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POSTCARD FROM AN NJAA DIRECTOR

A Season to Remember

Believe it or not, it is the holiday season again. If your family is anything like mine, you are so caught up in the hustle and bustle of buying the right gifts that you probably don't even acknowledge the true reason for the season.

Christmas is usually associated with lights, presents, trees and enough food to feed a small army. As a child, these were the exact things I thought about when anyone mentioned the word *Christmas*. Two years ago, however, I experienced a Christmas that totally changed my perspective on what this wonderful holiday is all about.



Heath Johnson

My father remarried two summers ago, and my stepmother has two daughters. Of course, I thought that Christmas would be a disaster due to merging our families and the changes that we all had been through. I'm a stickler for tradition, and that year was definitely going to be a change.

On Dec. 23, we had a horrible ice storm that caused the power to fail. All that was going through my head was how Christmas was going to be terrible. But something amazing happened later in the evening. We all gathered in the dining room and began talking. Soon, minutes became hours. God was working that night because the ice storm gave us the opportunity to spend time with each other and, in turn, develop a love for each other. That love is what Christmas is all about.

I am thankful for that Christmas. It taught me the holidays should be spent with family and close friends. One piece of advice: Do not take loved ones for granted. Spend this Christmas season with the wonderful people who have had a tremendous influence on your life. Merry Christmas, and God bless you!

—**Heath Johnson, Tupelo, Miss.**

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Mississippi Angus royalty for 2000 include (from left) **Karen Woods**, Benton, princess; **Christy Franks**, Mantachie, princess; **Jamie Overall**, Potts Camp, princess; and **Chandra Stokes**, Ripley, queen.



Dusty Miller, Cedar Fort, Utah, will reign as the 2000-2001 Utah Angus queen.

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New Angus Foundation fund-raiser

The Angus Foundation has commissioned the printing of a set of four black-and-white grease-pencil drawings (shown here) from a series of works by Angus artist Frank Murphy. To be offered as the "Profitmaker Prints" collection, these four 11-by-14-inch images were used in the Association's advertising campaign from 1966 to 1970.

The set is available for a \$100 donation to the Angus Foundation. For more information, call the Junior Activities Department at (816) 383-5100.



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