



Thankful for cherished memories

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven."

— *Ecclesiastes 3:1*

This season is a time to be thankful. With Thanksgiving and Christmas quickly approaching, I reflect upon all that I am



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thankful for. I have been blessed with a wonderful family, friends and many people who have supported me throughout my endeavors. I would not be able to seize the many exciting opportunities throughout my life as an Angus breeder without their support.

My family has always been the strongest influence and support in my life, and I thank them for encouraging me to be involved in the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). A lot of my favorite family memories revolve around raising Angus cattle and hauling them across the country to various stock shows. Believe it or not, our family vacation each summer was spent at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). My

life would not be the same without those cherished memories to motivate me to pursue my goals.

My friends tend to grow in number at each Angus event that I attend. My role on the NJAA Board has given me the opportunity to meet people and build relationships with fellow Angus breeders. These relationships inspire me to give 110% to my duties in serving the junior membership. With that service has come many rewards, and I feel truly blessed to have friends who support and motivate me.

I encourage everyone to acknowledge those who have supported you throughout your endeavors. On that same note, don't forget to make an effort to inspire and motivate others. The Angus family has never failed to support me, and I want to thank the many generous breeders who have made a contribution in making the dreams of junior members a reality.

During this holiday season, be thankful for the many people who have helped mold you into the person you have become. I know I am!

— *Joanna Olson, Texas*

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STATE SPOTLIGHTS

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► **Jon Leeper** (right), Argos, receives the Silver Tray Award from **Judith Howell** at the 2004 Indiana State Fair Angus Show. Presented by the Indiana Angus Auxiliary, the award recognizes involvement and achievements in the Indiana Junior Angus Ass'n.



Wisconsin



► **Dana May** (left), Mineral Point, receives her Bronze and Silver awards from **Jerry Casady**, American Angus Association regional manager.

Montana



► Montana Junior Angus Ass'n officers are (from left) **Mandy Jacobs**, Billings, secretary; **Kaleigh Mikelson**, Hobson, vice president; and **Katrina Dubs**, Billings, president. **Pam Patterson**, Columbus, advisor, is also pictured.

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