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*Live*  
A GREAT STORY



Blake & Josie



# MEET *Blake*

*Hello*, my name is Blake and I am 37 years old. I grew up on a family farm that dates back three generations in Northwest Missouri and remain in the same area. I graduated with a Bachelor's degree in agriculture and am currently employed with the state of Missouri. I enjoy the outdoors, hunting, and working on our cattle ranch.



## OTHERS DESCRIBE BLAKE AS :

- Dependable
- Humble
- Hard-Working
- Kind

# MEET *Josie*



*Hello*, my name is Josie and I am 34 years old. I was born and raised in Northwest Missouri and reside there today. My background is in the field of education and I hold a terminal degree as a Doctor of Education. I enjoy trying new recipes, attending craft shows, horticulture, and working alongside my husband on our cattle ranch.



## OTHERS DESCRIBE JOSIE AS :

- *Driven*
- *Creative*
- *Smart*
- *Goal-Oriented*

# OUR Home

We own and operate a purebred cattle operation on a large acreage near our home in the country. Our home is surrounded by timber, hay fields, and bottom ground nestled in the heart of Northwest Missouri. Large front and back yards accompany our home, as well as a pond stocked with catfish, crappie, bluegill, and bass. The rolling hills are beautiful with the change of season and fall foliage.

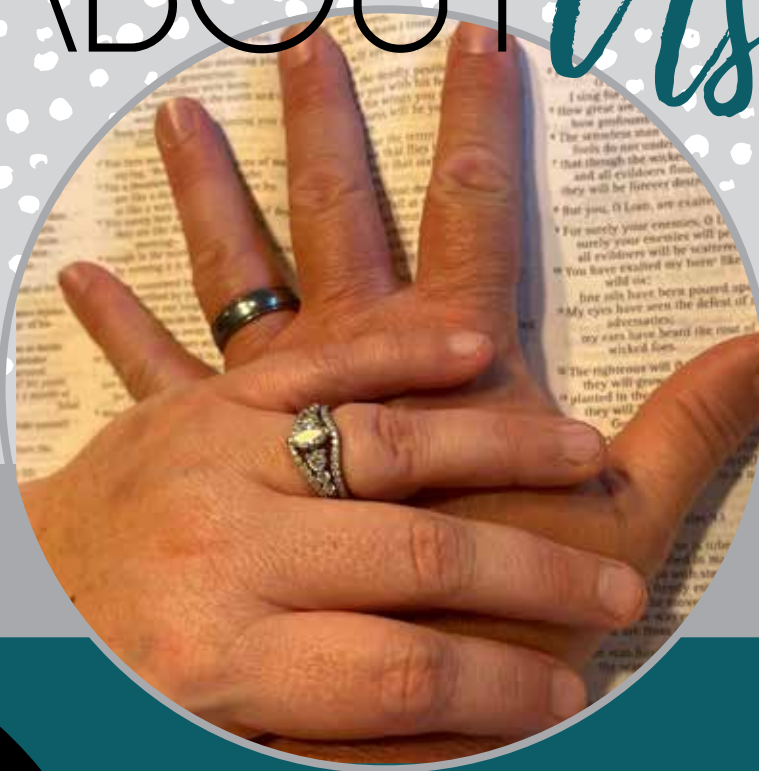


“A DAY IN THE *Country*  
IS WORTH  
A MILLION IN *Town*”

Our cattle ranch was established in 2018, in addition to the multi-generational family farm. Spanning multiple counties, we raise replacement bulls and females to sell annually. Our ranch hands consist of our two heelers: Pyper Tayt and Dutton Hayes. They specialize in loading, working, and sorting cattle, not to mention their particular expertise with supervisory roles.



# ABOUT *Us*



“HE IS BEFORE ALL THINGS,  
AND IN HIM ALL THINGS  
*hold together.*”

•COLOSSIANS 1:17•

In December 2005, we met on a blind date arranged by family. We continued dating throughout the next year, until our engagement. We were engaged for 2.5 years and we wed in May 2009.

Together, we enjoy traveling, spending time with family and friends, exploring historical sites, visiting museums, attending livestock shows, and living the country life.



# OUR *Pets*



Pyper and Dutton, whom we named earlier, also enjoy recreational activities. They enjoy regular naps, television cartoons, and their monthly subscription to BarkBox that comes every four weeks with tasty treats and themed toys.

Eight mallards also make-up our family. The oldest hen, Miranda, is four years old and serves as the matriarch for the flock. They enjoy swimming in the stocked pond (mentioned previously) and exploring the yard after the rain for a fresh night crawler or two.





# OUR *Family*



## *Blake's Family*

Blake is an only child to Larry and Linda. Larry retired from a career in emergency services and enjoys spending time on the family farm. Linda retired from a career in family planning and enjoys genealogy and visiting with family. Together, they enjoy camping and spending time with their dogs.

“IN THIS FAMILY, WE HAVE *Learned* TO LOVE WELL  
BECAUSE WE WERE SO *Well Loved*”



## *Josie's Family*

Josie is the oldest of two daughters to Tom and Karen. Tom retired from a career as a factory production laborer and enjoys serving as a hunting outfitter. Karen retired from a career in the banking industry and enjoys volunteering and hosting family. Together, they enjoy working in their orchard and enjoying nature on walks, horseback, or through travels.

# BLAKE'S *Hobbies*

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Blake loves to watch TV documentaries.

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Blake is an Eagle Scout.

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Blake is a pizza connoisseur.

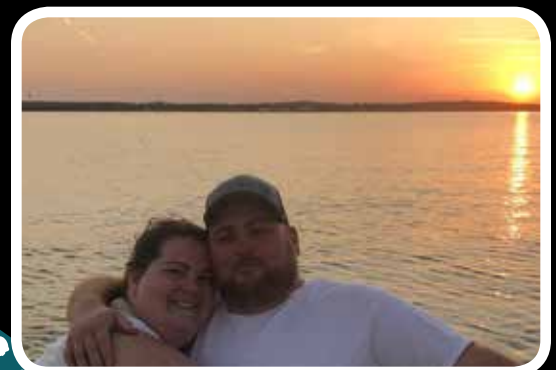
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Blake received his American FFA Degree.

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Blake has visited 28 states.

Other interests that I have include: sports, history, and outdoor activities. Touring Washington D.C. and seeing many historical sites is a favorite travel memory of mine. Raising and showing cattle is where I've had numerous successes showing on the local, state, and national levels.



# JOSIE'S *Hobbies*

In my spare time, I enjoy singing gospel, country, and bluegrass music, and playing the piano and fiddle. My love for music originated at a young age as our family performed at many events and celebrations across Northwest Missouri. From travels, my favorite would have to be visiting the Magnolia Silos in Waco, Texas. Design and renovation projects are my jam, so seeing homes highlighted on Fixer Upper was very memorable for me.



1

Josie loves country artist, George Strait.

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Josie is a published author.

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Josie has only owned Chevrolet vehicles.

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Josie holds five college degrees.

5

Josie was named Homecoming Queen her senior year.



## Dear Birthparents,

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We enjoy a simple life. We trust that a honest person's word is good. We know the value of hard work. We believe in Christian values. We strive to practice strong character. We know that laughter can brighten any day. We hold fast to the power of prayer and understand that loving others is our greatest commandment.

We will LOVE. We will LAUGH. We will PROVIDE. We will SUPPORT. We will PROTECT. We will SHELTER. We will ENCOURAGE. We will TEACH. We will GROW. We will RAISE.

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"MAYBE SOMETIMES THE *hardest decisions* WE HAVE TO MAKE ARE THE ONES GOD WANTS US TO *make ourselves.*"

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We PRAY for God to guide your heart in this decision and ASK that your heart be blessed with peace once you've reached it!

*Blake & Josie*

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