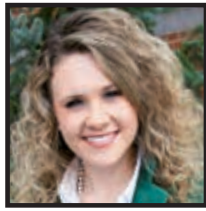


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POSTCARD FROM A JUNIOR



Jera Pipkin

Facing Your Fears

Last fall, my grandmother was diagnosed with breast cancer. While this shocked our family, it did not seem to faze my grandmother one bit. She continued to live life, smile and pursue her biggest dreams.

Although she was going through one of the most challenging times of her life, she continued to push forward. By embracing challenges, looking at the highlights and focusing on the future, my grandmother taught me the greatest life lesson of all — how to face your fears.

Cancer is no easy feat. There is the fear of losing your life and your hair, months of chemotherapy or radiation and the thought of not being able to live a normal life again.

As junior Angus members, we also experience fears and challenges throughout times in our life. Whether we are struggling to find next year's show heifer, worried about an upcoming contest, or anxious about stepping outside of our comfort zone for the first time, embracing challenges will help us to overcome our fears.

To embrace challenges that come our way, we need to first take a deep breath. No successful thing comes easily, and persevering through every challenge will only make the end result more worth it.

We cannot look at challenges as things that stop us dead in our tracks. The only thing we can do is look at how far we have come and how far we want to go. While life may give you limes instead of lemons sometimes, you still have to figure out a way to make lemonade. The

recipe of life will help you make it through some of your biggest challenges and lead you to new heights. Living life in the moment and making the best of every situation pushes us past our fears.

Look at the highlights

For my grandmother, this was one of her greatest challenges. Why was God putting her through such a situation? She had the rest of her life to live, time to spend with her family and all sorts of things to do. However, looking at the highlights of her life and the things she has accomplished thus far made her feel at peace. For Angus juniors, looking at the highlights in our lives will allow us to serve greater, accomplish more and dream bigger. Every single one of you is talented in your own way.

Reflect on how much you have accomplished in your junior career. What have you done that you never would have done otherwise? How has this association and other things you are involved in shaped you to become who you are today? What goals do you want to accomplish, and how do you want to accomplish them? Some of our greatest highlights often go unnoticed.

I look at every single one of you and realize what kind of an asset you are to our association and how you have worked your whole life to

make a difference. Your talents, your hard work, your dedication, your perseverance, your accomplishments do not go unnoticed. One bump in the road should not stop you from pursuing your dreams. Look back on your life and the things you are most proud of. Use every highlight as fuel to power through the darkest, most fearful times in your life.

Focus on the future

For my grandmother, focusing on the future was important to helping her live a somewhat stress-free life as she undergoes treatment. For cancer patients, treatment can be one of the biggest fears, but it can also be the most rewarding when you have completed it. Ringing the bell is

**Northern Virginia Angus Association
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Hayley Seabright (right), Gore, received the Top Junior Award, presented by Linda Alexander.

Kansas Angus Futurity Jr. Show, Jan. 21, Lawrence



Winning peewee showmanship are (from left) Carson Vering, reserve champion, and Hayden Vering, champion, both of Marysville.



Winning novice showmanship are (from left) Aubree McCurry, Burrton, champion; and Gentry Ward, Paola, Kan., reserve champion.



Winning junior showmanship are (from left) Kelsey Theis, Leavenworth, champion; and Cady Pieper, Palco, reserve champion.

something she looks forward to, as well as spending the rest of her life as a champion of the battle. She is ready to get back to her normal life, feeling great, spending time with her family, crafting and working.

For my grandmother, the struggle is not what she is worried about. She is excited for the future. The challenges and fears we face cause us to dwell on them. If we focus on the future and what we want to accomplish, we no longer worry about the little things. The struggles in our life will try to weigh us down, but what we are longing for will be worth every struggle imaginable.

The glory God reveals to us throughout our everyday challenges proves to us that nothing good comes easily. If we keep our goals in sight, place our worries behind us and continually focus on all that we want to achieve, our fears simply go away. Your fears and worries should push you to want to achieve more. By focusing on the future, we can accomplish everything we have ever dreamed of.

My grandmother is on the road to recovery and gets closer to living a cancer-free life every day. Her perseverance, persistence and dedication to living her life without fear is something that should be admired by every one of us. The goals we have set for ourselves are achievable. Having fear about any



Winning intermediate showmanship are (from left) Jayce Dickerson, Paradise, champion; and Channing Schneider, Wamego, reserve champion.



Winning senior showmanship are (from left) Morgan Woodbury, Quenemo, reserve champion; and Anna Carpenter, Wamego, champion.

challenge in life only makes you human, but by embracing those challenges, looking at the highlights and focusing on the future, you can stay on target to achieve what you dream. Push yourself to reach new heights and do not get weighed down by everyday fears that restrict your life. The glory at the end of the road is worth every struggle.

— Jera Pipkin, Missouri

Auxiliary scholarships

Ten American Angus Auxiliary scholarships are presented annually. The total amount awarded will range from \$16,000 to \$17,000.

Each state Angus auxiliary is entitled to submit an application for one girl and one boy. Applications must be submitted by the state or regional scholarship chairperson to the American Angus Auxiliary chairperson. Recipients will be

announced at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in July.

The application, directions and general information for the American Angus Auxiliary Scholarships are available online at www.angusauxiliary.com/leadership/scholarship.html. Applications submitted by the state contact must be postmarked by May 1. Direct questions to Cindy Ahearn, scholarship chairperson, 1615 Van Zandt CR 3416, Wills Point, TX 75169; phone: (214) 957-4895.

Bronze and Silver awards

Jayne Bannister, Kent, N.Y.; Ryan Borer, Buchanan, Va.; Garrett Handsaker, Pearl City, Ill.; Bryce Hofing, Coatesville, Ind.; and Abby Leachman, Toston, Mont., have earned the National Junior Angus Association's (NJAA) Bronze and

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Silver awards, according to Jaclyn Clark, education and events director of the American Angus Association. Hannah Millikan, Napoleon, Ohio, and Sarah Millikan, Napoleon, Ohio, have earned their Bronze awards.

Jayne Bannister, the 20-year-old daughter of Roger and Christine Bannister, attends Kansas State University where she studies animal science and is a member of the NJAA and the New York Junior Angus Association, which she has served as secretary and royalty.

She has participated in local, state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Jayne participated in the extemporaneous speaking, photography, creative writing, team fitting and team sales contests, and the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*[®] (CAB[®]) Cook-Off. She also participated in the mentoring program in 2011, 2016 and 2017.

She has submitted weight data to Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR[®]).

Ryan Borer, the 14-year-old son of John and Ginger Borer, attends James

River High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Virginia Junior Angus Association, which he serves as treasurer.

He has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Ryan participated in the team fitting, livestock judging, quiz bowl and skillathon/stockman contests, and the All-American CAB Cook-Off. He also participated in the mentoring program in 2016 and 2017.

He is also involved with his local 4-H club and FFA chapter.

Garrett Handsaker, the 17-year-old son of Paul and Dianne Handsaker, attends Pearl City High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Illinois Junior Angus Association, which he has served as director, and the Northern Illinois Angus Association, which he has served as vice president, treasurer, reporter, and currently serves as president.

He has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Garrett participated in the team fitting, quiz bowl and livestock

judging contests. He participated in the mentoring program in 2015-2017. In 2017 he was a participant in the Leaders Engaged In Angus Development (LEAD) conference.

He has consigned cattle at the Illinois Angus Futurity.

Bryce Hofing, the 10-year-old son of Joshua and Deanna Hofing, is a member of the NJAA and the Indiana Junior Angus Association and the West Central Indiana Angus Association.

He has participated in state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Bryce participated in the team sales, quiz bowl and livestock judging contests. He also participated in the mentoring program in 2016.

He has submitted weight data to AHIR and consigned cattle to the National Western Stock Show Angus Bull Sale, the Southern Indiana Angus Sale and BCII Oktoberfest Online Sale.

Abby Leachman, the 17-year-old daughter of Eric and Marlo Leachman, attends Broadwater High School and is a member of

CME Group invests in future of beef industry

Angus youth were among the 10 winners of \$1,500 scholarships awarded by the National Cattlemen's Foundation (NCF) to outstanding students pursuing careers in the beef industry in the next school year. These scholarships are sponsored by the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Group (CME).

Overall winner Abbey Schiefelbein, a high school senior from Kimball, Minn., received a trip to the 2018 Cattle Industry Convention & NCBA Trade Show in Phoenix, Ariz., in addition to the scholarship. Abbey wrote an essay for her scholarship application titled "The Importance of Transparency." The other nine students, each

earning \$1,500 CME scholarships from NCF, were:

- Brooke Berendsen, Montana, Montana State University
- Mason Bishop, Texas, Clarendon College
- Sydney Bowman, high school senior, Fort Lupton, Colo.
- Lucas Brock, Georgia, University of Georgia
- Ryan Callahan, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University
- Bridger Gordon, high school senior, Whitewood, S.D.
- Cale Hinrichsen, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University
- Ty Montgomery, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University
- Morgan Scilacci, Kansas, Kansas State University



A former American Angus Association regional manager, Will Mayfield was awarded the Max Deets Leadership Award for 2018.

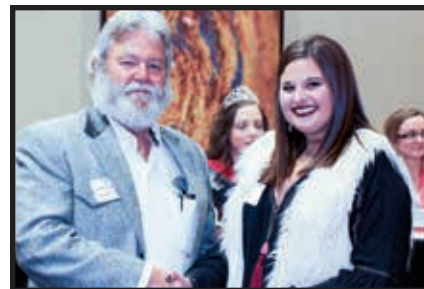
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Bryanna Hite (left), Valley Center, received the Kansas Angus Ass'n Young Angus Producer Scholarship presented by Larry Lundgren, 2017 Kansas Angus Ass'n president.



Cale Hinrichsen (left), Westmoreland, received the Kansas Angus Ass'n Young Angus Producer Scholarship presented by Lundgren.



Taylor Nikkel (right), Maple Hill, received the Kansas Angus Ass'n Young Angus Producer Scholarship presented by Lundgren.



Taylor Nikkel (right) received the Kenneth and Lorene Moore Memorial Scholarship presented by Jessica Woodrow, Kansas Angus Auxiliary scholarship committee.



Taylor Nikkel (right) received her Bronze and Silver awards from Jeff Mafi, American Angus Association regional manager.



Crowned as Angus royalty are (from left) Eva Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, Miss Kansas Angus; and Kady Figge, Onaga, Kansas Angus ambassador.

the NJAA and the Montana Junior Angus Association, which she has served as director and reporter.

She has participated in state and regional shows and showmanship contests and is actively involved with her local 4-H club and FFA chapter.

Abby has submitted weight data to the AHIR and consigned cattle in the Leachman Angus Ranch Sale.

Hannah Millikan, the 10-year-old daughter of Scott and Suzanne Millikan, attends Patrick Henry Middle School and is a member of the NJAA and the Ohio Junior Angus Association, which she has served as awards chairman.

She has participated in state and national shows. At the NJAS, Hannah participated in the photography and livestock judging contests. She also participated in the mentoring program in 2017.

She has submitted weight data to the AHIR.

Sarah Millikan, the 15-year-old daughter of Scott and Suzanne Millikan, attends Patrick Henry High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Ohio Junior Angus Association, which she has served as reporter.

She has participated in state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Sarah participated in the photography, team fitting and livestock judging contests. In 2017 she participated in the mentoring program and served as a voting delegate. She also participated in the LEAD conference in 2017.

She has submitted weight data to AHIR.

MCA junior exhibitor awards

During the 50th Annual Missouri

Cattle Industry Convention and Trade Show, junior beef cattle exhibitors were recognized for their hard work and success in the showing. These junior showmen exhibited cattle at six shows sponsored by the Missouri Cattlemen's Association. Points based on class placings were accumulated during 2017 and the top exhibitors received prizes during the convention.

Carter Ward, Plattsburg, was honored with overall Angus heifer, and **Grace Busch**, Saint James, was honored with the overall Angus market animal.

The 50th Annual Missouri Cattle Industry Convention and Trade Show concluded Jan. 7, 2018, at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, Mo. 