



Newsletters

► Items of interest **about** and **for members** of our Angus family

► IN THE NEWS

David Petry, Minot, won the North Dakota Stockmen's Association (NDSA) 2003 Membership Drive Contest for the second consecutive year after signing up 32 new members. **Joel Schmitz**, Enderlin, was honored with second-place recruitment honors for recruiting 10 new NDSA members. **Ted** and **Kay Tescher**, Medora, were honored with the NDSA Rancher of the Year Award.

The NDSA elected Angus breeder **Casey Maher**, Morristown, S.D., to represent District 4 on the NDSA board of directors. Other Angus breeders elected as directors include **John Grann**, Minnewaukan; **David Laaveg**, Park River; **Joel Schmitz**, Enderlin; **Larry Kinev**, Dawson; **Allen Vollmer**, Wing; **Richard Fast**, New Salem; **Jack Reich**, Zap; and **David Petry**, Minot.

Merlyn Carlson, director of agriculture for Nebraska, received the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) Distinguished Service Award for his exceptional leadership and contributions to U.S. red meat exports. The award was presented in November at the USMEF board of directors strategic planning conference in Tucson, Ariz.

► WEDDING

Corinne Blender and **Thomas Patterson** married Oct. 11 in Emporia, Kan. Corinne is an assistant editor at the *Angus Journal*. Tom is a former chairman of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA)

Board of Directors and currently works for MachineryLink in Kansas City, Mo. The couple resides in Easton, Mo.

► ANGUS ARRIVALS

Randy and **Pearlann Pohlman**, Delphos, Ohio, announce the birth of their son, **Austin Douglas**, born Oct. 15. He weighed 8 lb., 9 oz., and was 21 in. long. The Pohlman's own and operate Pohlman Farms Performance Hybrids. Grandparents are Max and Karen McNichols, Baltimore, Ohio, and Jim and Darlene Pohlman, Delphos.

Curtis and **Beth Hedrick** of Hedrick Heritage Farms, Olivet, Mich., announce the birth of their daughter, **Mary Remington Ruth**, on Sept. 7. She weighed 7 lb., 15 oz., and was 21 in. long. Curtis works for Lathrop Livestock Transportation. Grandparents are Quentin and Dorothy Bosworth of Bosworth Farms, Charlotte, Mich., and R.B. Hedrick, Atlanta, Ga.

► IN PASSING

Waymon Ashley, 74, of Fort Worth, Texas, died Oct. 26 at Harris Methodist HEB Hospital in Bedford.

Ashley was born Aug. 19, 1929, in Wynnewood, Okla. He married Stella Sept. 12, 1959.

Ashley's passion and career was in the cattle industry, working with Angus cattle for 45 years. He worked as a regional manager for the American Angus Association in Texas and New Mexico from 1967-1995.

He was a member of St. George's Catholic Church.

Ashley is survived by his wife; two daughters, Stephanie and Leanne; and three grandchildren.

Eloi Clement Stassen, 82, Marshall, Minn., died Oct. 4.

Stassen was born Dec. 18, 1920, to Louis and Mary (Claeys) Stassen. He grew up on the home farm and then farmed it until his death. He married Bernadette DeSutter in 1946. Together they farmed and raised Angus cattle for 56 years, showing cattle all over the United States.

Stassen was a member of the American Angus Association and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA).

He is survived by his wife; daughters Becky, Cindy and Lori; sons Patrick, Michael and Daniel; 18 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

► INDUSTRY EXTRAS

The Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) hired **Tamara Beardsley** to work as communications coordinator. Beardsley will handle media information concerning the association and will work to coordinate publicity and promotions for all special events and programs.

Five ABS representatives received Representative of the Year awards for their districts. The winners are **Wayne Eatinger**, Thedford, Neb.; **Dennis Engelmeyer**, Watertown, S.D.; **Steve Platt**, Pilot Rock, Ore.; **Doug Birt**, Prescott, Iowa; and **Todd and Trina Stum**, Syracuse, Kan.

Experts from the **Colorado State University (CSU) Cooperative Extension** team were recognized with the Team Award given annually by Epsilon Sigma Phi. The Cooperative Extension professional fraternity recognizes teamwork that makes a difference in Colorado communities.

Seedstock Plus LLC hired **Billy Labrier**, Fort Sumner, N.M., as its new marketing director. Labrier's primary responsibilities will be to implement Seedstock Plus's Marketing Assistance Program and enhance customer relations. 