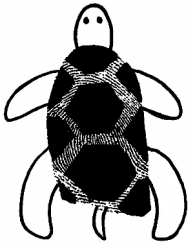


# HOW DID YOU leave YOUR mark?



"I left my mark by surviving my freshman year."  
- Caleb Ayres, 9



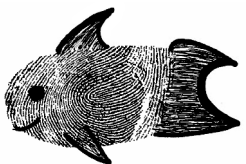
"I left my mark by playing sports."  
- Cassidy Bell, 9



"I am the funny one."  
- Seth Daniel, 9



"I have left my mark on Buffalo by being in Belles and softball and taking our golf team to regionals."  
- Taylor Farris, 9



"I left my mark on Buffalo High School by playing the xylophone in marching band."  
- Chelsea Harter, 9

## student focus: Ima Champion



Rodeo is a passion for freshman Ima Champion, who also participates in cheerleading, softball, track and FFA.

"I don't have any free time," Champion said. "I stay busy, and even though it can be overwhelming sometimes, I like it that way."

Champion has been a part of the rodeo scene her entire life; it is something she says she enjoys doing with the people who motivate her most.

"I've been rodeoing since I could sit up by myself," Champion said. "My biggest motivation is my family, but mostly my brother."

Champion is a part of the Texas Rodeo Association in Region 5, through which she runs barrels, poles, and ties goats. Another passion she has is cheerleading, which she has also done for the majority of her life.

"I was a competitive cheerleader from the time I was five years old until I was in sixth grade, then I started cheering for the school," Champion said. "I like cheerleading for a lot of reasons, but mostly because I love to tumble."

Champion's family is on the television show, *Highway Cowboys*, where they, along with other families, get loose livestock off of highways.

"It's really weird to see myself on TV, and I will probably never get used to it," Champion said. "It is actually a lot of work filming it."

Her name says it all: Ima Champion is a hard worker whose work usually pays off.

"When I did competitive cheerleading, I won many trophies," Champion said. "I have also won several buckles in rodeoing and a saddle." -  
*by Ally Gaskins*

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