



Next Generation

► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

Treasure great memories

Christmas is a favorite holiday for many. It's a day when we get to spend time with the people we care about the most, opening those presents we asked for. As we grow older, we have those special memories of this day — whether it be a famous family tradition, or a family recipe.

My greatest memories are of getting up really early on Christmas Day and opening presents with my parents and brother, and then my mom cooking a huge breakfast. After this we always spent lunch and dinner with my mother's side of the family.

Sometimes in our busy schedule we forget to stop and think about what the celebration of this day is really for. We forget to stop and give thanks to our Lord and Savior for giving his only son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins. Christmas Day is more than just spending time with your family and opening presents; it's about giving thanks and celebrating Jesus' birthday.

So on the 25th of this month, let's not just celebrate the great times we have with our family, but let's also celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Jeana Sankey

— Jeana Sankey, Kansas

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► Washington junior Angus members and advisors display the heifer donated by McLean Ranches of Coulee City, Wash., to benefit their junior activities.

Washington donation

The Washington Angus Association received \$4,600 from the auction of a benefit heifer donation at a recent sale in Pasco, Wash. The Evergreen Exclusive Angus Sale was the site for the auction of a registered heifer donated by McLean Ranches of Coulee City, Wash. Jeff and Pam Schmidt of JR

Ranches, Othello, Wash., bid \$2,300 to purchase this package, which included the McLean heifer and additional donations

from Select Sires, Frontier Genetics, Four Cross Ranch and Merial Co. A group of 15 breeders matched this amount to result in a total of \$4,600 to be used to benefit Angus junior activities in the state of Washington and the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) scheduled for July 2005 in Denver, Colo.

Western states raise funds for NJAS through heifer auction

At the 2004 Western National Angus Futurity in Reno, Nev., the Western States Angus Association (WSAA) hosted a heifer auction to benefit the 2005 NJAS. They were able to raise more than \$9,000 for Angus youth.

An October 2003 heifer calf by G Bar Wulff's EXT 9306 was donated by Silveira Bros., Mendota, Calif., and included a package with donations by Larry Lanzon of Turlock, Calif.; Lathrop Livestock Transportation, Dundee, Ill.; and American Live Stock Insurance Co., Geneva, Ill.

A syndicate of nearly 20 breeders purchased the heifer for \$6,800, then donated the heifer back. She was resold to Ray Mar Farms of Oakdale, Calif., for \$2,250.

