

Michigan Angus News

Seasons Greetings from your Association!

Since the last quarterly newsletter, many good things continue to happen. Our deepest appreciation goes out to the crew at Single Tree Farms near Charlotte for hosting the 2015 Field Day. It was an outstanding turnout of adult and junior members, along with many that were not members and several that are involved in other breeds. The program, food, and fellowship was fantastic. The MAA Board is already making plans for 2016 and beyond.

Although we have seen a downturn in prices for fed cattle, cull cattle, and feeder calves in recent months, demand for quality Angus seedstock is still very strong. There have been many good reports from producers who have sold Angus heifers, bulls, and steers for solid prices this fall in consignment sales or by private treaty. In late October, MAA joined with Michigan Simmental Association to hold a bred female sale at UPI in St. Louis. It is an understatement to say that it was standing room only in the sale arena. The bottom line is that the Angus cattle averaged \$3,140.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 5 for the 2016 Michigan Angus Awards Banquet. We have a great venue at Agro-Culture Liquid Fertilizer on M-21 just west of St. Johns. The facility offers a wonderful, interactive agriculture museum. The Auxiliary and the Juniors are planning to meet in the afternoon. Details will be in the February newsletter. This date coincides with the MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Open House that will be held near Crystal earlier in the day. Plan to make a day of it!

The 2016 Michigan Angus Futurity Show and Sale at Beef Expo is rapidly approaching on April 1-2 at the MSU Pavilion in East Lansing. Entry information is on page 3 of this newsletter; the entry deadline is February 1. Consider consigning some of your top cut as this sale has been very strong for many years.

NEW at the Expo in 2016: The Beef Expo committee has added the opportunity for a consignor to enter and sell up to three (3) registered, non-haltered females born on or after January 1, 2014. This includes bred (or calved) 2-year-old females and open yearling heifers. These cattle will not be shown and will be penned in a designated area of the Pavilion. It requires a great deal of time to prepare cattle for a show and for many producers that is a challenge. Here is an opportunity for you to be involved in a new marketing venture. It is still expected that penned females will be presented in an acceptable condition and manner.

As always, if there is anything on your mind concerning the Michigan Angus Association, please contact me by phone or e-mail. My contact info is listed below.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Enjoy the holiday season!

Ken Geuns

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*** Invite a customer or neighbor to join Michigan Angus Association by sharing this newsletter and the form on page 8. Or make a gift of \$25 annual dues! It's also easy to enroll a new member on the website.**

angus calendar

January 13	NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW, DENVER Angus Bull Sale Show & Sale; ROV Angus Bull Show "Angus Night on the Mountain" at Spruce Mountain Ranch
January 14	Junior Angus Heifer Show
January 15	ROV Angus Female Show
January 16	Angus Pen & Carload Show
January 27 - 29	Cattle Industry Convention, San Diego, CA
February 1	Michigan Angus Futurity Show & Sale ENTRIES DUE!
February 13	Michigan Cattlemen's Assn. Annual Conference, East Lansing To register, call 517-347-8117 or visit www.micattlemen.org
March 5	MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Open House, Plank Farms, Crystal
March 5	Michigan Angus Association Awards Banquet Agro-Culture Liquid Fertilizers World HQ, St. Johns
March 19	MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Sale, Plank Farms, Crystal
April 1 - 2	MICHIGAN BEEF EXPO, MSU PAVILION, EAST LANSING Michigan Angus Futurity Show & Sale
April 3	MSU Block & Bridle Club Junior Heifer & Steer Show



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new! awards banquet

saturday, march 5

Agro-Culture Liquid Fertilizers World Headquarters

3055 W. M-21, St. Johns, 48879

The transition from a Sunday annual meeting to a Saturday awards banquet is the result of the survey and discussion held at our 2015 annual meeting.

Michigan Angus Association's **annual meeting** will now be held at our field day in the summer.

The tentative schedule for the March 5 **awards banquet** includes afternoon meetings of Michigan Junior Angus Association, Michigan Angus Auxiliary and Michigan Angus Association board of directors, a reception at 5 p.m., dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by the awards program.

There will be time in the afternoon to experience Agro-Culture Liquid Fertilizer's IQ Hub, a center for agricultural history, innovation, and exploration.

Menu, reservation form and details of the March 5 banquet will be in the next newsletter.

We will celebrate the 50th anniversary of MJAA at Angus events throughout the year!

michigan angus futurity show & sale

SHOW: Friday, April 1

SALE: Saturday, April 2

Held in conjunction with the 2016 Michigan Beef Expo, MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

SPECIAL AWARDS: \$200 for Champion Bull & Female and \$100 for Res. Champion Bull & Female

SALE CO-CHAIRS: Ken Geuns (517) 230-8502, geuns@msu.edu and Rebecca VanDenBerg (616) 617-7395, rebeccavdb@live.com

ENTRY FORMS ACCEPTED BY MAIL OR ONLINE: Visit www.michiganangus.org to enter online & pay fees using PayPal.

ENTRY DEADLINE: February 1

ENTRY FEE: \$100 per lot

MICHIGAN ANGUS ASSOC. DUES: \$25

SALE CATEGORIES

- Cow/calf pairs must have natural calf at side. Pairs considered one lot.
- Cows must be 5 years old or younger.
- Bulls must be born on or after 1/1/14 through 4/30/15
- Embryo lots are permitted.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

All cattle must meet the Michigan Beef Expo health requirements before check-in time. All sale cattle must have negative test results for Bovine Viral Diarrhea (BVD) and all bulls must pass a Breeding Soundness Exam in order to sell.

NEW for 2016: An individual consignor to the Futurity may enter up to three (3) REGISTERED, non-HALTERED females that are born on or after January 1, 2014. These cattle will not be shown. The consignor must provide certificates of registration from AAA. Cattle will be penned in a designated area of the MSU Pavilion. Please indicate on the entry form if your entries will be haltered and shown.

GENETIC TESTING: MAA requires sale consignments that are potential carriers of AM, NH or CA be tested for any known lethal genetic defect for which there is a commercial test available. Test results MUST be available and provided when entries are submitted. The consignor is responsible for the cost of this testing. If the animal is confirmed as a carrier, it will not be cataloged. All other cattle must be free by pedigree for any known lethal genetic defect for which there is a commercial test available. If you are unsure of the status of your consignments, please call the American Angus Association at 816-385-5500. To discuss issues related to genetic testing procedures, please contact Casey Jentz, AAA Regional Manager at 608-234-1998.

DUES and ENTRY FEES: All consignors must be current members of the Michigan Angus Association before consigning to the Michigan Angus Futurity. If not currently a paid member, please add \$25 for membership dues to your entry fee.

ALL consignors to sales held in conjunction with the Michigan Beef Expo must also be members of the Michigan Cattlemen's Association. For more information regarding this policy, please contact MCA at 517-347-8117.

Entry fee of \$100 per lot is due by February 1, 2016. Entries received after 2/1/16 will be required to pay \$150 per head entry fee.

SUBMISSION of ENTRIES and FEES: For on-line entry and fee payment, please visit www.michiganangus.org. Fees may be paid on-line using PayPal. For mailed entries, please complete and submit the form below along with a check (made payable to Michigan Angus Association) for all fees. Please mail to: Rebecca VanDenBerg, 4195 Barry Street, Hudsonville, MI 49426.

High quality photos and footnotes are strongly encouraged and should be submitted by entry deadline to Rebecca VanDenBerg by mail or e-mail. Photos not deemed suitable, will not be used.

ENTRY FORM

CONSIGNOR NAME

FARM NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

ZIP

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

SETTLEMENT CHECK PAYABLE TO: _____

REGISTERED ANIMAL NAME

AAA REGISTRATION NUMBER (REQUIRED)

SEX

BIRTH DATE

Haltered and shown: _____ OR Penned and not shown: _____

REGISTERED ANIMAL NAME

AAA REGISTRATION NUMBER (REQUIRED)

SEX

BIRTH DATE

Haltered and shown: _____ OR Penned and not shown: _____

*If any of your entries are bred females, please include registered name and AAA number of service sire and the date the female was bred.

Please make additional copies of this form if you have more than two animals to consign.

junior association news

2015-16 Michigan Junior Angus Association

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National Junior Angus Show • Angus Leading the Way, Tulsa, Oklahoma, July 2015

All roads led to Tulsa, Oklahoma last July for the 2015 National Junior Angus Show. Nearly 800 Angus exhibitors from across the country exhibited 1,169 entries in the very hot and muggy Oklahoma weather. Michigan was represented by 13 Juniors who exhibited cattle or participated in numerous contests throughout the week. Seven head of cattle were exhibited by Kenda Merriman, Sterling Reichenbach, Rachel Reid, Katie Reid and Maggie Reid. The Michigan group placed 3rd in the Herdsmanship contest in the 15 or fewer head division. We had the best sign in the barn! The Michigan Juniors would like to thank the MacMaster Family for donating the quilt they purchased at the annual banquet for our NJAS silent auction donation item. We participated in the Annual Tailgate Party and distributed Michigan Cherries to a crowd of hungry visitors. Thanks to the Michigan Angus Association for donating the cherries!

Michigan fielded competitive teams in the Quiz Bowl Contest (Blake Pillars, Brady Zellmer, Paige Zellmer & Thea Zellmer) and the Team Fitting Contest (Rachel Reid, Maggie Reid, Brady Zellmer & Blake Pillars). They worked hard and learned a lot. Michigan's Junior Cook-Off team (Blake, Brady, Paige and Thea) rocked their Kung Fu Panda skit and perfectly presented their Quick CAB Oriental Stir Fry to the judges. They finished in a tie for second with their recipe and place third overall in the Junior Steak Division. Lori Pillars did an outstanding job with the table presentation. Special 'THANKS' to Katie and Rachel for managing this group of rising stars. And a 'Well Done' to Drill Sergeant Bob Zellmer for helping the kids with their lines. They didn't miss a single one! Team Merriman (Sue and DeeAnne) participated in the Chef's Challenge and whipped up a tasty entry for the judges. In addition to showing two heifers, Maggie Reid, Michigan Angus Queen, attended the Queen's Tea and helped distribute class awards with the other Queens. Rachel Reid competed in the National Showmanship Contest and Kendra ran for the National Junior Angus Association Board of Directors.

In addition to the contests listed above, here is the list of contests Michigan Juniors participated in: Jack Reid, Extemporaneous Public Speaking; Blake Pillars, Photography; Austin Pillars, Creative Writing, 3rd place intermediate division; Photography - HM Around The Farm Intermediate Division; Brady Zellmer, Extemporaneous Public Speaking; Paige Zellmer, Creative Writing; Thea Zellmer, Photography - 1st place Cattle junior division & 5th overall photo in the NJAS contest, Extemporaneous Public Speaking; Matt MacMaster - Judging Contest; 1st place with his emergency appendectomy; Maire MacMaster - Judging Contest; Kendra Merriman - 2nd place Resume in the senior division of Career Development; 3rd place in the senior division of Creative Writing; Graphic Design; 2nd place Cattle senior division of Photography.

The kids had a blast at the show! Thank you to everyone who helped with a word of encouragement, donations of time, talent and funds and everything in between. We couldn't have done it without you! The Michigan Juniors would like to thank Kendra for her leadership and hard work through the years as she moves on to the next chapter in her Angus adventure. Good Luck, Kendra! Thanks also to Sue Merriman and Heidi Johnson for all the hard work and creativity they shared with the group while serving as advisors.

NJAA 2015 LEAD Conference Report • by Austin Pillars

A road "untraveled" describes the experience I had attending the LEAD Conference held in Seattle, WA August 6-9, 2015. It started with the MJAA voting to provide one junior member with a \$1,000 scholarship to cover the registration fee and traveling expenses. Then, the real work began. I wrote my first resume and answered two essay questions as to why I wanted to attend LEAD along with seeking a letter of recommendation. While exhibiting at the Michigan Preview Show I learned my fate. I was very excited and extremely honored to be chosen as the first recipient of the LEAD Conference Scholarship.

By attending LEAD I experienced my first airplane ride. I must say I am looking forward to flying again sometime soon as I greatly enjoyed it. While there I roomed with guys from Iowa, Idaho and Missouri. That was a blast! I met some really cool kids from all over the country with varying herd sizes and cattle experience. The conference provided me with many opportunities to learn new things. For example, at the Genex session I learned how to select good quality Angus bulls. I learned at the sales session how to better promote the breed name to the public, and ensure them with the safest quality product possible. It certainly wasn't all work while attending the conference. We had time to visit the Space Needle. I went to the top where there was a large screen where you could record your name and city. The scenery from the top was just amazing! Pike's Place was a fun very busy market place where there were lots of little shops and crazy yelling fisherman throwing fish around to wrap for customers. While watching them I became very thankful for being a farmer and not a fisherman. I'd rather smell manure all day than those smelly fish.

As I flew home I reflected on the whole experience I had from the beginning to the end. I realized one very important thing. My trip would not have been possible without the generous support of the Michigan Junior Angus Association. Thank you very much for this outstanding opportunity to meet others from all parts of the country with similar interests, and how to better promote the great breed called Angus. I encourage all MJAA members who meet the requirements of the scholarship to apply and take advantage of this great opportunity.

auxiliary news

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Awards Chair	Nancy Thelen	Past President (Advisor)	Sharon Vaassen

Seasons Greetings from the Michigan Angus Auxiliary!

We hope this finds you all well and enjoying the season with family and friends. The Auxiliary proudly continues to sponsor and support our junior membership, with awards, scholarships, and assistance! We are excited to be sponsoring a drawing for a show halter for the second year. Junior members who have been awarded Champion Angus Heifer or Steer at a county fair are eligible for this award. Juniors submitted their names to Nancy Thelen, Awards Chair, and the show halter was presented at the Angus Show at the Winter Beef Classic.

Miss Michigan Angus Applications Due February 1

The Auxiliary is looking for young ladies that would like to represent the Michigan Angus Auxiliary, Association and Junior Associations throughout the year as the Michigan Angus Queen. This is open to any active Michigan Junior Angus members that are at least 14 years of age and are Michigan residents. You will be responsible for attending state shows and are invited to attend the National Junior Angus Show, Angus field day and Angus sales as well as any other functions approved by the committee. We are encouraging any interested ladies to apply as we also have positions available for Angus Ambassadors, as well. This is a fun experience with the opportunity to meet fellow Angus enthusiasts in Michigan and across the state.

Eligible candidates will need to submit an application with a short essay and complete the interview process. The new Miss Michigan for 2016 will be crowned at the Annual Banquet on March 5. For additional information or an application please contact Ricka Boehmer at 517-719-3158, or refer to the application posted on line. Applications are due by Monday, February 1, 2016 to 720 Colony Ct. Niles, MI 49120.

Auxiliary Scholarship Applications Due April 1

We know this time of year is very busy for all, however, we would like to extend an invitation to our junior membership regarding scholarship applications. Any Junior Angus member who will be graduating from High School this year is eligible to apply for a Michigan Angus Scholarship. Winners of our state scholarship will be eligible for consideration at the National Level. As always April 1st is the deadline to submit scholarship applications. Christmas break would be a great time to start this process!! The application can be confusing, please take advantage of Mrs. Janel Horrocks-Boehmer's offer to assist. She has extensive knowledge regarding the application process and will gladly assist any member who contacts her. She can be reached at jhorrocks211@yahoo.com or at 517.449.7345

You are invited to join the Auxiliary!

The Auxiliary welcomes new members! If you are interested in becoming involved in our activities, contact Kris Boehmer 517-712-0421 or Sharon Vaassen 734-663-8071. A membership form is posted on the web site, and printed in the Michigan Angus Directory.

contest and show reports

Michigan Angus Field Day • August 15 at Single Tree Farms, Charlotte

Several educational contests were held at the Michigan Angus Field Day held at Single Tree Farms. In the youth photography contest the Judge's Choice Award went to Jaycie Brown. In the judging contest youth junior division Brady Zellmer earned first place, Jack Reid was second and Ellie Nowak was third. In the youth senior division first place went to Austin Pillars, second to Quinten Andrews, and third to Emily Wyma. The winner of the adult division of the judging contest was Lori Pillars. Kevin Beckington was second and Monte Bordner was third. A quiz bowl contest was also held. Winning team members were Jaycie Brown, Austin Pillars, Rob Reid and Brady Zellmer. Members of the second place team were Justin Bucholtz, Scott Foster, Blake Pillars and Jack Reid. All of the junior winners received premiums donated by Dawson Farms from Hanover and Hy-View Farm, Merle and Janel Horrocks-Boehmer from Williamston.

Michigan State Fair • Labor Day Weekend, 2015 at Suburban Showcase, Novi

The 2015 Fifth-Third Michigan State Fair held in Novi was again very successful. In the beef show the Champion Angus Female in the Jr. Show was exhibited by Danielle Wood-Seddon, and the Champion Angus Female in the Open Show was exhibited by Katie Romzek. Maggie Reid exhibited the Reserve Champion Angus Female in both the Open and Jr. Show. The Champion Angus Bull in both the Open and Jr. Show was exhibited by Kendra Merriman.

Michigan Junior Winter Beef Classic • December 11-13 at MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Michigan juniors led out twelve Angus steers and twenty-one Angus heifers at the recent 2015 Michigan Jr. Winter Beef Classic held December 11-13 at the MSU Livestock Pavilion. Sterling Reichenbach exhibited the Champion Angus Heifer which was also selected as the Supreme Champion Over All Breeds. Jason Zeilke exhibited the Reserve Champion Angus Heifer and she was selected as the Fifth Place Over All Breeds Heifer. The Champion Bred and Owned Female was another heifer owned by Sterling Reichenbach and this heifer was selected as the Reserve Supreme Over All Breeds Bred and Owned Heifer. Blake Pillars owned the Reserve Champion Bred and Owned Angus Heifer and she was selected as the Fifth Place Over All Breeds Bred and Owned Heifer. Other class winners in the heifer show included Kollin Johnson, Bailey Hoppa, and Madison Webster. Blake Pillars earned the Reserve Champion Jr. Heifer Showman award and Kollin Johnson placed tenth overall in the Sr. Heifer Showmanship competition. The Champion Angus Steer was owned by Katrena Klopfenstein and her steer was also selected as the Fourth Place Overall Bred and Owned Steer. The Reserve Champion Angus Steer was owned by Kollin Johnson. Other class winners in the steer show were exhibited by Mike Brown and Hunter Brown. Congratulations to all the juniors who participated.

aaa report

by **Scott Foster, American Angus Association Board of Directors**

This is my last report, as my two three-year terms on the AAA board came to a close this past November at the annual meeting. I want to thank everyone in Michigan and around the U.S. for their support and help over the last six years!

Here's a quick report of highlights of the 2015 AAA "Angus Means Business" National Convention held in November at Overland Park, Kansas:

- Michigan was well represented at the conference. Delegates reported that the programs were excellent as were the trade show and meeting.
- The AAA bylaw change was adopted at the meeting. If you have questions, consult the website (www.angus.org) for more info.
- One incumbent director and four new directors were elected: Don Schiefelbein, Chuck Grove, Mike McCravy, James Coffey and Mick Varlick.
- The trade show was bigger and better this year and even more is planned for future conventions.
- Our new CEO Allen Moczygemba was introduced to members, and the only question was how to pronounce his last name! (Consult AJ!)
- Next year the annual meeting and conference is in Indianapolis. Plan to attend next November!
- I am always willing to answer questions and help with any problems that might come up, so feel free to give me a call.

the veterinary feed directive **Now is the time to start planning**

by Dan Grooms DVM, PhD, Michigan State University, College of Veterinary Medicine

The Landscape

The use of pharmaceutical products in food animals is under close scrutiny by the general public and regulatory agencies around the world. The scrutiny is especially intense with respect to antimicrobial use (antibiotic and antimicrobial are the same thing).

Antimicrobial use in food animals is regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Regulatory oversight provides assurance in the development of safe products and that no harmful residues enter the food supply. In 2012, the FDA finalized Guidance for Industry #209 which provides a framework for the voluntary adoption of practices to ensure the appropriate or judicious use of medically important antimicrobial drugs in food-producing animals. This framework includes the principles of phasing in such measures as 1) limiting medically important antimicrobial drugs to uses in food-producing animals that are considered necessary for assuring animal health and 2) limiting such drugs to uses in food-producing animals that include veterinary oversight or consultation.

Veterinary Feed Directive

In 2013, FDA finalized Guidance for Industry #213. This document essentially implemented the two principles of GFI #209 for feed and water antimicrobials. This document does two things; 1) it eliminated the use medically important antimicrobials for production purposes (e.g. growth promotion) and 2) it requires that feed antimicrobials must be used under the guidance of licensed veterinarians using what is referred to as a veterinary feed directive (VFD). Although different in mechanics, a VFD is essentially a prescription.

So what does this mean? Essentially, all medically important antimicrobials that are delivered in feed will require that a VFD be issued by a licensed veterinarian. The same is true for antimicrobials delivered through water, although in this case, a prescription from a licensed veterinarian is needed, not a VFD. Bottom line, you will no longer be able to get feed or water antimicrobials over-the-counter. It will require a VFD or prescription from your veterinarian. These changes go into affect on January 1, 2017. It affects all food production animals – cattle, swine, sheep, goats, poultry, fish, honey bees, etc.

Medically Important Antimicrobials

The VFD only affects what are called medically important antimicrobials. Common medically important antimicrobials use in feed for livestock include tetracyclines, tylosin and sulfa's. The VFD will not affect feed products such as ionophores (monensin), coccidiostats and anthelmintics.

The Plan

So, as food animal producers interested and responsible for the safe use of antimicrobials, what should you be doing now?

1. Learn about the VFD and its requirements. You have a year to learn and develop a plan.
2. Develop a proper Veterinary-Client-Patient Relationships (VCPR). This relationship will be necessary to get antimicrobials covered by a VFD or prescription and likely will become more important in the future.
3. Work with your veterinarian to understand the VFD and how it will affect your operation. Now is the time to develop a plan on how best to implement on your operation.

Let's be clear, the livestock industry as a whole has a great track record of providing safe food. However, times keep changing and the demands of the public make it essential that the livestock industry be above reproach in regard to antimicrobial use. That means that what we did yesterday may not be good enough today. Let's all step forward and take a role in ensuring careful use of antimicrobials. It is in the best interest of the animals we care for and the public who buy our products. It is the right thing to do!

For more information on the VFD visit the following sites:

FDA VFD <http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/DevelopmentApprovalProcess/ucm071807.htm>

Feedstuffs VFD Central <http://feedstuffs.com/vfd.aspx>

michigan angus miscellany

Michigan Angus Association 2016 Dues

It's time to renew your membership for 2016. A current membership will ensure continuation of the newsletter, will allow a free listing on our website, provides the opportunity for free ad postings in the Angus Market section of the website, and to market cattle through the Angus Futurity and Fall Sale. Even if you are a life member, please complete the membership application in this newsletter or online at www.michiganangus.org and indicate if you want to receive the newsletter by mail or e-mail. We also receive frequent requests from people interested in purchasing cattle. If you would like to be contacted with these inquiries and other timely information be sure to list your e-mail address. If you have any questions about your membership please contact any of the officers or directors.

Make a \$75 Commitment to Help Promote the Breed and your Herd

As a benefit of membership, Michigan Angus Association organizes a quarterly cooperative ad in The Michigan Cattleman magazine. You must be a current member of the Michigan Angus Association to be included. First come, first served! Ad information received by January 15 (space permitting) will be included in the Spring issue of The Michigan Cattleman.

If you would like to be listed in the two-page ad during 2016, mail your information or business card to the association secretary: Grace Boehmer, 6125 Matthews Road Olivet, MI 49076 and include your check for \$75 for a one inch ad for the calendar year. Or, submit and pay for your ad online at: www.michiganangus.org/mca-ad-renewal

Remembrance of Angus Friends

Ms. Nancy Elizabeth (Turner) Bohlen, age 76 of Brighton passed away October 15, 2015 at Arbor Hospice in Ann Arbor, MI following a short battle with kidney cancer. She was born in Champaign, IL, a daughter of Keith Turner and Thelma (Primmer) Turner, and graduated from Champaign High School and the University of Illinois. Nancy Bohlen was President and Broker/Owner of Preview Properties, Inc., a company she founded over 30 years ago. In her 40 year real estate career, she set the standard for honesty, integrity, professionalism and service. She was honored as a Realtor of the Year and was past president of the Livingston County Association of Realtors. Nancy also had a life-long interest in Angus cattle and had many friends in the livestock industry. She was well known for her love of her grandchildren, cooking, travel, college and pro sports and friends. Surviving include mother Thelma Turner, daughter Lisa Bohlen (Mike Gordon), son Scott (Kayla) Bohlen, sister Jane (Lelan) Kapp, grandchildren Jack, Grace and Ryan Bohlen and father of her children Robert Bohlen, as well as many special aunts, cousins and friends. Predeceased by her father, Keith Turner. Memorial contributions in Nancy Bohlen's name are suggested to either Gleaner's Community Food Bank; 5924 Sterling Drive; Howell, MI 48843 or to Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute; 4100 John R; Detroit, MI 48201. Please visit Nancy's Book of Memories at www.keehfunerallhome.com.

Richard Kern "Dick" Crissman, M.D., passed away at home on December 1, 2015, at the age of 90. Dick attended Williams College on the Navy's V-12 program, where he met an artistic Bennington girl, Patricia Eells; they were married from 1947 until her death in 2001. He attended medical school at Marquette University and subsequently served in veterans' hospitals in Hot Springs, AR, and Bainbridge, MD, at the end of WWII and during the Korean War with his life-long friend, Dr. Robert Good. Dick became a general surgeon and served on the staff of St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids for almost 50 years, continuing his general practice after that, and finally as a doc for the Kent County jail well into his 80s. He made house calls, stitched people up at the kitchen table, and occasionally took an orphan newborn lamb to the hospital where it followed him as he made rounds. He felt a deep need to be useful. He had a private practice from the time the family moved to Caledonia in 1952 until he retired in 2005, with nurse Ilene Anthony and receptionist Judy Laninga. He had a life of wide-ranging accomplishment. At various times he played guitar, piano, banjo, standup bass, and bagpipes. He sang with the Williams College Octet, and marched with a tuba in the Scottville Clown Band until he could no longer carry it, and then played the sit-down events. He even played duets with grandchildren at school concerts. He built Shagbark Farm, south of the village of Alaska, mostly with a home-grown workforce of kids, where they raised Angus cattle and Shropshire sheep. He served on the Caledonia School Board, the Kent County Fair Board, was Secretary for the West Michigan Angus Association, was pivotal in the formation of the Michigan Junior Angus Association, organized Cooley (Detroit) high school reunions, and sponsored amateur races in conjunction with the AuSable Canoe Marathon. The same hands that removed thousands of inflamed appendixes, built miles of fence, and threw thousands of bales of hay, could amaze you with Rustle of Spring on the piano. To show his love for the MSU Spartan marching band, he dyed his mustache green. Perhaps his most enduring avocation was as a humorist; he had a memory for jokes that was unrivaled and unbridled by good taste. He occasionally took the stage at comedy clubs and at LaughFest, and he could bring down the house. (Check out Dick Crissman on YouTube!) He loved to make people laugh, and in return was loved by many patients, neighbors, friends, and colleagues. He was predeceased by his beloved wife Trish, son Charley, and best friends, Bob and Pat Good. He is survived by seven children: Katie (Geof) Eroe of Phoenix, Jim (Jill Haver-Crissman) of Midland, Susan Parker of Shaftsbury, Jane (Ed) Dyer of Alto, John of Caledonia, Bob (Lesley) of Naples/Indian Harbour Beach, Florida, and Molly (Jim) Walters of Spring Lake, as well as many grandchildren and great grandchildren. The family is deeply grateful for the loving care provided by Todd Hebert, Gauthier Family Home Care, and Faith Hospice. Please make contributions to American Legion Post 305, 9548 Cherry Valley SE, Caledonia, MI 49316, or the charity of your choice .

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