

**78th Annual
Stephens County
February 29-March 4, 2016**



Best of luck to all exhibitors!

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22 Stephens Co Jr Livestock Show
Junior Livestock Show
DEDICATION
E.R. Butch Graham



The Stephens County Junior Livestock Show is dedicated each year to honor an individual who has been an integral part of the development of the Livestock Show We are proud to name E.R. Butch Graham as the 78th Junior Livestock Show

Honoree

My name is E.R. "Butch" Graham, I was born and raised in the Bray, Oklahoma area where my family has been since the late 1870's. I attended Bray school and graduated in 1968. I participated in 4-H club since I was 9 years old. I participated in the Stephens County "Fat stock" Show as it was known at that time. After military service I married Bonnie Shelby of Comanche in October 1970. On March 6th 1971 I graduated from the Fort Smith School of Auctioneering, Ft Smith, Ark. On the way home from school the 1971 Stephens Co. Premium sale was going on, in those days all of the area auctioneers showed up to volunteer their services to the sale, even though I had just graduated from auction school they all encouraged me to take my turn. That was the first sale I ever sold, and the first of 34 years of selling at the Stephens County Livestock Show and Premium Sale. In 1980 the Fair Board decided they wanted only 2 Auctioneers at the sale. They ask me and my good friend (and to this day) a man that I always considered a Star for my profession, Mr. Charlie Brown of Chickasha to do the sale, together for the next 25 years we had the honor to work for the youth of Stephens County. My final sale in 2005, I sold my Granddaughters Breed Champion Angus Heifer of 2005, how much more could a man get out of life than that.

My career has taken me all over the world behind that microphone. I am the Senior Auctioneer for the largest industrial Auction company in the world, Ritchie Bros Auctioneers (NYSE) selling over 4 billion each year. I have sold equipment on 5 continents, over 25 countries, every state in the USA. Some of the most notable sales such as The Trans Alaskan Pipeline, The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill, The Kuwaiti/Bechtal Oil sales after the First Gulf War, and of late The Chinese National Oil Co sale in Beijing, China. I am numerically fluent in Spanish and French and call Auctions Bi-lingual. And the proudest sale will always remain the "1971 Stephens County Livestock Show Premium Sale" where it all began.

I still live in the Marlow/Bray area where I still do a little ranching on the Ranch built by my Grandfather JC "Buck" Graham, established in 1928, Bonnie and I raised 3 wonderful daughters, and have been blessed with 8 grandchildren. I could have lived anywhere I wanted to live with the job I enjoy, but I could never leave Stephens County, as my Grandfather always said "The Garden Spot of the World." I want to thank the Fair Board for this recognition, I would also like to thank the late Charlie Brown, Kenneth Ketchum and Grace Simmons. They were all there beside me giving their best for the Kids of our County.