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Hello, my name is Blake and I am 40 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

AKP

Hard-Working Kind

Hello, my name is Josie and I am 36 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

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Hip

• Creative

• Sunart

• Goal-Oriented

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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 TOUM"

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.











Child

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"HER GIGGLE IS CONTAGIOUS. HER SMILE IS INFECTIOUS. SHE LOVES LIFE!"

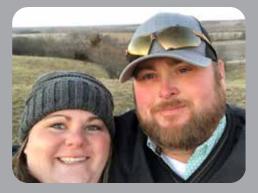


In 2023, we were blessed to adopt a newborn who just turned one and loves being outside, anything pasta, reading, and music. As a family we enjoy, spending time with family and friends, going on day trips, and taking part in community events.





ABOUTUS



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.









Jamily









Blake's Jamily

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. "HE IS BEFORE ALL THINGS, AND IN HIM ALL THINGS hold together".

•COLOSSIANS 1:17•

#### "IN THIS FAMILY, WE HAVE Jeanned TO LOVE WELL BECAUSE WE WERE SO Well Joved"



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 Jabbies

Blake loves to watch TV documentaries.

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Blake is an Eagle Scout.

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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.

Blake is a pizza connoisseur.

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Blake received his American FFA Degree. 5 Blake has visited 28 states.



## JOSIE'S Jabbies

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. Josie loves country artist, George Strait.

> Josie is a published author.

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Josie has only owned Chevrolet vehicles.



Josie was named Homecoming Queen her senior year.

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Josie holds five college degrees.



Dear Birthparents.

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.



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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