibitor has gotten pooped on by flapping broilers.

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

I really don't have any major pet peeves, except for spreading the legs while presenting the bird. I usually gently push the exhibitors' hands back together to give a more natural feel otherwise everything seems so stretched out.

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12

**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?**

There isn't a routine I go about each day normally and thank God that I am still on this earth to educate young people and give back to an industry that has given me so much.

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

Anything with CHICKEN. No seriously, I enjoy all types of homecooked meals.



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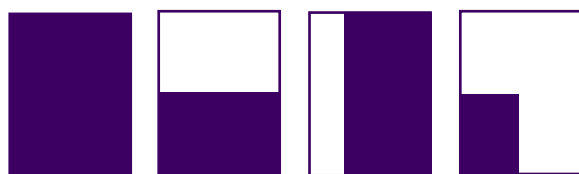


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