

Michigan Angus News

Gratitude for Family, Friends & Faith

This time of year strikes me with a feeling of gratitude. With Thanksgiving in the rearview mirror and the holiday season upon us, I am reminded of what is most important – family, friends, and faith.

Family. We are surrounded by those who are the foundation of who we are and, through good times and bad, deeply care for us and give us the strength to persevere. We appreciate our spouses for their support and care in daily interactions, and we treasure our children, watching them grow, learn and develop into young people.

Friends. How fortunate we are to have relationships with those who have common interests and challenge our minds, and offer a shoulder to lean on when we need one. We are thankful to those who volunteer time and effort to our association, especially Lutchka Angus, Grass Lake, for sharing their farm and home to host the 2017 Field Day! It was an outstanding turnout of adult and junior members, along with many others outside our membership and the breed. The program, food, and fellowship was fantastic. The MAA Board is already making plans for 2018 and beyond. If you have not attended, make sure to add the field day to your calendar next summer.

Faith. We are grateful for the Lord's guidance, always keeping others in our thoughts and prayers. We pray for strength to get through the loss of loved ones and the challenges of illness. Our hearts go out to the Boehmer family for the loss of Earl, our fellow Angus breeder. We send wishes for a rapid recovery to our friend Carl Vanderkolk, president of Michigan Cattlemen's Association.

We are thankful for the opportunity to participate and have the good fortune to do what we love – farming, ranching and breeding Angus cattle.

We experienced a high level of optimism at the recent American Angus Association Convention. New programs are now available in genomic

testing. The perpetual evolution of the enormous database that Angus has accumulated allows us the features and benefits of Angus GS, the first ever beef breed specific DNA test exclusive to the breed, now offered at a lower cost. Congratulations to Dave and Joan Lutchka, Grass Lake on winning the elaborate Priefert cattle working system offered at the AAA convention.

Although we have seen a downturn in prices for fed cattle, cull cattle, and feeder calves in recent months, the demand for quality still remains. The American Angus Association's acquisition of Verified Beef, including its proprietary Reputation Feeder Cattle® program, will add value to Angus-influenced commercial operations. Demand for Angus seedstock remains strong. In late October, in a joint effort with Michigan Simmental Association, our association held the annual female sale at UPI in St. Louis. As always it was a large crowd, and good cattle were in demand.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 3 for the 2018 Michigan Angus Awards Banquet. The great venue, Agro-Culture Liquid Fertilizer west of St. Johns, offers a wonderful, interactive agriculture museum. The Auxiliary and the Juniors are planning to meet in the afternoon as well. Look for details in the February newsletter. This date coincides with the MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Open House at Crystal earlier in the day. Plan to make a day of it!

The 2018 Michigan Angus Futurity Show and Sale is on April 6-8 at the MSU Pavilion in East Lansing. Entry information is on page 3 of this newsletter; the entry deadline is February 1.

In closing, if there is anything on your mind concerning Michigan Angus Association, or you'd like to have a conversation about Angus cattle, please contact me by phone or e-mail.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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angus calendar

January 10	NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW, DENVER Angus Bull Sale Show and ROV Angus Bull Show National Western Angus Bull Sale & Angus Foundation Event
January 11	Junior Angus Heifer Show
January 12	ROV Angus Female Show
January 13	Angus Pen & Carload Show
January 20	Michigan Cattlemen's Assn. Annual Conference, East Lansing To register, call 517-347-8117 or visit www.micattlemen.org
Jan. 31 – Feb. 2	Cattle Industry Convention & NCBA Trade Show, Nashville, TN
February 1	Michigan Angus Futurity Show & Sale ENTRIES DUE!
March 3	MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Open House, Plank Farms, Crystal
March 3	Michigan Angus Association Awards Banquet Agro-Culture Liquid Fertilizers World HQ, St. Johns
March 17	MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Sale, Plank Farms, Crystal
April 6 – 8	MICHIGAN BEEF EXPO, MSU PAVILION, EAST LANSING Michigan Angus Futurity Show & Sale
April 8	MSU Block & Bridle Club Junior Heifer & Steer Show

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your Michigan Angus
membership for 2018!
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Join us in promoting the
Angus breed in our state!

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2018 Awards Banquet on Saturday, March 3

Agro-Culture Liquid Fertilizers World Headquarters
3055 W. M-21, St. Johns, 48879 • www.agroliquid.com

*Come for Tours of the IQ Hub, Afternoon Meetings,
Reception and Banquet followed by the Awards Program*

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. The "IQ Hub," a center for agricultural history, innovation, and exploration, will be open at specified times.

- 1 p.m. "IQ Hub" open (all youth must be accompanied by an adult)
- 2 p.m. Michigan Jr. Angus Association meeting – open to all
- 2:30 p.m. "IQ Hub" open (all youth must be accompanied by an adult)
- 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 p.m. Reception
- 5:30 p.m. Annual Banquet and Program

**MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation
Open House at Crystal
is the same day and
close by – plan to
make a day of it!**

Watch for the reservation form and menu in the February 2018 newsletter!

michigan angus futurity show & sale

SHOW: Friday, April 6 SALE: Saturday, April 7

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 CHAIR: Evan Boehmer (517) 652-3065, singletreefarms1@gmail.com

Mail entry and fees by February 1 to: Evan Boehmer, 6125 Matthews Rd Olivet, MI 49076

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, 2016. 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, 2018. Entries received after 2/1/18 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: Evan Boehmer 6125 Matthews Rd Olivet, MI 49076

HIGH QUALITY PHOTOS & VIDEOS are strongly encouraged and should be submitted with entries and footnotes by Feb. 1, 2018. The sale will be broadcast on the internet by DV Auctions. Contact Evan Boehmer for info and price of video uploads.

----- 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

commercial update

American Angus Association Announces Acquisition of Verified Beef

New feeder calf program will grow market share by increasing use of registered Angus bulls.

FORT WORTH, TEXAS (November 4, 2017) — American Angus Association announced today it has entered into an agreement to acquire the assets of Verified Beef, including its proprietary Reputation Feeder Cattle® program. The deal underscores the Association's commitment to programs that increase the use of registered Angus bulls in the commercial segment, growing value for the Angus breed and the entire membership.

Association CEO Allen Moczygemba says establishing a feeder calf program built on the use of registered Angus bulls that ties calves back to superior Angus genetics was a strategic priority set by the board in 2016.

"By marrying the advanced technology platform and proprietary software from Verified Beef with the strength and scale of the Angus brand, the Association will deliver a feeder calf program that is not only invaluable to commercial cattlemen but is unmatched in the industry," he says. Cattle feeders need metrics that align with the traits most valuable to their business, specifically gain and grade, Moczygemba explains. The Angus feeder calf program will provide a simple tool that validates the genetic potential of feeder calves.

The Association will build on the Reputation Feeder Cattle® program. While the current offering is based on a dollar scoring system, its underlying data analysis methodologies and computer modeling can be adapted to alternative scoring systems, such as the indexing system envisioned by American Angus Association.

"We're confident that as cattlemen better understand the overall performance of Angus genetics, they'll replace other breeds in their bull battery with Angus bulls," Moczygemba says.

According to Tim Watts, chief executive officer of Verified Beef, "Selling calves the old fashioned way, without genetic data, doesn't work."

"Top Angus calves are consistently undervalued by several dollars per cwt. or more," Watt says. "Calves from several other popular breeds are often significantly over valued, and the only way to fix this broken marketplace is for the AAA to implement an industry-changing feeder calf program."

The program, which will be configured and integrated with existing Angus systems, is expected to be available in summer 2018. An index scoring system will replace the estimated dollar values currently offered. Herds will receive three genetic indexes: average daily gain, quality grade and a score for replacement heifers.

Moczygemba says, "The index scores will help our ultimate customers, commercial cattle feeders and cattlemen, make informed decisions, even in the fast-paced sale barn."

fall sale report

The Michigan Angus Fall Sale is presented in cooperation with Michigan Simmental Association.

Saturday, October 28, 2017

United Producers, St. Louis, Michigan

Sale Manager : Ruble Cattle Services, Jeremie & Marshall Ruble

Angus Sale Coordinator: Monte Bordner

32 Angus lots averaged \$2,213

High Selling Angus Females

\$3,300 - Lot 11

KB Dawn TX A19

Consigned by KB Angus, Merritt

Purchased by Zelinko Brothers, St. Charles

\$3,300 - Lot 18

Sydggen Miss 1004

Consigned by KB Angus, Merritt

Purchased by Zelinko Brothers, St. Charles

Thanks to the Buyers!

Brian Schalaus, Levering

John Schimke, Manistee

Alex Heeg, Flowerville

Randy Sheehan, Gladwin

Phillip Smith, St. John

William Pardee, Concord

Lum Hughston, McBain

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auxiliary news

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Leaving a Legacy

2017 was an exciting year for the Michigan Angus Auxiliary. In celebration of our 50th anniversary, the auxiliary has contributed \$12,500 to the Angus Foundation to fund the Michigan Angus Auxiliary Scholarship & Educational Awards Endowment Fund. The endowment fund will create an annual educational scholarship for a Michigan Angus youth. Beginning in 2019, the scholarship amount will vary each year depending upon the number of applicants, but can be used toward an undergraduate degree at a college, university or technical school or graduate school program. The fund will also support a \$100 scholarship given annually to the Michigan Angus Queen to offset costs involved with promoting the Angus breed throughout Michigan.

Thank you to the men and women who have continually supported the Auxiliary and allowed for such a lasting impact to take place. This special award would not have been feasible without the generous donations over the years including Auxie heifers and other sale donations and contributions. The Michigan Angus Auxiliary hopes to continue to grow the fund to support even more Michigan youth.

Miss Michigan Angus Applications Due February 1

Would you like to represent the Auxiliary, Association and Junior Association as Miss Michigan Angus? The honor of serving as our queen 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 Michigan Angus Field Day, Angus sales and the National Junior Angus Show in Madison, WI. This is a fun experience, and an opportunity to grow in confidence as you represent our breed. Additionally, we also have positions available for Angus Ambassadors who will assist the Queen. All candidates submit an application with a short essay and will be interviewed. The 2018 Queen will be crowned at the Awards Banquet on March 3. Applications are due February 1. Contact Ricka Boehmer at 517-719-3158 for more information.

Auxiliary Scholarship Applications Due April 1

As the cost to attend college continues to rise, now is the time to be thinking about applying for scholarships. The Michigan Angus Auxiliary Scholarship is open to 2018 high school graduates. Winners of our state scholarship are eligible for consideration at the national level. Janel Horrocks-Boehmer has assisted numerous juniors with their application process. To apply or for more information, Janel can be reached at jhorrocks211@yahoo.com or 517-449-7345.

As a reminder, to be eligible to receive the state or national Auxiliary scholarships, you must have already received your Bronze and Silver Awards from the American Angus Association prior to applying.

You are invited to join the Auxiliary!

Our association continues to grow through new activities and members. Thank you to the members who attended our special art event at the Angus Field Day held at Lutchka Angus. The activity would not have been possible without our creative Vice President, Rachael Vaassen. Thank you to both Lutchka's and Rachael, for hosting such a fun summer event.

If you are interested in becoming involved in our activities, contact Julie Conover 734-260-8635 or Sharon Vaassen 734-663-8071. A membership form is posted on the website on the forms tab and also printed in the Michigan Angus Directory.

THANK YOU

for sharing your farm and home

as Host of the 2017 Michigan Angus Field Day!



We had an outstanding turnout of adult and junior members, along with many others outside our membership and the breed. The program, food, and fellowship was fantastic!

The Michigan Angus Board is making plans for another great summer field day in 2018!

junior association news

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Seasons Greetings from the Michigan Junior Angus Association!

As I sit down to write an update of what the junior members have been up to it is hard to believe that Christmas is only weeks away. There is a lot that needs to be done between now and then that is for sure, but let's not forget what the season is really about. And that after Christmas, one of the most exciting and tiring seasons begins: calving time!

For many junior members the Winter Beef Classic at MSU December 8-10 is the kickoff to show season. Changes have been made to help the show run smoother and quicker as it seems to grow larger each year. This year at the Winter Classic the junior membership will be selling tickets on a barn and fence for children as a fundraiser to raise money for members wanting to attend LEAD in Montana in 2018.

Four of our members, Brady Zellmer, Amanda Kosal, Jaycie Brown and I, attended the LEAD Conference last August in Raleigh, North Carolina. We each had different highlights to share with members at our September meeting. A few highlights included stopping in Beckly, West Virginia to visit a coal mine. We traveled 1,500 feet underground to learn about former and current ways of mining. The Caterpillar Plant was also a highlight as they showed us a remote-controlled skid steer. Another fascinating point was that within 20 minutes a brand new front end loader was leaving the assembly line. Whitestone Farm hosted us for dinner and guest speaker. What an awesome facility!

This leads me to saying thank you to the Michigan Angus Association for making a donation to the MI Shows Program and LEAD Conference. The MI Shows program is for youth showing beef cattle and participating in a variety of educational contests related to the beef industry. As a participant of the MI Shows program I must say it is a lot of fun meeting new people, developing close friendships as we are showing together at least twice a month and exhibiting cattle at more shows throughout the state.

As there are more shows for juniors to participate in we decided at our last meeting that we needed to set some goals to help keep us focused as an association. Our goals for the future include growing the association; providing educational opportunities; networking with other members and others interested in cattle; providing social activities; and helping with or hosting regional and national Junior Angus events.

Just a reminder to junior members to look for award forms in your e-mail as they are due January 15, 2018.

As I close for now I want to wish all junior members the very best as they travel to and from shows, and in the show ring. I hope you make lasting friendships as you promote the best breed in the industry, Angus.

Report by Austin Pillars, MJAA President

2017 National Junior Angus Show – Winning With the Angus Team

Continuing their tradition of success, Michigan Junior Angus members chose "Michigan's Winning Team" as their theme for 2017. Teamwork, planning and dedication brought them many honors, much success, and fond memories as they participated in the 2017 National Junior Angus Show, "Winning with the Angus Team" held in Des Moines, Iowa. Ten junior members, their families and eight head of cattle made the journey to participate in the show held July 9 – 15, 2017. Participants included Jaycie Brown from Pinckney, Kavina Johnson from Quincy, Matthew MacMaster from Harrisville, Lindsey Mogg from Sumner, Sterling Reichenbach from Bath, Jack Reid from Eaton Rapids, Maggie Reid from Eaton Rapids, Brady, Paige and Thea Zellmer from Nashville.

Michigan transported "Supercow" and "Cotton Candy" MOO-Ville zice cream from Nashville, MI to Des Moines, IA to participate in the annual NJAS tailgate party. Sampling Florida's deep fried alligator, Wisconsin cheese curds, and Missouri barbeque beef brisket, topped off with Michigan MOO-Ville ice cream will keep you coming back another year. The tailgate party has rapidly become a highlight of the show, it is an opportunity for fun and friendship for juniors and adults alike. Special thanks to the Michigan Angus Association for their generous contribution to support the tailgate party.

Michigan Angus Juniors competed in many of the contests, and entered a beautiful scrapbook highlighting its members' personal activities and annual events. It was another successful year for both Michigan Cook-Off teams. The intermediate team in the Other Meat division was composed of Jaycie Brown, Kavina Johnson, Paige Zellmer and Thea Zellmer. They won third place overall in their division with "Motor City CAB Hot Dog" and their skit featured Tigers baseball players being interviewed. The intermediate team in the Steak division was composed of Matt MacMaster, Jack Reid, Maggie Reid, and Brady Zellmer who prepared delicious "Great Lakes Steaks," and they did a great job with their hilarious skit set in an Emergency Room scene. Many of the juniors also participated in a variety of individual contests such as Photography, Livestock Judging, Extemporaneous Speaking, Quiz Bowl, Skill-a-thon, and the new NJAA Stockman Contest. Paige Zellmer took home second place in Extemporaneous Speaking. Congratulations to all the juniors on their accomplishments.

2017 Miss Michigan Angus Kavina Johnson did an excellent job representing our state and assisting with show ring presentations. We were proud to have Sterling Reichenbach and Lindsey Mogg represent Michigan in the prestigious National Jr. Angus Showmanship Contest. Both did a great job and we were all excited that Sterling was selected as a Top 15 Showmanship Finalist.

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 of being a member of "Michigan's Winning Team." Thanks to Deb Geuns for making and donating the neat wall hanging for MJAS to contribute in support of the Angus Foundation Silent Auction. Many thanks to all the advisors and parents who made this journey possible!

Report by Thea Zellmer, Board of Directors

National Junior Angus Association 2017 LEAD Conference

Report by Jaycie Brown, Secretary

I had an amazing time at the LEAD Conference in Raleigh, North Carolina this past August. I am glad that Michigan was able to go to LEAD as a group of four and enjoy the experience together as a group, not just an individual. The whole trip – even the car ride – will always provide me memories that I will never forget.

While we were in North Carolina some of my favorite places we went were the crawfish farm and sweet potato farm. We also got to interact with some great Angus breeders from other states and learn about CAB branding. I met lots of new people and made lots of friends from other states that I hope to see at NJAS this coming year. Everything I learned at the conference will help me and our Junior Angus Association as we work on our new membership goals for 2018. I hope to attend more leadership conferences in the future and gain more knowledge about the Angus breed.

2018 Eastern Regional will be held June 13-16 in Lima, Ohio

The Ohio Junior Angus Association will host the 2018 Eastern Regional Show at Allen County Fairgrounds in mid-June. In addition to traditional show classes for Angus heifers, steers, cow/calf pairs, bred & owned bulls and bred & owned heifers, the event will include a Phenotype & Genotype Show, Skill-A-Thon, Showmanship Contest for five age divisions, and a “Knockerball” tournament. Ohio Angus breeders and juniors will provide a warm welcome and hospitality events throughout the four days.



2018 National Junior Angus Show scheduled for July 7-13 Celebrate the 50th Anniversary NJAS in Madison, Wisconsin

The National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) will celebrate a major milestone in 2018, as it hosts the 50th NJAS in Madison, Wisconsin. The annual event is a summer highlight for many Angus juniors and their families, and the American Angus Association is proud of the young leaders it has encouraged over the past five decades.

NJAS participants will notice a change in the schedule, which begins on Saturday and ends on Friday. While the cattle shows are the main attraction, the week also includes the showmanship competition, junior activities and a variety of life-skills contests.

Sponsored by both the Illinois and Wisconsin Junior Angus associations, the NJAS is themed “Livin’ the Dream in 2018!”

show reports

2017 Michigan Beef Showcase & Michigan Angus Preview Shows – June 11, MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Thirteen head of Angus cattle were exhibited at the 2017 Michigan Angus Preview Show. Grand Champion Female was SULL Hotz Lady 6348D, a February 2016 daughter of EXAR Blue Chip 1877B exhibited by Sterling Reichenbach from Bath. The Reserve Champion Female was ALB Miss Vanessa 617H, a February 2016 daughter of Silveiras Style 9303 exhibited by Lindsey Mogg from Sumner. These heifers were also selected as the Junior Champion Heifer and the Reserve Junior Champion Heifer. The Intermediate Champion Heifer was BWAFF Pride 604, a May 2016 daughter of BC Lookout 7024 exhibited by Kylie Bates of Sebewaing. The Senior Champion Female was Grand River Dawn 595, an October 2015 daughter of VAR Generation 2100 exhibited by Jack Reid from Eaton Rapids. Kylie Bates from Sebewaing exhibited the Reserve Senior Champion Female, Grand River Blackcap 146, a December 2015 daughter of S Whitlock 321.

The Grand Champion Bull was Smiths Precise 609, an October 2016 son of WCC Exact T53 exhibited by Danielle Wood-Seddon from Brown City. The Reserve Champion Bull was Clay Knoll Angus Poncho 701, a March 2017 son of Silveiras S SIS GQ 2353 exhibited by Blake Pillars from Martin. These bulls were also selected as the Senior Bull Calf Champion and the Senior Bull Calf Reserve Champion.

The Champion Cow and Calf pair was exhibited by Blake Pillars from Martin. His cow was Clay Knoll Angus Precious 501, a January 2015 daughter of Bushs Unbelievable 423 with her January bull calf, Clay Knoll Angus Poncho 701.

The Champion Bred and Owned Heifer was Clay Knoll Georgiana 603, a February 2016 daughter of PVF Windfall SCC 9005 exhibited by Austin Pillars from Martin.

The Champion Angus Steer, Reidoca Insight R611, was shown by Jack Reid from Eaton Rapids. His May 2016 steer was sired by PVF Insight 0129. The Reserve Champion Steer was Clay Knoll Parker 604 exhibited by Austin Pillars from Martin. The March 2016 steer was sired by PVF Windfall SCC 9005. Austin's steer was also bred and owned and was selected as the Overall Bred and Owned Champion Angus.

The showmanship classes were sponsored by the Michigan Angus Auxiliary. Champion Junior Showmanship winner was Blake Pillars from Martin. Austin Pillars from Martin was named the Intermediate Showmanship winner. Lindsey Mogg from Sumner and Sterling Reichenbach from Bath were selected to represent Michigan in the 2017 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest held at the National Junior Angus Show in Des Moines, Iowa.

2017 Winter Beef Classic – December 8-10, MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Michigan juniors led out ten Angus steers and twenty-one Angus heifers at the recent 2017 Michigan Winter Beef Classic held December 8-10 at the MSU Livestock Pavilion. Logan Kosinski exhibited the Champion Angus Heifer and Jason Zeilke exhibited the Reserve Champion Angus Heifer. Logan's March heifer went on to be selected as the Supreme Champion in the top five overall standings.

The Champion Bred and Owned Female was shown by Amanda Kosal and Kyle Ruggles exhibited the Reserve Champion Bred and Owned Angus Heifer. Amanda's March heifer was selected as the Reserve Supreme Champion Bred and Owned Female in the top five overall standings.

Other class winners in the heifer show were exhibited by Makenna Hoppa, Braydon Zellmer, and Sterling Reichenbach.

Justin Stoll exhibited the Champion Angus Steer and Kavina Johnson exhibited the Reserve Champion Angus Steer. Kaitlyn Moore owned the Champion Bred and Owned Angus Steer. Kavina Johnson also placed first in class with her 802 pound steer. Congratulations to all the juniors who participated.

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: _____

• Michigan Angus News: Electronically _____ U.S. Mail _____ • Freezer Beef Sales Listing: Yes _____ No _____

• 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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