

Michigan Angus News

Seasons Greetings from your Association!

Since the last quarterly newsletter, many good things have happened. Our deepest appreciation goes out to the faculty, staff, and students at the Michigan State University Beef Center in East Lansing for hosting the 2016 Field Day. This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Michigan Junior Angus Association. The organizational meeting was held at MSU so it was only fitting that this year's Field Day was held at MSU. It was a good turnout of adult and junior members and an excellent program was provided by MSU.

The cattle market continues to be very tough, however the demand for quality Angus cattle 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 or private sales. In late October, the MAA joined in with the Michigan Simmental Association to hold our 2nd Annual Female Sale at UPI in St. Louis. Interest was good and prices were very strong.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 4 for the 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. Specific information on schedule is on page 2. A reservation form will be in the February issue. 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. The dates will be March 31 – April 1 at the MSU Pavilion in East Lansing. Entry information is on page 3 of this newsletter. Entry deadline is February 1. Consider consigning some of your top cut as this sale has been very strong for many years.

Continuing for 2017... The Beef Expo will once again provide the opportunity for a consignor to enter and sell up to three registered, non-haltered females born on or after January 1, 2015. This includes bred (or calved) 2-year-old females and open yearling heifers. It requires a great deal of time to prepare cattle for a show and for many producers this is a challenge. These cattle will not be shown and will be penned in a designated area of the Pavilion, so this is a new opportunity for you to be involved in the Expo! It is still expected that these cattle are presented in an acceptable condition and manner. Why not give it try?

As always, if there is anything on your mind concerning the Michigan Angus Association, please contact me at 517-230-8502 or email to geuns@msu.edu.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Please enjoy the Holiday Season.

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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 11	NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW, DENVER Angus Bull Sale Show and ROV Angus Bull Show National Western Angus Bull Sale & Angus Foundation Event
January 12	Junior Angus Heifer Show
January 13	ROV Angus Female Show
January 14	Angus Pen & Carload Show
January 21	Michigan Cattlemen's Assn. Annual Conference, East Lansing To register, call 517-347-8117 or visit www.micattlemen.org
February 1	Michigan Angus Futurity Show & Sale ENTRIES DUE!
February 1 – 3	Cattle Industry Convention & NCBA Trade Show, Nashville, TN
March 4	MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Open House, Plank Farms, Crystal
March 4	Michigan Angus Association Awards Banquet Agro-Culture Liquid Fertilizers World HQ, St. Johns
March 18	MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Sale, Plank Farms, Crystal
March 31 – April 1	MICHIGAN BEEF EXPO, MSU PAVILION, EAST LANSING Michigan Angus Futurity Show & Sale
April 2	MSU Block & Bridle Club Junior Heifer & Steer Show

It's easy to renew your
Michigan Angus membership
 for 2017 – either use the form
 on page 8 or visit the website.
 Join us in promoting the
Angus breed in our state!

Members Can List Events on the Michigan Angus Calendar FREE!

We'll help promote your sales, events and meetings in our newsletter and website. Submit the name of the event, date, time, location and pertinent details to the association secretary: Grace Boehmer, 6125 Matthews Road, Olivet, MI 49076 or send an e-mail to singletreefarms1@gmail.com!

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2017 awards banquet

saturday, march 4

Agro-Culture Liquid Fertilizers World Headquarters

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Afternoon Meetings, Reception and Banquet followed by the Awards Program.
Featuring a celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Michigan Angus Auxiliary!

The schedule includes **afternoon meetings** of the Michigan Junior Angus Association, the Michigan Angus Auxiliary and the Michigan Angus Association board of directors (meetings are open to all who are interested), and **tours** of Agro-Culture Liquid Fertilizer's IQ Hub, a center for agricultural history, innovation, and exploration.

- 1:00 p.m. Tour of the "IQ Hub"
- 2:00 p.m. Michigan Jr. Angus Association meeting - open to all
- 2:30 p.m. Repeat tour of the "IQ Hub"
- 3:30 p.m. Michigan Angus Auxiliary Annual Meeting - open to all
- 3:30 p.m. Michigan Angus Association Board Meeting - open to all
- 5:00 p.m. Reception celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Michigan Angus Auxiliary
- 5:30 p.m. Awards Banquet and Program

Watch for the reservation form and menu in the February 2017 newsletter!

michigan angus futurity show & sale

SHOW: Friday, March 31 SALE: Saturday, April 1

Held in conjunction with the 2017 Michigan Beef Expo, MSU Pavilion

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

SALE CO-CHAIRS: Ken Geuns (517) 230-8502, geuns@msu.edu and Evan Boehmer (517) 652-3065, singletreefarms1@gmail.com

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

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. In addition, the MI Angus Association has adopted the MI Cattlemen's Association Vaccination Stamp Program for cattle that will participate in the Futurity. Please refer to the following for specific vaccination requirements: http://www.micattlemen.org/CMDocs/MichiganCA/2014_Example_Vaccination_Sheet.pdf

PENNED FEMALES: An individual consignor to the Futurity may enter up to three (3) REGISTERED, non-HALTERED females that are born on or after January 1, 2015. These females will be penned in a designated area of the MSU Pavilion. Penned females **will not** be shown. Consignor must provide certificates of registration from AAA. *Please indicate on the entry form if your female entries will be haltered and shown OR penned and not shown.*

GENETIC TESTING: MAA requires sale consignments that are potential carriers any known lethal genetic defect for which there is a commercial test available, be tested. Test results **MUST** be available and provided when entries are submitted. Consignor is responsible for the cost of testing. If the animal is confirmed as a carrier, it will not be cataloged. 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. 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, 2017. Entries received after 2/1/17 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: Ken Geuns, 4995 Sleight Road, Bath, MI 48808

HIGH QUALITY PHOTOS are strongly encouraged and should be submitted with entries and footnotes by Feb. 1, 2017.

----- 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

Halter and shown: _____ OR Penned and not shown: _____

REGISTERED ANIMAL NAME

AAA REGISTRATION NUMBER (REQUIRED)

SEX

BIRTH DATE

Halter 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

2016 Michigan Junior Angus Association

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Hello from the Michigan Junior Angus Association!

We have been busy since the last newsletter was mailed out. In June we elected new officers. Our executive board, directors and advisors are listed above.

The 2016 National Junior Angus Show was held in Grand Island, Nebraska in July. It was exciting to see so many exhibitors from all parts of the country. Kollin Johnson and I had the responsibility of being voting delegates to elect six new members to the NJAA board. That was quite an undertaking that took lots of time to meet the candidates, attend the annual meeting and vote. Kollin and I both agreed that it was a great experience and we would enjoy doing it again.

As for the CAB Cook-Off, we did not have the best of luck, but sure had a lot of fun. We are proud of our Junior Team members for placing first with the best recipe in the other meat category. I must say the shredded beef tacos were good.

Moving ahead now to the Winter Beef Classic we are going to try something new this year to increase our junior membership. All officers and directors are going to wear shirts with a question on the back. It states, "Ask me about the Michigan Junior Angus Assn." The junior member with the most new memberships will receive \$50 from Mr. Rob Reid. The other thing that we are going to try is a pizza party on Saturday night at the show to drum up interest in the association. If there are any adult members that would like to come help with the party we would greatly appreciate your help. We are planning on starting it around 6:30 pm in one of the classrooms.

On behalf of the Michigan Junior Angus Association members I would like to wish everyone a safe, joyful and fun holiday season.

Respectfully Yours,
Austin Pillars, President

MJAA at the NJAS "From the Sand Dunes to the Sand Hills" • by Brady Zellmer

Continuing a tradition of success, Michigan Junior Angus members chose "From the Sand Dunes of Michigan to the Sandhills of Nebraska" as the state's theme for 2016. Their teamwork, planning and dedication brought them many honors, much success, and fond memories as they participated in the 2016 "Stampede the Sandhills," National Junior Angus Show, held in Grand Island, Nebraska.

Fourteen junior members and their families traveled from the "sand dunes to the sandhills" as they participated in the show held July 3 – 9. Participants included Austin and Blake Pillars from Martin; Amanda and Kris Kosal from Deckerville; John Reid and Maggie Reid from Eaton Rapids; Kollin and Kavina Johnson from Quincy; Brady, Paige and Thea Zellmer from Nashville; Jaycie Brown from Pinckney; Alexandria Schut from Belding; and Sterling Reichenbach from Bath.

Michigan transported 39 gallons of "Red, White, and Moo" ice cream to Grand Island. To kick off the exciting week on the 4th of July, Michigan juniors served 750 ice cream cones and cake in recognition of the Michigan Junior Angus Association's 50th birthday at the NJAS Tailgate Party in approximately 1 hour. The juniors selected the ice cream from MOO-Ville Dairy in Nashville, Michigan and made the trip to Nebraska with the Zellmer family. The ice cream was a big hit with the thermometer reading 95 degrees and a cool refreshment for the participants. Special thanks to the Michigan Angus Association for their generous contribution to support the "tailgate party" initiative and ice cream and cake served.

The juniors competed in many of the given contests. The Michigan juniors placed fourth in herdsmanship for states exhibiting up to 15 head of cattle. There was one Creative Writing entry from Blake Pillars which won second place in the junior division. It was another successful year for all Michigan Cook-Off teams. The junior team received top-honors for their recipe of Certified Angus Beef Shredded Spicy Beef Tacos and displayed a wonderful skit that represented the United States Presidential debate. The intermediate team used the recipe, created by participant Austin Pillars, Certified Angus Beef Maple Steak Breakfast Wraps and presented their skit as the "2016 Super Bowl" press conference. Many of the juniors also participated in a variety of individual contests such as photography, judging and extemporaneous public speaking, quiz bowl, cattle judging and team fitting.

Our 2016 Miss Michigan Angus Amanda Kosal, did an excellent job representing our state and assisting with show ring presentations. We were proud to have Kollin Johnson and Alexandria Schut represent Michigan in the prestigious National Jr. Angus Showmanship Contest. Kollin also received the \$1,650 second place boys scholarship from the American Angus Auxiliary. Congratulations to Kollin and all the junior accomplishments.

Every Michigan junior and adult in attendance was instrumental to the success of the group and contributed to an outstanding state representation. By the end of a busy show week, everyone appreciated the trip, the comradery, dedication, and memories from the "sand dunes to the sandhills."

aaa regional manager's report

The American Angus Association is the nation's largest beef breed organization, serving more than 25,000 members across the United States, Canada and several other countries. It's home to an extensive breed registry that grows by nearly 300,000 animals each year.

Dear Michigan Angus Breeders,

I hope everyone is getting ready for a wonderful holiday season. It's a great time of year to celebrate with family and friends, and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

At the American Angus Association, we have much to be grateful for. It's been a stand-out year for Angus registrations and a time of great progress for our breed. During the recent Angus Convention in Indianapolis, CEO Allen Moczygemba unveiled our organization's new Long-Range Strategic Plan.

Extensive surveys, focus groups and market analyses resulted in a bevy of valuable insight that revealed challenges and opportunities for the Association and registered Angus genetics in a rapidly evolving business. Main themes included changing market dynamics; increased competition, technological and informational needs; and growing international opportunities and beef demand.

Key points call for the establishment of the Genomic Education Center, a multi-use facility that will expand the Association's Saint Joseph, Mo., headquarters as well as its capabilities to conduct research, disseminate information and provide education to the industry; greater service and information sharing with the commercial cattle sector to drive the value of registered Angus genetics; and increased research emphasis on traits like fertility, feet and leg structure and other areas.

Read the news article online for more information. If you weren't able to make it to the Angus Convention, you can watch Allen's presentation online. And be sure to check out Angus Media's Newsroom for a collection of articles, videos and audio from the event. Speaking of the Angus Convention, we enjoyed hosting more than 2,000 cattle producers in downtown Indianapolis for a fantastic gathering of cattlemen and women. The educational sessions were top-notch, the trade show was packed and everyone enjoyed visiting new and old Angus friends. Mark your calendars for next year: Nov. 4-6, 2017, in Ft. Worth, Texas.

The National Western Stock Show is often an extension of the holiday season for many Angus families, and I am really looking forward to seeing everyone in Denver. It's going to be an exciting year for the Angus breed, as we host a new evening event in Stadium Arena on Wednesday, Jan. 11.

The event combines the National Western Angus Bull Sale, which features 50 lots of outstanding Angus genetics, and an Angus Foundation fundraiser. The sale includes the Angus Foundation Heifer Package, featuring Basin Lucy 6265, a female donated by the Stevenson family and Basin Angus Ranch of Joliet, Mont.

In addition to vacation packages and other auction fundraising items, several confirmed pregnancies from leading Angus seedstock operations will headline the Foundation's fundraising offering. The evening wraps up with live entertainment provided by Texas country band Jake Hooker and the Outsiders. A dance floor as well as refreshments will be provided.

Access the complete news release online for more details. We'll see you in just a few weeks at the National Western.

As we look ahead to the upcoming bull sale season, I'd like to remind you to submit your DNA sample to Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) in a timely fashion. We usually advise at least four weeks turn-around time, and as you can imagine, things get very busy as samples increase leading up to sale season. Plan ahead to ensure your results are ready for your advertising and catalog deadlines.

AGI offers several educational resources online, if you have questions on collecting or submitting DNA samples for genomic evaluation. If you have any questions, need assistance when planning for your sale or locating Angus seedstock, give me a call. I look forward to seeing many of you in the weeks ahead. Merry Christmas!

Your Angus partner,

Casey Jentz

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Driving the science of better breeding

There's little room for error in the cattle business. Producers need the most advanced information to make smart selection decisions, and Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) provides it through genomic-enhanced expected progeny differences (GE-EPDs).

GE-EPDs have become the industry standard for herd improvement, building on decades of science-backed genetic evaluation tools originated and maintained through the American Angus Association®, home to the largest and ever-growing single-breed beef cattle database.

EPDs that traditionally contained all pedigree, performance and progeny information now also include results from available genomic, or DNA, tests. Breeders who use genomic technology give buyers access to AGI-generated GE-EPDs that provide:

Increased predictability and decreased risk for young and unproven animals due to enhanced accuracy of EPDs

Better characterization of genetics for difficult-to-measure performance traits (such as carcass traits, maternal traits and feed efficiency)

The ability to make more rapid progress for traits that are important to you, due to:

- more accurate selection
- easier identification of genetic outliers
- the ability to propagate young animals with confidence earlier in their lives

In fact, GE-EPDs on unproven animals have the same amount of accuracy as if they had recorded 7-24 calves, depending on the trait. That's valuable insight, offered regularly through the breed's weekly national cattle evaluation.

Trait	Progeny Equivalent	Trait	Progeny Equivalent
Calving Ease Direct	24	Docility	11
Birth Weight	13	Heifer Pregnancy	22
Weaning Weight	19	Mature Weight	16
Yearling Weight	24	Mature Height	7
Milk	14	Carcass Weight	7
Yearling Height	12	Carcass Marbling	8
Yearling Scrotal	16	Carcass Ribeye	11
Dry Matter Intake	17	Carcass Fat	12

How do you know if EPDs are genomic-enhanced?

Ask your breeder, refer to the registration paper, or look for the AGI GE-EPD logo or those of partnering labs Zoetis (HD50K, i50K) or GeneSeek (GGP-HD, GGP-LD). These images indicate animals for which low-density or high-density genomic testing has been conducted and incorporated by AGI into GE-EPDs.



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Kollin Johnson Wins American Angus Auxiliary National Scholarship

Congratulations to Kollin Johnson from Quincy, son of Kevin and Heidi Johnson, on being selected to receive the 2016 Michigan Angus Auxiliary scholarship and also receiving second place in the American Angus Auxiliary Boys Scholarship Contest. Kollin's story is featured on page 161 of the September issue of *Angus Journal*.

National Junior Angus Association LEAD Conference • by Brady Zellmer

I would like to start off by saying I was so excited to represent the state of Michigan for the 2016 Junior Angus LEAD Conference. The state of Arizona is so amazing and drastically different from Michigan regarding topography, its arid climate, and desert scenery. During the conference, we visited the Arizona Cattlemen's Association, Pinal Cattle Company, Maricopa, a large feedlot consisting of 150,000 cattle, Agritopia, Gilbert, a self-sustained farm, and Danzeisen Dairy, Laveen, a 2,200 cow dairy. The common environmental effect centered around how cattlemen must adapt to the desert, its arid climate and the effects on cattle. Mainly the effects of extreme dust causing respiratory issues and relentless hot temperatures and access to water.

The entire National Junior Angus board and staff is so engaging, and they ensure everyone has a great experience and good time. From my roommates to the conference agenda, especially the AGI Genetics and Certified Angus Beef workshops, everyone made this the most memorable trip. The entire conference from the flight to Phoenix to the return home was a blast. I met so many other young leaders from multiple states. The interaction and team building will be a lifelong memory. I grew from my experience and will certainly put it to use personally. My only disappointment was when they called to take pictures for the juniors representing Michigan, I wish there were more Michigan juniors attending. Michigan Juniors, I urge you to attend next year! Last, I want to sincerely thank the Michigan Junior Angus Association in appreciation for the scholarship which allowed me to attend this year's LEAD conference and especially, the American Angus Association, the American Angus Foundation, and the many businesses we visited. Thank you! See you in Raleigh, North Carolina at NJAA LEAD 2017!

Michigan Juniors Earn NJAA Bronze and Silver Awards

Five Michigan Junior Angus Association members have earned national level awards through the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Recognition Program. The Bronze and Silver awards are the first two levels of the program. Junior Angus breeders must apply for the awards, then meet point requirements in many areas of participation before receiving the honors. Applicants are evaluated in areas of junior Angus association activities and leadership, participation in showmanship, contests and shows, using performance testing to improve their herd and their progress in producing and merchandising Angus cattle.

Kollin Johnson, Quincy, earned NJAA Bronze and Silver awards. The 18-year-old son of Kevin and Heidi Johnson attends Lakeland Jr. College in Illinois. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Kollin was a voting delegate in 2014 and 2016 and represented Michigan in the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest.

Jaycie Brown, Pinckney, earned NJAA Bronze and Silver awards. The 14-year-old daughter of Jay and Susie Brown attends Pinckney Community High School. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Jaycie participated in the extemporaneous speaking, quiz bowl and livestock judging contests and the All-American Certified Angus Beef® Cook-Off. She was also a participant in the mentoring program and is MJAA secretary.

Amanda Kosal, Deckerville, Mich., earned NJAA Bronze and Silver awards. The 16-year-old daughter of Jeremy and Michelle Kosal attends Deckerville Community School. Amanda has consigned cattle in the Michigan Beef Expo Sale and the Sanilac County 4-H Fair and Sale. She is the 2016 Michigan Angus Queen.

John (Jack) Reid, Eaton Rapids, Mich., earned NJAA Bronze and Silver awards. The 15-year-old son of Chuck and Linda Reid attends Eaton Rapids High School. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Jack participated in the extemporaneous speaking and livestock judging contests and the All-American Certified Angus Beef® Cook-Off. He also participated in the mentoring program in 2013 and 2016. He has submitted weight data to the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) and consigned cattle at the Michigan Angus Association Fall Sale and the Ingham County 4-H Livestock Sale.

Kris Kosal, Deckerville, Mich., earned NJAA Bronze award. The 11-year-old son of Jeremy and Michelle Kosal attends Deckerville Community School, and has participated in local and state shows and the NJAS. The Bronze award is the first of three levels of the NJAA Recognition Program that began in 1972.

VFD starts January 1, 2017

*Excerpted from a 2015 article by Dan Grooms DVM, PhD,
Michigan State University, College of Veterinary Medicine*

The FDA has eliminated the use of medically important antimicrobials for production purposes (e.g. growth promotion) and now requires that feed antimicrobials must be used under the guidance of licensed veterinarians using what is referred to as a **veterinary feed directive (VFD)**, which is essentially a prescription. 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 for which 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.

The VFD only affects medically important antimicrobials. Common medically important antimicrobials used in feed for livestock include tetracyclines, tylosin and sulfas. The VFD will not affect feed products such as ionophores (monensin), coccidiostats and anthelmintics.

As food animal producers interested and responsible for the safe use of antimicrobials, what should you do? Develop a proper Veterinary-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR). This relationship will be necessary to get antimicrobials covered by a VFD or prescription, and likely will become more important in the future. 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 this significant livestock management change.

show reports

Michigan Beef Showcase, Michigan Angus Preview Shows – Junior & Open • June 12, 2016, MSU Pavilion

Twenty-five head of Angus Cattle were exhibited at the 2016 Michigan Angus Preview Show. Grand Champion Female was Seldom Rest Lucy 5060, an April 2015 daughter of Dameron First Class, exhibited by Maggie Reid from Eaton Rapids. The Reserve Champion Female was Smiths Simply Forever 501, a March 2015 daughter of Bushs Unbelievable 423, exhibited by Katie Romzek from Bad Axe. These heifers were also selected as the Junior Heifer Champion and Junior Heifer Reserve Champion. The Intermediate Heifer Champion was Fernvale Enchantress 156-556, a May 2015 daughter of Styles Lut P301, exhibited by Kollin Johnson from Quincy. Alexandria Schut from Belding exhibited the Intermediate Heifer Reserve Champion, T&F's Bismarck Lacey, a June 2015 daughter of SAV Bismarck 5682.

The Champion Bred and Owned Female and Overall Champion Bred and Owned was Clay Knoll Angus Precious 501, exhibited by Blake Pillars from Martin. She is a January 15 daughter of Bushs Unbelievable 423. The Reserve Champion Bred and Owned Female was FAMM Princess 522, a May 2015 daughter of Silveiras Style 9303, exhibited by Mike Brown from Middleville.

The Champion Angus Steer, Johnsons 1520 EXAR Classen, was shown by Kollin Johnson. His April 2015 steer was sired by EXAR Classen 1422B. Katrena Klopfenstein from Galien exhibited the Reserve Champion Steer and the Champion Bred and Owned Steer. Dal-Den Power House was sired by T A Freedom 005. The Reserve Champion Bred and Owned Steer was JDB Louie 4735, a July 2015 son of Schiefelbein HD 1241, exhibited by Jaycie Brown from Pinckney.

The showmanship classes were sponsored by the Michigan Angus Auxiliary. Champion Junior Showmanship winner was Blake Pillars from Martin. Delaney Bates from Sebawaing was named the Intermediate Showmanship winner and Katie Romzek from Bad Axe was selected as the Senior Showmanship winner. Kollin Johnson from Quincy and Alexandria Schut from Belding were selected to represent Michigan in the 2016 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest held at the National Jr. Angus Show in Grand Island, Nebraska.

Michigan Livestock Expo • July 17, 2016, MSU Pavilion

The Champion Angus Steer at the 2016 Michigan Livestock Expo was exhibited by Kollin Johnson from Quincy. Katrena Klopfenstein from Galien exhibited the Reserve Champion Angus Steer.

Michigan Winter Beef Classic • December 11, 2016, MSU Pavilion

Michigan juniors led out ten Angus steers and twenty Angus heifers at the recent 2016 Michigan Winter Beef Classic held December 9-11 at the MSU Livestock Pavilion. Logan Kosinski exhibited the Champion Angus Heifer and Sterling Reichenbach exhibited the Reserve Champion Angus Heifer. This pair of outstanding heifers prevailed to earn Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion, respectively, in the top five overall standings.

The Champion Bred and Owned Female was shown by Austin Pillars and Connor Heeg owns the Reserve Champion Bred and Owned Angus Heifer. Other class winners in the heifer show included Kylie Bates and Sterling Reichenbach. Nick Evans exhibited the Champion Angus Steer and Kavina Johnson exhibited the Reserve Champion Angus Steer. Amanda Kosal owned the Champion Bred and Owned Angus Steer and it was also selected as the Fifth Place Overall Bred and Owned Steer. The Reserve Champion Bred and Owned Angus Steer was owned by Blake Pillars. Other class winners in the steer show were exhibited by Mike Brown and Amanda Kosal. Congratulations to all the juniors who participated.

auxiliary news

2016 Michigan Angus Auxiliary Officers

President	Kris Boehmer	Co-Historians	Lori Pillars & Lois Foster
Vice President	Julie Thelen	Miss Michigan Angus Chair	Ricka Boehmer
Secretary-Treasurer	Sharon Vaassen	Scholarship Chair	Janel Horrocks-Boehmer
Awards Chair	Nancy Thelen	Past President (Advisor)	Sharon Vaassen

Supporting Angus Youth for 50 Years

The Auxiliary proudly commemorates 50 years of sponsoring and supporting our junior membership with awards, scholarships, and assistance. A new award was started in the last three years for all juniors who have been awarded Champion Angus Heifer or Steer. Their names are put in a drawing for a show halter. This year's winner, Kollin Johnson of Quincy, was presented his prize at the 2016 Winter Beef Classic.

Miss Michigan Angus Applications Due February 1

Would you like to represent the Auxiliary, Association and Junior Association as the Michigan Angus Queen? This honor is open to active Michigan Junior Angus members who are at least 14. You will be responsible for attending state shows and are invited to attend the National Junior Angus Show, Angus Field Day and Angus sales. This is a fun experience, and an opportunity to grow in confidence as you represent our breed. We also have positions available for Angus Ambassadors who will assist the Queen. Candidates submit an application with a short essay and will be interviewed. The 2017 Queen will be crowned at the Awards Banquet on March 4. Applications are due February 1. Contact Ricka Boehmer at 517-719-3158.

Auxiliary Scholarship Applications Due April 1

2017 high school graduates are eligible to apply for a Michigan Angus Auxiliary Scholarship. Winners of our state scholarship are eligible for consideration at the national level. As always, April 1 is the deadline to submit scholarship applications. Christmas break would be a great time to start working your application! Please take advantage of Mrs. Janel Horrocks-Boehmer's extensive knowledge regarding the application process. She will gladly assist any member who contacts her by e-mail: jhorrocks211@yahoo.com or phone: 517-449-7345.

You are invited to join the Auxiliary!

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.

fall sale report

2016 Michigan Simmental & Angus Sale • October 29, United Producers, St. Louis

Sale Managers – Ruble Cattle Services, Marshall and Jeremie Ruble

Auctioneer – Bill Sheridan; Consultants – Jimmy Lambert & Dalton Lundy; Ringmen – Jason Buher, Rob Chapman & Billy Proffitt

An enormous crowd of bidders and buyers from numerous states was on hand at this year's fall sale. Cattle and genetics sold all over the state of Michigan and into the states of Colorado, Iowa, Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio. Thank you to the customers and those who attended and bid for helping make this year's Michigan Simmental and Angus Sale and one of the best state sales this fall. Thank you to all of the very dedicated consignors from both associations.

25 Angus Lots averaged \$2,850 to total \$71,250

Angus Cow-Calf Pairs...9 Lots averaged \$3,089 to total \$27,800

Angus Bred Cows...7 Lots averaged \$2,979 to total \$20,850

Angus Open Heifers...5 Lots averaged \$2,750 to total \$13,550

Angus Bred Heifers...4 Lots averaged \$2,263 to total \$9,050

High-Selling Lots

\$5,400 – Angus Cow-Calf Pair, BAF QUEEN FB 401B & BAF QUEEN A02 612, by BAF FAST BREAK 9242 & KB CARCASS MERRITT A02
Consigned by Bordner Farms LLC, Sturgis, MI; Sold to ELP LLC, Royal Oak, MI

\$4,200 – Angus Bred Cow, AHA Roxy 1643, by GAR-EGL PROTEGE
Consigned by KB Angus, Merritt, MI; Sold to John Thomas, Manistee, MI

\$3,600 – Angus Open Heifer, KB ROXY OF DATA MGR D38, by GAR 5050 DATA MANAGER 0536
Consigned by KB Angus, Merritt, MI; Sold to Decker Farms, Leonidas, MI

\$3,550 – Angus Cow-Calf Pair, HY-VIEW ELLIE 2301 & HY-VIEW ELLIE 6230, by MSU SH OUTBACK & HY-VIEW PHANTOM
Consigned by Hy-View Farm, Williamston, MI; Sold to Wayne McGuire, Dafer, MI

\$3,300 – Angus Open Heifer, KB ROXY OF DATA MGR D38, by GAR 5050 DATA MANAGER 0536
Consigned by KB Angus, Merritt, MI; Sold to Michael Jepson, Coldwater, MI

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Michigan Angus Association 2017 Dues

It's time to renew your membership for 2017. 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, 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. If you would like to be contacted with purchase inquiries be sure to list your e-mail address.

Request for Bids to Produce 2017-2018 Membership Directory

The Board of Directors of the Michigan Angus Association is seeking bids for preparation and distribution of the 2017-2018 Membership Directory. Bids must be submitted to MAA Secretary, Grace Boehmer by January 20. Contact Grace at 517-281-1131 or info@michiganangus.org for complete details about the directory and bid submission.

MCA Magazine Angus Coop Ad Spaces Available Now

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. 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

Michigan Angus Website Banner Ads Will Promote Your Program

Be sure to consider how a banner ad placed on the Michigan Angus website can boost your online presence when planning your 2017 marketing plans. With over 400 page views per month, our affordable banner ads are a great way to grow your online traffic. Banner ads are available for \$25/month and can be submitted to support@michiganangus.org. Ad are 275px wide by 400px tall.

List Your Events on the Michigan Angus Calendar

In an effort to ensure that Michigan Angus Association publishes dates for all upcoming sales, events and meetings, members are encouraged to submit information for the newsletter and website calendar. Submit the name of the event, date, time, location and any other details to the association secretary: Grace Boehmer, 6125 Matthews Road, Olivet, MI 49076 or send an e-mail to Grace at singletreefarms1@gmail.com

Michigan Angus Association Membership Application

BY MAIL

Make check payable to: Michigan Angus Assn.
Mail application and form to: Lisa Bohlen
20 Fairwood Blvd., Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069

ANNUAL DUES

\$25.00

ONLINE @ www.michiganangus.org

Submit (or update) your farm contact
information using the online form.
Complete your payment through PayPal.

Farm Name: _____ Owner's Name: _____

County: _____ Farm Manager (if applicable): _____

Junior Members (under age 21): _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Farm Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____ Web Site: _____

Directions to farm: _____

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• Check all committees that interest you:

_____ Marketing and Promotion: bull test, fall sale, futurity show & sale, commercial opportunities, preview show

_____ Education and Mentoring: new members, junior members, field day, annual banquet, member recruitment, educational articles

_____ Communications: web site, newsletter, directory, advertising

_____ Policies and Procedures: responsibility of board of directors; check if you are interested in serving on the board in the future

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