

NEXT GENERATION

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POSTCARD FROM A JUNIOR



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Moving forward in difficult times

Growing up in the cattle industry, cattlemen and women have an innate ability to adapt to a variety of situations and overcome them.

However, we as a nation and more specifically the cattle industry have been challenged by recent events — particularly, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. With the onset of this illness, the cattle industry has had to undergo rapid changes to meet consumer demands.

Due to the diligent nature of the youth and the guiding influence of adults, the cattle landscape has been able to recover far quicker than significant portions of the United States. I firmly believe this is due to the deeply rooted responsibility that has been instilled by countless hours of dedication to an industry which feeds and clothes the world. This fostered growth provides farmers and ranchers alike the ability to overcome any event presented before them.

For many National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members, this is the first big health scare. This is certainly the first nationwide panic

I can remember vividly. Keeping this in mind, there are several lessons I have learned and hope to pass on to the next generation of farmers and ranchers.

First, spread positivity. These are uncertain times for many people. Kindness in times like these is what can knit a community together and instill hope. An example of this would be the Angus Impact program, which is aimed to fight food insecurity in Tulsa, Okla. This program ensures families can have a steady supply of food, especially with this pandemic blanketing the world.

The next lesson I have learned is to keep in touch with friends and family. It is hard to predict the next time you will get to reconnect in person. By utilizing technology, vast distances are seemingly much closer. You never know just when a phone call can change the whole dynamic of someone's day. It takes only a

couple moments to pick up a phone and call, jot down a note, or utilize other communication methods to talk to loved ones. This is one of the best ways to make someone's day, as it shows thoughtfulness and compassion.

The last lesson I might suggest is to value the small moments. Enjoy every minute because in the blink of an eye it can all change. Nobody suspected the United States would be shut down by a virus, but we have seen just that. The saying goes "hindsight is 20/20," and that is absolutely correct. However, if you live in the moment, you will see the world through a new, more complete perspective. These are lessons which will serve the membership well as they one day become the leaders of tomorrow's agricultural industry.

— Nicholas Pohlman

2020 Missouri Junior Angus Preview Show, June 13-14, Sedalia



In showmanship, Samuel Jordan (left), Savannah, received junior champion, and Alexis Borgstadt (right), Concordia, received senior champion.



Truman Byergo (pictured from left), Dearborn, was crowned as the Missouri Angus Ambassador; Emma Burns, Bosworth, as Miss Missouri Angus; and Josey Meier, Jackson, as Missouri Angus princess.

2020 Northeast Kansas Junior Angus Show, June 20, Effingham



In showmanship, Ruby Hill (front row, from left), Baldwin City, received junior champion; and Molly Hill, Baldwin City, received reserve junior champion. Kelsey Theis (pictured back row from left), Leavenworth, received intermediate champion; Corbin Ellerman, Effingham, received reserve intermediate champion; Morgan Woodbury, Quenemo, received senior champion; and Ty Ellerman, Effingham, received reserve senior champion. Wyatt Durst judged the event. Photo by Anne Lampe.

2020 Indiana Junior Angus Preview Show, June 21, Lebanon



Hunter Royer, Westpoint, won premier junior breeder.



In the senior division of showmanship, Tyler Ertzberger (left), Plymouth, received first; and Claire Brown (right), Lafayette, second.



In the intermediate division of showmanship, Karson Patton (from left), Frankfort, received first; Robert Rogers, Kendallville, second; and Skylar Bennett, Winchester, third.



In the junior division of showmanship, Collin Deatsman (from left), Leesburg, received first; Sophia Royer, Westpoint, second; and Laurie Clark, Fowler, third.



In the peewee division of showmanship, Hadley Korniak (from left), Rensselaer, received first; Cooper Vague, Freetown, second; and Lilah Doerstler, Hagerstown, third.



Katie Brock, Stilesville, qualified to represent Indiana at the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest held in conjunction with the National Junior Angus Show this July in Tulsa, Okla.

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2020 Iowa Junior Angus Preview Show, June 20, Afton



In the senior division of showmanship, these individuals won and qualified to represent Iowa at the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest held in conjunction with the National Junior Angus Show this July in Tulsa, Okla. Kara Collison (pictured from left), Rockwell City, alternate; Cassidy Becker, Diagonal, representative; Kassidy Bremer, Redfield, representative; and Erica Chapman, Tipton, alternate.



In the intermediate division of showmanship, Lexi Knapp, Bloomfield, won reserve champion.



In the junior division of showmanship, Madison Collison (left), Rockwell City, received champion; and Callie Jensen (right), Plainfield, reserve champion.



Lucas Moser (from left), Larchwood, and Coryn Wilson, Donahue, received the Iowa Angus Ass'n Auxiliary scholarships, presented by Mary Greiman.

2020 Ohio Angus Ass'n Junior Preview Show, June 21, Marysville



In the senior division of showmanship, Samantha Wallace (from left), Kansas, received first; Kristina Scheurman, Warsaw, second; Erica Snook, Caldwell, third; Evan Palmer, Tiffin, fourth; and Keri Felumlee, Newark, fifth.



In the intermediate division of showmanship, Ellie Kidwell (from left), Walhonding, received first; Ryane Bond, Beaver, second; Sarah Millikan, Napoleon, third; Josie Kidwell, Walhonding, fourth; and Brayden Hayes, Graytown, fifth.



Kenna Connolly, Cable, participated in the peewee showmanship division.



In the junior division of showmanship, Carly Sanders (pictured from left), Leesburg, received first; Maggie Davis, Bidwell, second; Antoinette Grimes, Winchester, third; Rees Toler, Bidwell, fourth; and Griffin Gahler, Graytown, fifth.



Kinsey Crowe (left), West Alexandria, and Keri Felumlee (right), Newark, qualified to represent Ohio at the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest held in conjunction with the National Junior Angus Show this July in Tulsa, Okla.

2020 Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show, June 26-28, Lebanon, Tenn.



Allison Davis (left), Shelbyville, Tenn., was presented with premier exhibitor by Mark Hoge (right), judge.

2020 Illinois Junior Angus Ass'n Field Day, July 4, Bloomington



In the senior division of showmanship, Korbin Collins (left), Flanagan, won champion; and Eric Schafer (right), Owaneco, won reserve champion.



In the intermediate A division of showmanship, Lizzie Schafer (left), Owaneco, won reserve champion; and Paige Van Dyke (right), Louisville, won champion.



In the intermediate B division of showmanship, Reese Anderson (left), Chrisman, won champion; and Cody York (right), Palestine, won reserve champion.



In the junior A division of showmanship, Braden Bartlow (left), Monticello, won champion; and William Miller (right), Gridley, won reserve champion.



In the junior B division of showmanship, Reed Naughton (left), Atlanta, won champion; and Brenna Bartlow (right), Monticello, won reserve champion.



In the peewee division of showmanship, Luke Sellmeyer, Maroa, won top honors.



Nicole Daughtery (from left) presented Lauryn Mool, Lexington, as the first to qualify to represent Ohio at the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest held in conjunction with the National Junior Angus Show this July in Tulsa, Okla. and the winner of the George Sperry Memorial Trophy; Sheridan Hank, Aledo, as the second qualifier; and Maddie Fugate, Mahomet, as second alternate.



Holly Marsh (left), Earlville, received the Illinois Angus Ass'n scholarship from Emily Brooks (right), Miss Illinois Angus.

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Emma Eathington (from left), Avon; Eric Schafer, Owaneco; and Morgan Hutchins, Charleston, were awarded Illinois Angus Auxiliary scholarships.



Katelyn Eathington (left), Avon, received the Joseph Bessler Memorial Award from Emily Brooks (right).



Tracy Rawlings (left) presented Paige Lemenager (right), Hudson, with the Troy Miller Memorial Award.



Branden Rutledge (from left) presented Lindsey Decker, Philo, with the Beryl Rutledge Memorial Work Ethic Award. Also presenting were Sam Brumleve and Brock Rutledge.



Elected to serve on the Illinois Junior Angus Ass'n board of directions are Reed Naughton (pictured kneeling from left), director; Charlie Parr, Mason City, director; Eric Schafer, vice president; Jack Dameron, Towanda, director; Ben Sellmeyer, Maroa, director; Reese Anderson (pictured standing from left), treasurer; Anne Dameron, Towanda, director; Lindsey Decker, president; Ashlyn Mool, Lexington, director; Amelia Miller, Gridley, second vice president; Ella Brooks, Prophetstown, director; Keegan Cassady, Bloomington, National Junior Angus Board membership director; Emily Brooks, Prophetstown, show secretary; Brooke Schiffbauer, Tonica, director; Lizzie Schafer, reporter; Paige Lemenager, secretary; Lauren Wolter, Aviston, director; Holly Marsh, director; and Addison Bartlow, Monticello, director.

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