



# Newsmakers

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## IN THE NEWS

**Janet Herkelman**, longtime Angus Productions Inc. (API) employee, retired Nov. 12 after serving the Special Services Department for 18 years. Herkelman worked as a desktop artist, designing sale books and playing a role in the department's sales and business successes. She resides with her husband, David, in Maysville, Mo.

**Nathan Spickler**, Glenfield, N.D., received the 13th annual North Dakota Stockmen's Association (NDSA) scholarship. The \$500 scholarship was awarded to Spickler, a junior studying animal science at North Dakota State University, during the NDSA Diamond Anniversary Convention Sept. 25 in Medora. Spickler plans to return to the family ranch upon graduation. A former president of the North Dakota Junior Angus Association, he is the son of JoAnn and the late Harold Spickler.

**David Petry**, Minot, N.D., has won the NDSA's annual membership drive contest for the third consecutive year. Petry recruited 23 members to join the NDSA during the yearlong drive. Joel Schmitz, Enderlin, N.D., won second place; Jeff Dahl, Gackle, N.D., was awarded third place; and Melvin Leland, Sidney, Mont., and Steve Koester, Steele, N.D., tied for fourth place.

## IN PASSING

**James Stroh**, 69, Wray, Colo., died June 21 at his home.

He was born March 31, 1935, in Larimer County. After serving in the U.S. Army, he married Carolyn J. Loose Feb. 14, 1963, in Denver, Colo. In 1972 the Strohs moved to Wray, where they were involved in cattle ranching.

Before moving to Colorado, James worked for a variety of operations. He accumulated more than 60 years of experience showing, training and merchandising pedigreed livestock. He sold livestock internationally and gained local, regional, national and international show

experience. He also judged numerous local county fairs, as well as the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) Angus heifer show in 1976 and the 100th-year Jubilee in Denver in 1989. He was active in his community as a 4-H leader and junior Angus youth advisor.

James served as president and director of the Colorado Angus Association and as president of the Colorado Junior Angus Association. He was a member of the American Angus Association, the Colorado Angus Association, the National Cattlemen's Association, the Colorado Angus Breeders' Association and the National Western Stock Show Association. He was elected as a delegate to the National Western Stock Show Club and was named Outstanding Angus Promoter in 1982.

He is survived by two daughters, Christine and Anna.

**Carolyn J. Stroh**, 65, Wray, Colo., died at Aurora Medical Center, Aurora, Colo., June 29. Carolyn worked at Martin Marietta in Denver, Colo., before marrying James Stroh Feb. 14, 1963, in Denver. After marrying she became a housewife and was very active in the cattle business. She traveled to all the shows with her husband and children, supporting their livelihood.

Carolyn enjoyed watercolor, oil and china painting, as well as gardening and bird-watching. She was a vice president and member of the Colorado Angus Auxiliary and a delegate to the State Brand Quilt.

She is survived by two daughters, Christine and Anna.



Carolyn and James Stroh

**Reeves Hughes, Jr.**, 81, Germantown, Tenn., died Sept. 29 at his home. A cattleman, real estate investor and manager of several Memphis General Motors dealerships, Reeves was a Marine Corps and Army veteran. He was a member of Knights Templar, Al Chymia Shrine and the Germantown Presbyterian Church. Reeves was a charter member of the Germantown Rotary Club and a 50-year member of the White Station Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; sons Chip and Thomas; and two grandchildren.

## INDUSTRY EXTRAS

**Floyd and Mary Anderson**, Ruso, N.D., were named the NDSA's 2004 Ranchers of the Year. The commercial cattle producers were honored at the NDSA Diamond Anniversary Convention Sept. 25 in Medora for their progressive management efforts and contributions to the cattle industry. The pair have 160 Angus-cross cows and breed them to Angus bulls, while raising their own replacement females and using ultrasound technology. Expected progeny differences (EPDs) are taken into consideration when selecting herd sires, and extensive recordkeeping is utilized.

The **Kent and Rebecca Ott** family, Mulvane, Kan., and the **David and Janna Crosson** family, Minneapolis, Kan., were named the 2004 Kansas American Royal Farm Families of the Year. The two families were honored at an Agricultural Hall of Fame luncheon in Bonner Springs, Kan., at a Governor's Reception in Kansas City, and at the 2004 American Royal Rodeo. The award is sponsored by Kansas City Kansas Community College and the Kansas Farm Management Association.

**Melvin Leland**, Sidney, Mont., has been elected NDSA president. Leland replaces Jeff Dahl, who served two terms as president and was no longer eligible for re-election. In addition, **Mark Huseth**, McLeod, N.D., was elected NDSA vice president; **Tom Schmid**, Oberon, N.D., was re-elected District 1 director; **Jack Reich**, Zap, N.D., was re-elected District 4 director; and **Jim Burke**, Bowman, N.D., was re-elected District 5 director.

**Bruce Hakanson**, McLeod, was elected District 2 director; **Steve Koester**, Steele, N.D., was elected District 3 director; and **Gabe Thompson Jr.**, Antler, N.D., was elected District 6 director.

**John and Marie Marshall**, Towner, N.D., were awarded the NDSA Environmental Stewardship Award. Chosen

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by an awards selection committee, the Marshalls were honored for their conservation-minded practices and ranch philosophy, including participation in conservation programs, rotational grazing, erosion control efforts and more. The couple's operation includes a 350-head predominately Angus cow herd.

**Kenny Fox**, Belvidere, S.D., donated a calf to R-CALF at the Valentine Livestock

Auction sale during a South Dakota Stockgrowers Association (SDSGA) meeting Oct. 14 in Valentine, Neb. In addition to the donation by Fox, the SDSGA's Region 3 vice president, businesses and individual ranchers raised \$8,000 to benefit R-CALF.

**Steve Sellers** has been named director of sales for EDJE Technologies Inc., a business specializing in Web site design, hosting, sale

books and magazine production. Sellers will coordinate advertising sales and marketing services. He is a former regional marketing manager for *The Register*, the official publication of the American Simmental Association.

