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Skills

I grew up in Moab, UT and decided to come to Montana for school and the longer I live here the more and more I am loving it and don't plan on moving back to Moab. I am the oldest of three sisters and the daughter of two very hard working parents that taught me to work for what you got. My dad has owned his own construction company for almost twenty years and my mom ran her own daycare for twenty-five years and now stays home to just run the bed and breakfast. I have had at least one job since I was fifteen. Shortly after I got my drivers license I decided I was perfectly capable of buying my own horse and being able to find somewhere to keep him along with affording hay year after year and still have that horse with me in Montana. After I bought him I got into ranching with Whites Ranches down in Moab and never thought about doing rodeo again. I was going to Montana State University to achieve a degree in Livestock Management and Industry, along with a minors in business. I decided I don't like being broke and racking up bills for a degree that I get more of the same knowledge working. I am a hard worker and a fast learner because I can't stand to do anything half-assed. One of my biggest disadvantages is I was not born into the cattle business, unless you count Buzz "adopting" me after working for him for a year. My end goal was finishing saddle school, finding a full time job then start saving money.

Experience

Sunset Grill/ Hostess, Busser

John Clayton: (801) 404-1653

I would seat people and clean tables and anything else John asked me to get done around the place. During the peak of wildfire season, my sister and I would cater food for the firefighters with John. We would wake up at 3:30 cook breakfast. Serve breakfast at 5:00 am and then have everything cleaned up by 7:00. Take an hour nap. Pack lunches for the next day (500+ lunches). Then start prepping for dinner in the afternoon and go to sleep after midnight.

Bates Cattle Company/ Ranch hand

Buzz Bates: (435) 260-2575

Feed horses and cows everyday, ride the younger horses, mend fences, move cows, haul trailers off the mountain, move cows and horses in trailers, brand calves/castrate/ear tag and mark them (usual ranch work).

(If you contact Buzz, he may not know who you are asking about if you use the name Kahlan. Refer to me as "Nickle" and he'll know exactly who you're talking about.)

Murdoch's Ranch and Home Supply/ Cashier

Direct Supervisor: Hazen Borton (406) 551-0096

Main task was to check people out and to greet them at the door. Be pleasant and answer any questions they had. Anything from where something was to which vaccine to use.

Character Reference

Barb Marx: (406) 581-7623

Education

Grand County High School/ High school diploma

2015-2019

Montana State University/ Livestock Management and Industry

FALL 2019-current

Montana Horseman Saddle School

February 2021-March 2021