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Steve was first introduced to llamas in 1988 on his uncle's farm in northern Minnesota. Chuck "Buzz" Kraft owned Chuck Kraft Heartland (CKH) Llamas and was involved in the Minnesota and Wisconsin llama communities, including designing obstacle courses at the Minnesota State Fair. Steve, and his wife, Sandy, immediately fell in love with llamas and knew someday they would have their own.

Fast forward 18 years and in 2006 Steve and Sandy finally get their chance to buy a rural property. Promising to wait one year before they brought home their first llamas, they couldn't handle it. Three months later, they brought home their starter herd... four classic females for the total price of \$250.

From there the obsession was on. The Aulds have involved both of their children, Talon and Aspen, into the lifestyle as well. Their herd is now 40+ strong and the Aulds attend between 8 and 13 shows each year as they just love to show and play with their llamas.

Steve's first job as a 13 year old was umpiring fast pitch softball games in Sioux Falls, SD. He would expand into officiating other sports such as hockey, basketball and soccer. At the age of 16, Steve was an accomplished enough softball umpire that he was asked to work national girls tournaments for players older than he was. The coaches learned quick there was no intimidating Steve.

Steve decided to take his passion for officiating and his love of llamas and make the natural connection of becoming a judge. In 2013 Steve attended the ILR-SD judging clinic but it took him another year to get his apprenticeships done. Steve became a certified ILR-SD judge in October 2014.

Steve, Sandy and Aspen Auld own and manage Aspen Rayne Ranch from their new home in Waverly, Iowa. Steve is an Information Technology Manager for CUNA Mutual Financial Group, volunteers as the Information Technology Consultant to the ILR, develops web sites for other llama farms and organizations and also judges goat shows. He is also an accomplished actor and singer and you will see speaking in public is no problem for him.

"I am excited to get my opportunity to judge llamas and look forward to meeting many new friends as I judge shows in places we have yet to visit."