

## Update on the UNL 1991 Livestock Judging Team

**Roger Gentrup** – Roger has been working with the same Ag Production Company since graduating from College in 92. He is an area sales manager for Syngenta (formerly Ciba Geigy, Ciba and Novartis) and provides products and services to local fertilizer and chemical dealers and farmers to maximize yields on their acres. His wife Nicole works for the ESU #7 in Columbus, NE as a Speech Pathologist. She has worked there since her graduation as well. Nicole and Roger have three children. Derek 16 a sophomore, Dylan 12 a 6th grader, and Sophia is 7 and in 1st grade. Most of their time is spent at athletic events, or school and church functions. Roger's time at the University of Nebraska and particularly under Coach Brent V. in livestock judging has helped him immensely in his career today. The ability to communicate with people, work as a team, compete, and carry himself with confidence and professionalism are definitely attributes that were fostered through livestock judging. Roger thanks Coach V. and his teammates for all of the experiences, all that he learned, and the great memories of their time as a Team, as Friends, and as Family.

**Russell Roeber** - Russell and his wife Marie live in Minatare, NE. They have two children Jessica who is 21 and attends Edmunds Community College in Edmunds, Washington and Colin who is 15 and is a freshman at Bayard High School. Russell is currently employed by Panhandle Coop in Scottsbluff, NE and is the Petroleum Manager at their Bridgeport, NE location. The whole family is very active in the livestock industry. Marie raises AQHA halter horses and they enjoy showing them throughout the summer and fall. Colin is active in 4-H and FFA and shows calves and pigs. Russell never thought he would ever see the day when he would say that showing cattle was not his favorite but that day has come because he and Colin enjoy the spring search for show pigs and showing them all summer.

**Larry Hafer** - Currently lives in Seward, NE with wife Jana and two sons Dylan (12) and Levi (7). Larry is a Sales Representative for Syngenta and handles large cooperative seed accounts in Central Nebraska. Jana is employed by the Nebraska Environmental Land Trust in Lincoln. The Hafers own and operate Horizon Cattle Company which raises Angus, Hereford, and Simmental breeding stock. Larry's sons are active in showing cattle and participate in many local, state and national shows around the country. Larry is active in livestock judging and continues to judge many local and regional shows. He also consults for a number of cattle producers around the country. Dylan and Levi are active in league football and baseball as well as many school and church activities.

**Coach Brent Vieselmeyer** - Upon leaving UNL, Brent and his wife Tina started their own purebred Angus operation, Vision Angus. Their operation is located at Amherst, CO on the farm where Brent grew up. Farming is a big part of their business, they grow corn, wheat, millet and forage crops. Vision Angus holds an annual production sale where 100 bulls and heifers are sold. Brent and Tina have two sons Austin (13) and Alex (11) who are active in 4-H showing cattle and pigs. Both Tina and Brent are active in the community as well as cattle associations.

**Scott Starr** – Scott Starr and his wife Bobbi live 32 miles northwest of Stapleton NE. They have eight children ranging in age from 17 to 3 years of age. Scott is the manager and part owner of Cedar Top Ranch. Cedar Top Ranch runs 2800 mother cows of which 1100 are registered. Breeds involved are Gelbvieh/Balancer, Angus, Red Angus and a few SimAngus. Cedar Top sells 300 2 year old bulls each spring. All cows are calved in May and June. All stockers are ran over and sold as long yearlings in the fall. Scott still judges several shows a year from county fairs to the NAILE in Louisville last year. Scott has served on the beef committee for the NAILE judging contest for 6 years. Scott's children participate in local and national shows, junior rodeos, and are very active in all sports.

**Alecia Abbott Fortune** – Alecia and her husband, Gene, and new baby boy, Jett, ranch in the Badlands of South Dakota where they raise Black Angus cattle and registered Quarter Horses. Alecia is very active on the ranch but during the school year she works as a para professional and the last two years has coached the 4-8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball team. They also take in deer and turkey hunters and guests from France who are eager to learn about the ranch way of life. Alecia was sorry that she was not able to make it to the 20 year reunion but thanks Brent for all his time, effort and patience with the team. Alecia has many fond memories of the team and all those that she met along the way during her livestock judging career in college.

**Paula Tank Dyas** - Paula received an M.S. in Animal Breeding and Genetics from Oklahoma State University in 1994. She worked as a research scientist for DeKalb Swine Breeders before taking her current position as a research scientist in Discover and Technology with Merck Animal Health. She married her husband, Keating, in 1995 and they have two children, Ethan (11) and Samantha (9). Both children are active in 4-H programs and enjoy small animal projects on their 12 acre property north of Mead, NE. Paula currently works on novel vaccine approaches for both livestock and companion animals. Her research involves utilizing recombinant DNA technology for development of safe and efficacious health products for animals.

**Kelly Bruns** – Kelly is a professor of Animal Science at South Dakota State University. He earned his M.S. from Michigan State and his Ph.D from South Dakota State University. Kelly coached teams at Michigan State and South Dakota State until 2003. Classes taught at SDSU include Animal Science and Livestock Evaluation. Kelly lives on a farm where his wife Stacie and three sons Blake (9) Matthew (7) and Kason (5) raise Southdown sheep and have a small herd of registered cattle.

# AMERICAN ROYAL LIVESTOCK SHOW 1991



# University of Nebraska

- Coach Brent Vieselmeyer, Holyoke, CO
- Paula Tank, Fremont, NE
- Alecia Abbott, Kiowa, CO
- Larry Hafer, Pleasant Dale, NE
- Roger Gentrup, Beemer, NE
- Scott Starr, Stapleton, NE
- Russell Roeber, Ashland, NE
- Kelly Bruns, Grand Island, NE





Brent & Tina Vieselmeyer

Amherst, Colorado

# Vision

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BLOG









Alecia Fortune  
Hometown: Kiowa, CO

Fortune Ranch  
Interior, SD



# Paula Tank-Dyas

- Education
  - B.S. in Animal Science from University of Nebraska-Lincoln
  - M.S. in Animal Breeding & Genetics from Oklahoma State University, Stillwater
- Career
  - Research Scientist – DeKalb Swine Breeders
  - GMO Testing Coordinator – Monsanto
  - Research Scientist, Discovery & Technology Department – Merck Animal Health
- Family
  - Married in 1995 to Keating H. Dyas
  - Two Children: Ethan – 11 years and Samantha – 9 years
  - Lives on 12 acres North of Mead, NE



Roger Gentrup  
Hometown Beemer, Ne

Sales Manager, Syngenta  
Albion, Ne



Scott Starr  
Hometown Stapleton, Ne

Cedar Top Ranch  
Stapleton, NE



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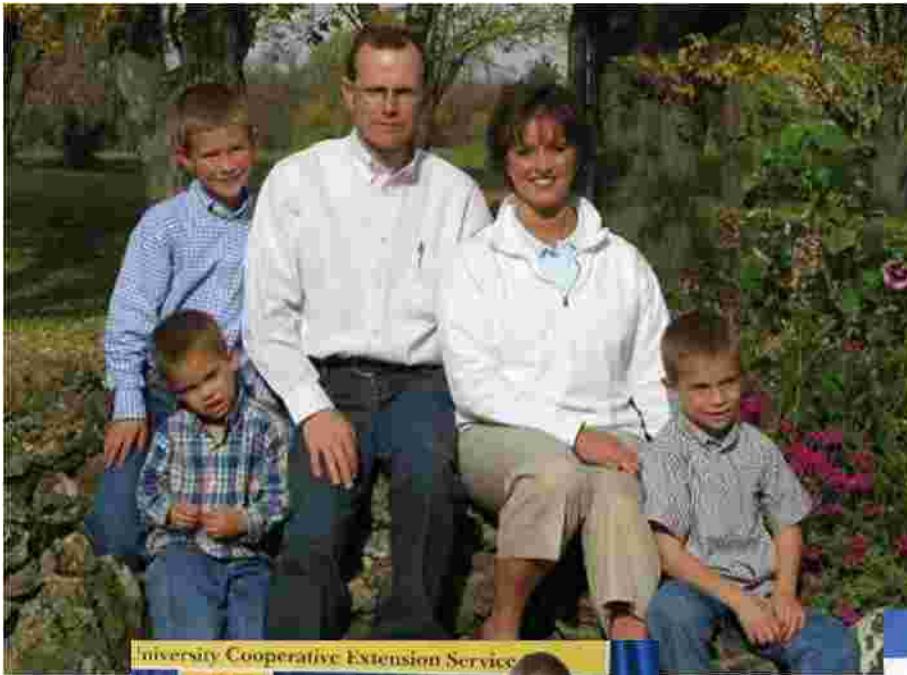




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