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► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

A time for remembrance

It is hard to believe another year is already coming to a close. It slips by so quickly, and we have a tendency not to notice until the moment, or year, is gone.

This time of year always seems special to me. I don't know why. Maybe it is the idea that a new beginning is right around the corner. Maybe it's knowing that I get to spend time with my loved ones. Or maybe it's simply the holiday spirit.

There is little that I enjoy more than watching a loved one open that perfect gift. And there are the rituals and traditions that come with the season, like my family's tradition of having waffles Christmas morning. Even the smells are special — pine trees, cinnamon, cookies and, if we are lucky, the smell of snow.



Amy Wolfrey

In all of the hubbub it is easy to forget the true meaning of Christmas. Everything begins and ends with a tiny baby born in a stable more than 2,000 years ago. Jesus was sent to earth to save the world from sin by dying on the cross 33 years after His birth. In short, He was the first and most profound Christmas gift ever given. (Refer to Luke 2:1-52, if you would like to read about that first Christmas.)

This is the very basis of my beliefs as a Christian, and it is what truly makes the holiday season special. Make sure you take time to remember Jesus this month — the light that was created that night makes all the difference in this world.

— Amy Wolfrey, Maryland

Phipps receives national FFA award

Wravenna Phipps, Kearney, Neb., was named the national winner of the Agricultural Communications-Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award at the 2003 National FFA convention Oct. 31. The awards recognize FFA members who excel as ag entrepreneurs, employees or volunteers while they gain hands-on career experience.

State-sponsored sale supports juniors

The Washington Angus Association (WAA) has added several incentives for youth to purchase animals through its annual Evergreen Exclusive Angus Sale. Junior members receive points for show placings in

the "High Point Heifer" program. For a heifer to qualify, it must be purchased from the Evergreen Exclusive Sale.

Kevin Jensen of Tenino, Wash., and Melissa Kitchen of Chimacum, Wash., each received \$800 in premiums for showing heifers purchased in last year's sale.

The WAA also offered, for the first time, a "Dash for Cash" program that awards youth who purchased heifers in this year's sale. Juniors receive immediate money in the form of savings bonds, should they win grand or reserve champion honors at designated shows.

These programs proved to be an incentive, as juniors purchased a total of 21 females offered at the 2003 sale. They purchased a total of 22 project steers.

► Bronze and Silver awards

The Bronze and Silver awards are the first two levels in the National Junior Recognition Program (NJRP). The awards are given to youth who complete an application based on their activities and involvement in the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) and raising Angus cattle. While those with photos are published as they are made available, summaries of winners since the last youth issue are published in the May and September issues of the *Angus Journal*.

► **Milo Lewis** (right), Walstonburg, N.C., receives her Bronze and Silver awards from the NJAA. Jennifer Beck, NJAA chairman, presents the awards.



► Kansas juniors receiving their Bronze and Silver awards are (from left) **Megin Santee**, Langdon, award recipient; **Jeana Sankey**, NJAA director; and **Kami McCurry**, Mount Hope, award recipient.



► **Katrina Frey** (left), Quarryville, Pa., receives her Bronze and Silver awards from the NJAA. Dave Mullins, regional manager, presents the awards.

► **Brittany Full** (left), Mount Airy, Md., receives her Bronze Award from the NJAA. Dave Mullins, regional manager, presents the awards.



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▶ 2003 Evergreen Exclusive Angus Sale, Pasco, Wash., Oct. 18

The WAA sold a heifer package in support of the 2005 National Junior Angus Show and other state activities. The August 2002 daughter of Connealy Date-line that headlined the package was donated by Rathbun Angus, Moses Lake, Wash. Semen donated by All West/Select Sires; a flush

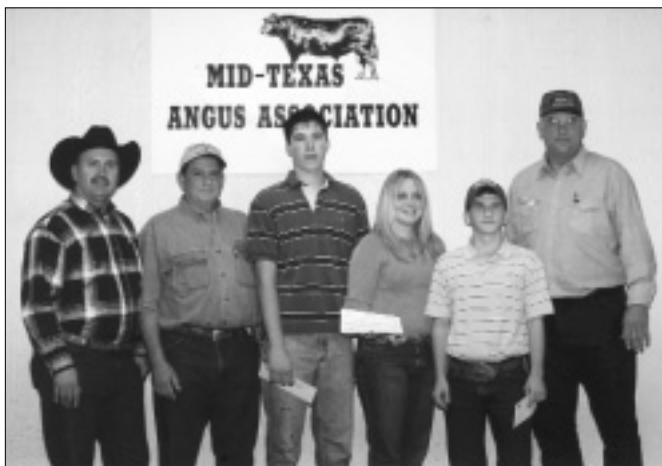


and freezing of embryos donated by Vance Burkes' Embryonics, Soap Lake, Wash.; and animal pharmaceutical products donated by Merial Laboratories were also contributed to the package. The animal sold to a syndicate of buyers for \$2,700. They released the package to be auctioned a second time. It was purchased by Jason Crabtree, Kingston, Wash., for \$2,500. The grand total of \$5,200 will be split, with 50% going to support the 2005 NJAS in Denver, Colo., and the remaining 50% to support junior Angus activities in Washington.



▶ Washington junior Angus members **Melissa Kitchen** (left), Chiacum, and **Kevin Jensen**, Tenino, exhibited heifers throughout the 2003 show season that had been purchased at the 2002 Evergreen Exclusive Angus Sale. The points accumulated by showing qualified them to receive \$800 each. The "High Point Heifer" program is sponsored by the WAA.

▶ Mid-Texas Angus Ass'n Sale



Three \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to college students at a recent Mid-Texas Angus Ass'n sale. All three recipients are students at Texas A&M University in College Station. The Mid-Texas Youth Scholarship Fund was raised through a semen auction. Those who donated semen include Sitz Angus Ranch and Vermilion Ranch, both of Montana; Genex Corp. Inc.; Belle Point Ranch, Arkansas; ABS Global; Select Sires; Roth Angus Ranch, South Dakota; Sydenstricker Genetics, Missouri; and Carpenter Cattle Co., Double Creek Farms, 4B Angus Ranch, and Roden Angus Ranch, all of Texas. Pictured are (from left) Rocky Bunting, MTAA vice president, DeLeon; Larry Pierce, MTAA secretary, Stephenville; and scholarship recipients **Matthew Domel**, Meridian; **Katy Kemp**, Decatur; **Mark Gleason**, Midlothian; and Mike Phinney, MTAA president, Stephenville.



Beartooth heifer headlines Angus Foundation Heifer Package



Beartooth Ranch, Columbus, Mont., will donate one of its outstanding heifers to headline the 2004 Angus Foundation Heifer Package. The package will sell at the 2004 National Western Stock Show (NWSS), and all proceeds from the sale go directly to the Angus Foundation, which supports youth, education and research.

The sale of the package will begin the 2004 National Western Angus Bull Sale, set for 2 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 15 in the Beef Palace Auction Arena at the National Western Complex in Denver, Colo.

The package includes BT Everelda Entense 51N, a January 2003 daughter of Twin Valley Precision E161.

In addition to the heifer, the buyer receives 30 days of free insurance from American Live Stock Insurance Co., Geneva, Ill.; free transportation to the buyer's farm or ranch provided by Lathrop Livestock Transportation, Dundee, Ill.; a flush and three embryo implants into the buyer's recipient cows from Trans Ova Genetics, Sioux Center, Iowa; Ivomec® provided by Merial; an Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) Package from the American Angus Association AIMS Department; and a banner ad from the Angus Productions Inc. (API) Web Marketing Department. Other items, to be announced later, may be added to the package.

"The generosity of Beartooth Ranch is greatly appreciated," says James Fisher, American Angus Association director of activities and junior activities. "Beartooth Ranch is donating a very complete heifer with outstanding genetics."

For more information about the Angus Foundation Heifer Package or other ways you can contribute to the Angus Foundation, visit www.angusfoundation.org, contact the Association at (816) 383-5100 or visit any regional manager.



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