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I hope you are doing well and have had a great summer! It's that time of year when the summer show season is coming to a close and the school year is quickly approaching. I hope each of you had fun showing this year, win or lose.

When we compete it is human nature to want to win, but showing is something you should enjoy even if you don't have the champion heifer or win your class. My first show heifer was a bottle-fed calf that I took to the county fair when I was five years old. She was probably the

worst calf we had that year, but I wanted to show her so bad I talked my parents into it.

I went out there and did my very best with that heifer. I showed her just the way my dad had coached me at home and I stood last in my class. That didn't matter to me, I still had a blast!

Vince Lombardi once said, "Winning isn't everything, but the will to win is everything."

Showing has been a huge part of my life and sometimes when I feel that my animal should have done a little better, I remember there is so much more than

winning. The time spent with my family, the friends I've made, and the fun times I've had are all more important than where you stand in class.

As you finish this year's show season, remember, that if you did everything you could to make your animals look their best, then you should be proud and glad you had fun—regardless of how you finished.

Good luck in everything you do.