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► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

The barn ... a framework for life



John McCurry

Every morning when I wake up and look out my window, I see it. Every time I pull into our bumpy driveway, I see the place where I learned my life's lessons — the barn. Within the framework of that simple barn, the foundation was formed for many of my life experiences.

It molded me into the person that I am today — a believer in Angus cattle. It is a vast part of my childhood, as well as my livelihood!

Perhaps you grew up with a barn in your childhood ... or see one each time you take a drive in the countryside. Have you ever wondered what stories that barn could tell?

Now, at 20 years old, I still look forward to that short walk to the barn to begin the everyday events before me. Under this roof I have learned more lifelong skills than all the buildings on any campus could teach me.

Obviously, the first thing that pops into anyone's mind when the word "barn" is mentioned is *work*. To me, work on the farm is enjoyable and rewarding. Through this

work I have learned a strong work ethic and the determination for doing things right the first time.

Barns all look different, have different backgrounds, were built for different purposes and accommodate different ways of doing things. I grew up under some strong hands, and even though it wasn't fun at times, I never made mistakes twice! I credit this to my parents for keeping me in line and making me the young man that I am today.

On the other hand, at about the age of 15, my dad said that I was old enough to start to do all my own work on show cattle, and he demanded that I learn artificial insemination (AI). Here, he pretty much put the ball in my court, and it was a pass or fail situation.

This was a major turning point in my life. I chose to attempt it and not to let my dad become the winner this time. Here is where I encourage you, as juniors, to come out from under your parents' wings when given a chance, so that the real world won't be such a shock. Let the barn in your life be the training ground for your future efforts.

Doing all your own work and paying for items allows you a much greater appreciation for winning; but, at the same time, it prepares you to handle the flip side. I know that it is no one's fault except mine for any failure.

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Fall deadlines for juniors

Sept. 20 is the entry deadline for the American Royal in Kansas City, Mo.

Oct. 1 is the entry deadline for the junior Angus show at the 2002 North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE), in Louisville, Ky.

Nov. 1 is the ownership deadline for the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) junior Angus show, in Denver, Colo.

The barn might not be "the place" for all of us to learn or to become better people, but there is usually a single place, building or person in each of our lives that has taught us lessons and molded us into the individuals we are today. I challenge each of you to sit down and think of a place that had an impact on you or of a person who held your hand or encouraged you to do one thing that has opened doors and opportunities in your life. Thank this person or appreciate the place that got you started or changed the direction of your life.

— **John McCurry, Burrton, Kan.**

Louisiana Junior Angus Ass'n Field Day, Lecompte, June 8



► Winners in the senior speech contest are (from left) **Ben Greene**, Covington, third; **Brandon Gravois**, Hester, second; and **Kristen Oaks**, Calhoun, first.



► Winners in the junior speech contest are (from left) **Jess Roussel**, Gramercy, third; **Dusti Greer**, Keithville, second; and **Stephen Bleakley**, Gramercy, first.

► **Kansas Junior Angus Ass'n Awards Picnic, Hutchinson, June 13**



► Officers of the Kansas Junior Angus Ass'n are (front row, from left) **Heather Hopper**, Leonardville, past president; **Jeana Sankey**, Council Grove, president; **Emily McCurry**, Burrton, president-elect; (back row, from left) **Garrett Lampe**, Scott City, vice president; **Benjamin Winsor**, Grantville, secretary; **Clayton Lampe**, Scott City, treasurer; and **Jake Betts**, Dorrance, reporter.



► Directors of the Kansas Junior Angus Ass'n are (front row, from left) **Heath Bergkamp**, Arlington; **Logan Dreiling**, Scott City; **Coye Crenshaw-Kleve**, Manhattan; **Courtney Rump**, Galva; (back row, from left) **Darin Wiley**, Saint Francis; **Bailey Shaw**, Chanute; **Chelsea Dickinson**, Glasco; and **Courtenay DeHoff**, Tonganoxie.



► Winning the junior salesmanship contest are (from left) **Megan Fink**, Manhattan, fifth; **Kelsey Erichsen**, Alta Vista, fourth; **Chelsea Dickinson**, Glasco, third; **Tyler White**, Hays, second; and **Courtenay DeHoff**, Tonganoxie, first.



► **Megan Theis** (left), Leavenworth, and **Benjamin Winsor**, Grantville, were chosen to represent the Kansas Junior Angus Ass'n in the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest.



► **John McCurry**, Burrton, received the Kansas Angus Auxiliary Challenge Award.



► **Jeana Sankey**, Council Grove, received the Kansas Angus Auxiliary Premier Exhibitor Award.



► Winning the senior salesmanship contest are (from left) **Benjamin Winsor**, Grantville, third; **Emily McCurry**, Burrton, second; and **Jeana Sankey**, Council Grove, first.



► Winning the intermediate salesmanship contest are (from left) **Clayton Lampe**, Scott City, third; **Jake Betts**, Dorrance, second; and **Garrett Lampe**, Scott City, first.



► Receiving their NJAA Bronze and Silver awards are **Jeana Sankey** (left), Council Grove, and **Casey Rump** (right), Galva. John McCurry, NJAA membership director, presents the awards.

► **Kentucky Junior Angus Preview Show, Bowling Green, June 14**



► **Paul Pickrell** (left), Augusta, receives the 2002 Kentucky Angus Ass'n Scholarship from **Charlie Boyd II**, Mays Lick, Kentucky Angus Ass'n president.

► **Minnesota Junior Angus Field Day, Pipestone, June 14-15**



► The 2002 Minnesota Junior Angus Ass'n officers are (from left) **Rebecca Scharpe**, Arlington, president; **Mark Purfeerst**, Faribault, vice president; **Lindsay Waugh**, Goodhue, secretary; and **Ryan Mitteness**, Ada, treasurer.



► **Amanda Stai** (left) and **Krista Stai**, both of New London, will serve as Minnesota Angus royalty during the coming year.

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▶ Tennessee Angus Ass'n Junior Preview Show, Murfreesboro, June 14

▶ 2002 Tennessee Angus Ass'n royalty are (from left) **Laura May**, Hurricane Mills, Middle Tennessee Angus Princess; **Amy Warren**, Pulaski, Tennessee Angus Queen; and **Jordan Jones**, Kenton, West Tennessee Angus Princess.



▶ **Laura May** (left) and **Jan Lee Rowlett**, both of Hurricane Mills, won the age 15 to 21 and age 9 to 14 divisions, respectively, in the poster contest.



▶ **Laura May** (left) and **Josh May**, both of Hurricane Mills, won the age 15 to 21 and age 9 to 14 divisions, respectively, in the photography contest.



▶ **Laura May** (left), Hurricane Mills, won the age 15 to 21 division of the Skillathon. **Will Mayfield**, Pulaski, won the age 9 to 14 division.



▶ **Laura May** (right), Hurricane Mills, receives the Bronze Award from **Joe Elliott**, American Angus Ass'n Board member.

▶ 2002 Northwest Regional Preview Junior Angus Show, Moses Lake, Wash., June 24-26



▶ Washington Angus royalty are (from left) **Rashel Asmussen**, Loomis, retiring Washington Angus Queen; and **Shannon Crabtree**, Kingston, 2002-2003 Washington Angus Queen.



▶ **Michelle Russell** (right), Hagerman, Idaho, receives her NJAA Bronze and Silver awards from **Rod Wesselman**, Association regional manager.

▶ Ohio Junior Angus Preview Show, Hillsboro, June 28



▶ The Ohio Angus Auxiliary presented scholarships to (from left) **Eric King**, Tiffin; **Andrew Miller**, Luckey; and **Kevin Majors**, Monroe.

▶ 2002 Iowa Junior Angus Preview Show, Tipton, June 15



▶ 2002-2003 officers of the Iowa Junior Angus Ass'n are (from left) **Autumn Knop**, Ida Grove, president; **Abby Janssen**, Bloomfield, vice president; **Craig Moffitt**, Colfax, second vice president; **Lisa Stream**, Chariton, secretary; **Jason Schroeder**, Clarence, treasurer; and **Lauren Schroeder**, Clarence, and **Ashley Kuehn**, Durant, both historians.



▶ The 2002 Iowa Angus Auxiliary scholarship winners are (from left) **Abby Janssen**, Bloomfield; **Angela Baird**, Tipton; and **Jason Schroeder**, Clarence. Janssen and Schroeder represented Iowa in the national Angus Auxiliary scholarship program.

▶ 2002 Idaho Junior Beef Expo Angus Show, Filer, June 29



▶ Idaho Junior Angus Ass'n officers are (from left) **Sarah Butler**, Bliss, president; **Heath Cameron**, King Hill, vice president; and **Amanda Vos**, Bliss, secretary.

▶ Illinois Angus Junior Field Day, Peoria, June 15

▶ **Chelsea Frost** (left), Tallula, receives the Outstanding Junior Award, presented by the Illinois Junior Angus Ass'n, from **Trever Kuipers**.



▶ 2002 Illinois Angus Auxiliary scholarship winners are (from left) **Alicia Kramer**, Farina; and **Chelsea Frost**, Tallula. **Dixie Thompson**, Illinois Angus Auxiliary scholarship chairwoman, presents the awards.

