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Baxter Knapp

Life. Is. Hectic.

Whether we like it or not, life can be very hectic at times. All the hustle and bustle of our everyday lives can wear on us and drag us down. So how do we stay above that?

I know in my own life, I get very busy with travel, school, cattle and work; let alone even trying to keep a social life outside of all that. Life truly is a balancing act with many revolving doors, a balancing act that can sometimes get a little uneven. In these uneven times we are truly blessed to have things like faith, family, and friends to lean on and help level us back out.

In times when I feel uneven or off-balance, I appreciate those who I have to lean on even more than usual. God has placed some pretty amazing people in my life to help me through

all the tough and challenging times. Even though life can be hectic, it is beautiful and sometimes we just need to step back and take the time to soak in all the beauty.

In midst of all the buzz in our everyday lives, I challenge each of you to search for the light in all of the negativity we see in our world. Often enough, our lives are clouded with negativity and gloom. We must keep those special people close to us who lift us up and guide us through it all.

As cattlemen and cattlemen, we are very familiar with the idea of keep and cull. It may sound silly, and

maybe even harsh, but I believe we must run our lives in somewhat of a similar fashion. We have to keep those in our “herd” who affect us positively and cull, or get rid, those who affect us negatively. Life is very short and very quick. We don’t have any time to waste to dwell on negativity. Yes, life is hectic. Yes, it is busy and sometimes even hard to handle. But life can be so beautiful, especially when you keep the right people by your side.

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Henry C. Gardiner Scholarship



The Henry C. Gardiner Scholarship is designed to identify Kansas State University students with animal sciences and industry as their chosen major and with the greatest potential to make a difference in the future of the beef industry.

Recipients must express an interest in animal genetics, animal nutrition, animal health, reproductive management, agribusiness management or marketing.

An Angus youth awarded a scholarship is Abbey Schiefelbein, Kimball, Minn., a junior majoring in food science. Abbey plans to work in research and development helping to create more nutritious and affordable food, thereby decreasing food insecurity.

Gardiner Angus Ranch is a family-owned and operated business that produces registered and commercial Angus cattle. The original ranch was homesteaded near

Ashland, Kan., in 1885 by Henry Gardiner’s grandfather. Today, the ranch encompasses more than 48,000 acres. The Gardiner operation sells approximately 2,500 bulls and 2,000 registered and commercial females a year. All of the sale offering each year is the result of artificial insemination (AI) or embryo transfer (ET).

CME Beef Industry Scholarship Recipients

Ten students pursuing careers in the beef industry were selected as recipients of scholarships for the next school year by the National Cattlemen’s Foundation (NCF). The scholarships are sponsored by CME Group.

Angus youth awarded \$1,500 scholarships include Danika Gordon, Whitewood, S.D., South Dakota State University; Trevor Johnson, Centerville, S.D., High School Senior (Butler Community College); and Bailee Schiefelbein, Kimball, Minn., High School Senior (Texas A&M or Oklahoma State University).

Bronze and Silver awards

Lauren Gilbert, Oldfield, Mo.; Paden Gilbert, Oldfield, Mo.; and Payton Shepherd, Lake Charles, La., have 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.

Lauren Gilbert is the 18-year-old daughter of Josh and LeAnna Gilbert and attends Chadwick High School. She is a member of the NJAA; the Missouri Junior Angus Association, where she has served as assistant secretary, vice president and royalty; and the Southwest Missouri Junior

Angus Association, where she has served as president.

She has participated in local, state and national shows. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Gilbert participated in the photography, extemporaneous public speaking, prepared public speaking, team marketing and team sales contests. She served as a voting delegate in 2019 and participated in the mentoring program in 2018 and 2019. Gilbert also participated in the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference and the State Training and Angus Retreat (STAR) conference in 2019.

She is also actively involved in her local FFA chapter.

Paden Gilbert is the 16-year-old son of Josh and LeAnna Gilbert and attends Chadwick High School. He is a member of the NJAA, the Missouri Junior Angus Association, where he has served as director, and the Southwest Missouri Junior Angus

Association, where he has served as treasurer.

He has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Gilbert participated in the auctioneering and livestock judging contests. In 2019 he participated in the LEAD conference.

Payton Shepherd is the 18-year-old son of Courtney and Will Deitch and attends the Bob Jones University online. He is a member of the NJAA and the Louisiana Junior Angus Association, where he has served as director and secretary.

He has participated in local, state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Shepherd participated in the public speaking, extemporaneous speaking, quiz bowl and poster contests. He also participated in the mentoring program in 2013-2015. He has submitted weight data to the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®).

Kansas Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting and Banquet, Jan. 25, Hutchinson



Crowned Angus royalty are (from left) Kelsey Theis, Leavenworth, Kansas Angus Ambassador; and Baylee Wulfkuhle, Berryton, Miss Kansas Angus.



Morgan Woodbury, Quenemo (left), received the Young Angus Producer Scholarship. Pictured presenting the award is Brandon New, Kansas Angus Ass'n past president, right.

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Kansas Angus Futurity Junior Show, Jan. 26, Hutchinson



Winning the novice showmanship division (from left) are Aubree McCurry, Burrton, Kan., champion; and Avery Mullen, Ulysses, Kan., reserve champion.



Winning the junior showmanship division (from left) are Cohen Navinsky, Winchester, Kan., champion; and Cheyenne Brunker, Ottawa, Kan., reserve champion.



Kelsey Theis, Leavenworth, Kan., won top honors in the intermediate showmanship division.



Winning the senior showmanship division (from left) are Ben Nikkel, McPherson, Kan., champion; and Alexandria Cozzitorto, Olathe, Kan., reserve champion.

Ohio Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting and Banquet, Feb. 1, La Rue



These juniors were elected to serve as officers on the Ohio Junior Angus Ass'n board of directors. Pictured (from left) are Sarah Millikan, reporter; Ellie Kidwell, Walhonding, secretary; McKayla Raines, Seaman, president; Kristina Scheurman, vice president; and Keri Felumlee, Newark, treasurer.



Caroline Winter, Ashville, (right) received the Girls Silver Show Award. Presenting the award on behalf of the sponsor, Turkey Run Angus Farm, is McKayla Raines.



Sarah Millikan, Napoleon, was crowned Miss Ohio Angus.



Juniors awarded scholarships (from left) are Christina Howell, presenting; Samantha Wallace, Kansas, Ohio Auxiliary scholarship; and Kristina Scheurman, Warsaw, Ohio Angus Ass'n scholarship.



Kristina Scheurman (right) received the Girls Bred-and-Owned Silver Award. Pictured presenting the award is Dan Wells, award sponsor.



Griffin Gahler (front, center), received the Boys Bred-and-Owned Silver Award. Pictured presenting the award (back row, from left) are sponsors Kelvin and Jackie Egner, and Christina and Shawn Howell, all of Egner Farms Angus.



Griffin Gahler (right) received the Boys Silver Show Award. Presenting the award is sponsor Allen Gahler.



Griffin Gahler, Graytown (center), received the Junior Silver Show Award. Presenting the award are sponsors (from left) Elizabeth and Tim Harsh.

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