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P O S T C A R D F R O M A J U N I O R



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## Moving in Full Stride

*Happy New Year, Angus family! I sure hope the holidays treated everyone well and that your 2021 is off to an amazing start. This year is a good time for many of us to restart after the chaos of 2020.*

With all of the ups and downs in 2020, this is your time to get going and finally be back to “full stride”.

This month is huge for so many people because of resolutions and the beginning of so many new things. Though oftentimes we get caught up with what is happening in society, and forget to focus on ourselves.

2020 was a year of taking things as they come and never trying to bite off more than you could chew. This year is a new year, however. It is time to find your stride. Life throws many curveballs, but during your restart you cannot be scared to take them as they come and just move on with what is going on around you.

We live in a world that is instantaneous, and everyone expects things to happen as they happened a

day prior. Often that’s not the case, and we find ourselves a few days late, causing everything within our lives to just be backed up. If more of us find a way to go forward in full stride and deal with things as they come or even plan ahead, we will adhere to each other better.

Most people say teamwork makes the dream work, but that’s only true if the team takes strides at the same length and time. One mishap, and despite all the hard work, the full stride is back to baby steps.

Together a team must focus on what is given, work through the times and make sure they maximize themselves before they maximize the team. Making sure you take full strides during teamwork is the way our world operates, and without it no

one would be as prosperous as they currently are.

As we all continue our journey, I’d like everyone to please remember our lives are fast-paced, and the only way to keep everything going in the right direction is to hit it full stride. There are many ups and downs and problems that will arise over time.

I challenge every one of you to remember the good Lord looked down upon this earth and planned for there to be challenges. However he also knew no matter how thick of a wall he put in the way, the Angus family would hit it in full stride and make the best of what is given at that point in time.

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## North American International Livestock Exposition title; Nov. 17

Kansas State University (K-State) received the North American International Livestock Exposition title Nov. 17. This marks the 15<sup>th</sup> national championship for K-State’s livestock judging program but the first since 1998.

The team was made up of Madison Andrade, San Juan Bautista, Calif.;

Daniel Dobbs, Carnesville, Ga.; Cagney Effling, Highmore, S.D.; Lane Egger, Columbus, Neb.; Sam Gleason, Maple Hill, Kan.; Chisum Grund, Sharon Springs, Kan.; Trace Mulligan, Scott City, Kan.; Skyler Scotten, Nevada, Mo.; Justin Slabaugh, Goshen, Ind.; and Austin Vieselmeyer, Amherst, Colo.

Scotten and Dobbs placed second and third, respectively. Grund and Vieselmeyer were sixth and eighth, respectively. Vieselmeyer was also named an All-American.

Vieselmeyer, Egger and Gleason are current members of the American Angus Association.

## Bronze and Silver Awards

Jordyn Wickard, Greenfield, Ind.; has earned the National Junior Angus Association's (NJAA) Bronze and Silver awards, according to Jaclyn Upperman, education and events director of the American Angus Association in Saint Joseph, Mo.

The Bronze and Silver awards are the first two levels of the NJAA Recognition Program that began in 1972. Junior Angus breeders must apply for the awards, then meet point requirements in many areas of participation before receiving the honors. Applicants are evaluated in areas of junior Angus association activities and leadership; participation

in showmanship, contests and shows; using performance testing to improve their herd; and their progress in producing and merchandising Angus cattle.

Greenfield, Ind., native **Jordyn Wickard** has earned the Bronze and Silver awards. The 17-year-old daughter of Chris and Julie Wickard currently attends Eastern Hancock High School.

Wickard is a member of the NJAA and the Indiana Junior Angus Association (IJAA), where she currently serves as first vice president. She has served as secretary, communications director and royalty for the IJAA, and regional

director for the Southeastern Indiana Angus Association.

A member of the American Angus Auxiliary and an avid showman, Wickard is no stranger to the Angus industry. She has competed in the public speaking, career development, extemporaneous speaking, creative writing and skill-a-thon contests and the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® Cook-Off at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS).

In addition to serving as a voting delegate and working with the mentoring program at the NJAS, Wickard has also participated in the Raising the Bar conference.

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## 2020 State Fair of Louisiana Jr. Angus Show, Oct. 30, Shreveport



Ben Forbes, Zachary, won overall showmanship. Pictured (from left) are Misty Thibodeaux, judge; Amalie Mabile, Louisiana Angus princess; and Forbes.



Senior division of showmanship winners are (from left) Harlie Harvey, Deridder, first place; Dave Wright, Many, second; Trey Dela Houssaye, New Iberia, third; and Jacy Jones, Glenmora, fourth.



Peewee division showmanship participants are (from left) Eli Thiels, Boyce; and Madelyn Purpera, Plaquemine.



Intermediate division of showmanship winners are (from left) Ben Forbes first place; Amalie Mabile, Brusly, second; Grant Dela Houssaye, New Iberia, third; Rory Forbes, Zachary, fourth; and Avery Crochet, Addis, fifth.



Junior division of showmanship winners are (from left) Liam Thiels, Lena, first place; J.R. Jones, Glenmora, second; Wyatt Mabile, Brusly, third; and Aubrey Purpera, Plaquemine, fourth.

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