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POSTCARD FROM A JUNIOR

History lessons

“We are not makers of history. We are made by history.”

— Martin Luther King Jr.

All about outlook

Recently I stumbled across a rather old-looking magazine. Recognizing the farm on the back cover, I flipped it over and realized it was a copy of the *Angus Journal* from September of 1996. As I flipped through, looking at juniors that are now adults leading our Association and all of the sale books, I flipped through our history.

Bob Stevenson was serving on the National Junior Angus Board at the time and had written the junior board article. It was based on a story of him practicing baseball with some rocks and a stick. He would throw the rock up as hard as he could and swing with all of his might. Even as

he gave it his all, he could never hit the rock.

After trying time and time again, he gave up. His future as a baseball player was fading away with every missed swing. However, he wrote that his younger brother had joined his father in watching. When young Stevenson gave up on the third try, his younger brother said, “You know, Dad, I can’t wait to be as good at baseball as my brother.”

His father, confused, asked, “Why?”

His younger brother responded, “He is going to make one heck of a pitcher!”

He then wrote how his brother’s outlook and positive attitude

immediately turned his mood around. He began to enjoy the challenge and took on that same positive, out-of-the-box view of the world.

He then passed that challenge on to the junior members and ended with this: “Take some chances, dream some dreams, laugh more and complain less. Through faith and love we will keep that optimistic attitude that will allow more opportunities not only for the Angus industry but for the entire beef industry to take a swing at.”

What will you throw for the industry to swing at?

— Catie Hope, Virginia

Silver Award

Montana Lovett, Bladen, Neb., has earned the National Junior Angus Association’s (NJAA) Silver award, according to Jaelyn Clark, education and events director of the American Angus Association.

The 20-year-old daughter of Jeff and Sandy Lovett attends Southeast Community College and is a member of the NJAA and the Nebraska Junior Angus Association, which she has served as second vice president and historian.

She has participated in local, state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Montana participated in the quiz bowl and livestock judging contests.

Summer internships

Select Sires Inc. has announced plans to offer five summer internships at its headquarters facility in Plain City, Ohio, during the summer of 2018. Positions are available within the following departments: sales and marketing, communications, semen processing, information systems and veterinary, with applications due by Jan. 1, 2018. Readers of the digital edition of the *Angus Journal* should still have time to apply.

College students pursuing a bachelor’s degree in dairy science, animal science, agricultural economics, agricultural communications or related agricultural fields, as well as information systems may apply

for these internships. Preference is for candidates to be in their junior or senior year of college, but underclassmen will be considered. Interns must be willing to relocate to Ohio for the summer and available to work full-time for 12 consecutive weeks.

For more information about these internships or to submit a résumé, visit www.selectsires.com/careers/menu.html?version=20170404.

Scholarships available

The Missouri State Fair Foundation Youth in Agriculture scholarship application for Missouri high school seniors graduating in 2018 is now available. Applications should be submitted to the Missouri

State Fair and must be postmarked by Feb. 1, 2018. Applicants must submit an original copy of their application and five additional copies.

One \$5,000 platinum scholarship sponsored by Youth in Agriculture

North Dakota Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Nov. 11, Bismarck



North Dakota Angus royalty are (from left) **Victoria Vollmer**, Grace City, 2018 North Dakota Angus queen; **Sydney Tastad**, Rolette, 2017 North Dakota Angus princess; **Jade Koski**, Wing, 2017 North Dakota Angus princess; and **Carlee Gifford**, Mandan, 2017 North Dakota Angus princess.

supporters, one \$2,500 supreme scholarship sponsored by Sydenstricker John Deere of Missouri/Sydenstricker Angus Genetics, and 30 \$1,500 scholarships sponsored by Youth in Agriculture are being offered.

Applicants must be high school seniors, active members of 4-H or FFA, and have participated at least once as a 4-H or FFA exhibitor at the Missouri State Fair. Eligible scholarship applicants must plan to enroll in an accredited Missouri community college or a four-year college or university in the fall/spring semester immediately following graduation from high school. During the selection process, a five-point bonus will be given to applicants pursuing a degree in agriculture.

The application can be found at <http://bit.ly/2AEOF2Y>. [AJ]

Important dates and deadlines

FEBRUARY 2018

- 1 Ownership and entry deadline for the Mid-Atlantic Jr. Angus Classic (MAJAC)
- 1 Application deadline for the Events and Education summer internship
- 15 Ownership and entry deadline for the Western Regional Jr. Angus Show
- 15 State Training and Angus Retreat (STAR) conference registration deadline

MARCH 2018

- 1 Deadline for Honorary Angus Foundation and Advisor of the Year nominations
- 1 Raising the Bar (Oklahoma City, Okla.) registration deadline
- 9-11 MAJAC Show, Harrisonburg, Va.
- 22-25 State Training and Angus Retreat (STAR) Conference, Saint Joseph, Mo.

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