



Amber is the daughter of Neil and Karen Thormodsgard of Briggsdale, CO. She was an 11-year member of Crow Creek 4-H Club and was involved with Market/Breeding beef, market sheep, market goats, market swine, and CWF. She is currently a sophomore at CSU working on a Bachelor's degree in animal science. After the completion of her Bachelor of Science degree, Amber plans to enter the field of Animal Science and attain a job artificially inseminating livestock. Her interest in livestock breeding was initially sparked at a young age helping her parents breed their cattle in the spring every year.

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4-H has provided several life changing opportunities and opened countless doors along Amber's journey through life. She joined 4-H at a very young age starting out in Cloverbuds. When she was old enough, she joined the Crow Creek 4-H club where she started her first year showing both market beef and market sheep. She began broadening her horizons and also showed breeding beef, market goats and market swine. Amber started every fall picking out her show steers. When she was young, she didn't care about how they looked, she selected them by personality, after all, they would be her new best friend for the upcoming year and that's what was most important to her. Over the years 4-H made her a more competitive showman and she began becoming more serious in how she was placing overall at the shows. Amber joined the livestock judging team where she made numerous lifelong friends and expanded her knowledge about the industry and how her "new best friend" should look. Through the years she won in the show ring of every color. Some were desirable, some not so much.

She now realizes that no matter what the ribbon color was, the important life lesson to be learned was to "leave it all out there". Leave it all out in the ring, give it your all! You can never be disappointed in yourself if you go out there knowing you're giving 100% and as long as you know you're doing that, then there is nothing to be disappointed in. Amber values the relationship that 4-H has allowed her to create and develop over the years. She values the citizenship and leadership skills that has gained. They have made her step out of her comfort zone, and made herself her biggest competitor.

The life skills that Amber has acquired are endless and significant. Value your "best friends", whoever they are. You never know how long you'll have them for. Learn from your mistakes and don't be afraid to step out of the box and try something new.

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