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



Walker McDermott

Quality before quantity

“People that aren’t used to quality, always chase quantity.” — Dr. Singh.

This quote is why the Angus breed and Angus family have always stood the test of time. We are chasers of quality, not just quantity. Not only is quality important in our livestock and farming techniques, but also in our daily lives. There are three main reasons why quality will always benefit us more than quantity will.

The first reason is quality has so much depth to it. When we realize how much more quality means than quantity, we start to realize how much purpose and meaning there is to life. Everything we do and every decision we make in our day-to-day lives depends on how much pride and passion we put into it.

We as humans could have all of the materialistic things in the world we could want, but if they don’t have any meaning to them, are they really worth chasing after?

The second reason is the time, money and energy quality will save you. When we chase after quantity, we tend to spread ourselves too thin in terms of time and energy.

Instead of spending so much time focusing on all of the wrong goals and accomplishments, spending money on things we don’t need, and seeking superficial fun experiences that don’t benefit our futures, we all need to prioritize the right things to ensure a quality life.

And lastly, the quality in our lives will affect our relationships and connections we make. Taking the time to analyze why we are friends with certain people will help narrow down our close circles to people who genuinely care about our interests and goals. Making sure our friends have as much depth as the choices we make is so important, for as far as we

know some of our friends could be surface level and not as beneficial.

All of these things can be tied back into agriculture and more specifically, the Angus breed. The connections we make with breeders, showmen and nonagriculturists will continue to affect our lives for many years to come. Choosing quality in our breed has allowed us to make superior genetics phenotypically in the show ring, genotypically on paper and with *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) products on our dinner plates.

So before we start to wonder if we have done enough with our lives, remember the quality of the things we have done is far more important than the quantity of things we accomplish.

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Bronze and Silver Awards

Alli Perry, Fayetteville, Tenn; and Blake Wolter, Aviston, Ill., have earned the National Junior Angus Association’s (NJAA) Bronze and Silver awards, according to Jaelyn Upperman, events and education director of the American Angus Association in Saint Joseph, Mo.

Amanda Hoffmann, Schertz, Texas, and Lane King, Corydon, Ind., have earned the NJAA’s Bronze award.

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.

Seventeen-year-old **Alli Perry** is from Fayetteville, Tenn., and currently attends Lincoln County High School. She is Jonathan and Jackie Perry's daughter.

Perry is a member of the NJAA and the Tennessee Junior Angus Association (TJAA), where she serves as first vice president.

Perry has shown at the regional and national levels, including the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). While at the NJAS, Perry participated in the mentoring program.

In addition to attending the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference, Perry has consigned cattle in the Deer Valley Focused on the Future Sale.

Blake Wolter is the 12-year-old son of Bradley and Kimberly Wolter. The

Aviston, Ill., native attends Aviston Elementary School.

Wolter is a member of the NJAA and the Illinois Junior Angus Association (IJAA). He has shown at all levels. At the NJAS, Wolter has participated in the livestock judging and quiz bowl contests, the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB) Cook-Off, and the mentoring program.

He has also submitted weight data to the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®).

Schertz, Texas, native, **Amanda Hoffmann**, is the 17-year-old daughter of Otis and Christine Hoffmann. She currently attends Samuel Clemens High School.

Hoffmann is a member of the NJAA and the Texas Junior Angus

Association, where she has served as director. She has shown at all levels, including the NJAS. At the NJAS, Hoffmann has competed in the creative writing contest.

Hoffmann has also participated in the LEAD conference.

Natalie Harris' 14-year-old son attends Corydon Central School. **Lane King** is a member of both the NJAA and the Indiana Junior Angus Association.

King has participated in shows at all levels, including the NJAS, where he was involved in the mentoring program.

South Dakota Junior Angus Ass'n Field Day, June 4, Redfield



Winning top honors in their showmanship divisions (from left) are Josh Cribbs, judge; Sawyer Styles, Brentford, intermediate champion; Teagan Mason, Frankfort, reserve intermediate champion; Wyatt James, Raymond, junior champion; and Kianna Hazel, Beresford, reserve junior champion.

2021 Kentucky Junior Angus Preview Show, June 11, Louisville



These young ladies were crowned Angus royalty. Pictured are Lily Jeffries (left), Angus princess, and Taylor Jeffries, Miss Kentucky Angus, both of Canmer.



Kalli Flanders (center), Buffalo, won premier breeder and exhibitor. Pictured presenting the awards are Paula Boyd (left) and Jamie Marksburly (right).

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North Dakota Junior Angus Ass'n Field Day, June 5, Carrington



Winning top honors in the senior division of showmanship (from left) are Reed Wendel, LaMoure, reserve champion; and Kourtney Schaff, Saint Anthony, champion.



Winning top honors in intermediate showmanship (from left) are Rose Wendel, LaMoure, champion; and Wyatt Spickler, Glenfield, reserve champion.



Winning top honors in junior showmanship (from left) are Molly Hansen, champion, and Cally Hansen, reserve champion, both of Carrington.



Participating in peewee showmanship (from left) are Rayna Bruner (left), Drake, and Quaid Spickler, Glenfield.

Indiana Angus Junior Preview Show, June 27, Lebanon



Burke Tuggle, Attica, won premier junior breeder.



Winning top honors in the senior showmanship division (from left) are Drew Brown, Rockville, first; Hunter Royer, New Richmond, second; and Skylar Bennett, Winchester, third.



Winning top honors in the intermediate showmanship division (from left) are Collin Deatsman, Leesburg, first; Allie Howell, Marengo, second; and Kaden Bennington, Jamestown, third.



Winning top honors in the junior showmanship division (from left) are Raleigh Doerstler, Hagerstown, first; Zayda Hofing, Coatesville, second; and Landon Berry, Rockville, third.



Winning top honors in the peewee showmanship division (from left) are Julianne Jackson, Tennyson, first; and Tate Fredenburg, Markleville, second.



Junior Angus members qualified to represent Indiana at the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest (from left) are Skye Wimmer, Portland, representative; Claire Brown, Lafayette, representative; and Karson Patton, Frankfort, alternate.

Pennsylvania Farm Show's Junior Angus Show and Pennsylvania Angus Breeders' Show, July 1-2, Huntingdon



Winning top honors in their division of showmanship (from left) are Samuel Parr (from left), East Berlin, senior champion; Madison Weaver, Ephrata, reserve senior champion; Kiersten Baker, James Creek, intermediate champion; Victoria Meyer, Centre Hall, reserve intermediate champion; Hailey Blatt, Robesonia, junior champion; Kolton Grim, Thomasville, reserve junior champion; Kinleigh Grim, Thomasville, novice champion; and Jordan Henning, Scott Township, reserve novice champion.



Gabrielle Jacobs, Mifflintown, won premier exhibitor.



Gabrielle Jacobs won the Pennsylvania Special award.

Iowa Angus Junior Preview Show, June 18, Oskaloosa



Winning top honors in the junior showmanship division (from left) are Callie Jensen, Plainfield, champion; and Jillian Moffitt, Colfax, reserve champion.



Winning top honors in the intermediate showmanship division (from left) are Catie Collison, Rockwell City, champion; and Macy Schroeder, Pella, reserve champion.



Junior Angus members qualified to represent Iowa at the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest (from left) are Kara Collison, Rockwell City, alternate; Erica Chapman, Tipton, representative; Brooklyn Curtin, Oxford, representative; and Avery Mather, State Center, alternate.



Receiving Iowa Angus Auxiliary scholarships (from left) are Allie Bieber, Waukon; Craig Becker, Atlantic; and Lexi Knapp, Bloomfield. Also pictured is Mary Greiman, Auxiliary representative, presenting.