



Michigan Angus News

Greetings Michigan Angus Association members and friends!

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET – Meetings & Directory Auction

Spring 2019 Angus events are rapidly approaching, beginning with our Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, March 2 at the Agro-Culture Liquid Fertilizer World Headquarters in St. Johns.

Along with meetings of the Junior Association and the Auxiliary, a great meal and exciting program is planned for the first Saturday of March. Premium pages in the 2019-20 Michigan Angus Directory will be offered at auction during the banquet. Advertising in the directory is an effective way to promote your herd AND support your state association!

Plan to arrive early to tour the IQ Hub and visit with Angus friends and neighbors. **Please reply with your banquet reservation and payment by February 15.**

MCA/MSU BULL EVALUATION – Open House & Sale

On the same date as the Banquet, March 2, the MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Open House will be held at Plank Farms near Crystal from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Crystal is a short drive from St. Johns. Make arrangements with a neighbor or friend to do chores on Saturday evening and make a day of attending both events!

As always, there is an outstanding set of Angus bulls in the program that will be offered for sale on March 16. Job well done on bull selection by the program's consignors! All bulls are indexed based on performance measures, scrutinized for docility, feet & legs, and, new for 2019, ALL are genomic and parentage-tested.

MICHIGAN ANGUS FUTURITY – Expo & Trade Show

The 61st Annual Michigan Futurity Show & Sale will be held March 29-31 at the MSU Pavilion in East Lansing in conjunction with the Michigan Beef Expo. We have a very strong offering of Angus bulls and females, possibly the deepest in quality ever offered. Join us for food and refreshments at the Barn Social on Friday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Another excellent Expo trade show will be an opportunity to visit with vendors to see the latest technology.

ATTENTION JUNIORS...The Futurity will be a great opportunity to purchase an Angus heifer you can show the next day in the Block & Bridle Junior Show on Sunday, March 31, the Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show June 20-23, and the National Junior Angus Show July 14-20 in Louisville, KY.

STATE ANGUS FIELD DAY – Fun & Education for everyone!

Our association will hold our 2019 Field Day at C.P. Mann & Family Angus in Imlay City, MI on June 29th. Thank you to Charles Mann and family for offering their hospitality. Mark the date and watch for further details of this annual Angus event.

Bob Zellmer, President

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Join us in promoting the Angus breed in our state! Reminder to renew your Michigan Angus membership for 2019 – it's easy to use the form on page 6 or visit the website.

Mark your calendar...

March 2	Michigan Angus Association Awards Banquet Agro-Culture Liquid Fertilizers World HQ, St. Johns
March 16	MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Sale, Plank Farms, Crystal
March 29 – 31	Michigan Beef Expo, MSU Pavilion, East Lansing Michigan Angus Futurity Show & Sale MSU Block & Bridle Club Junior Heifer & Steer Show
June 20 – 23	Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show, Timonium, MD
June 29	Michigan Angus Field Day, C.P. Mann & Family Angus, Imlay City
July 14 – 20	National Junior Angus Show, Louisville, KY
August 1 – 4	NJAA LEAD Conference, Nashville, TN

AMERICAN ANGUS ASSOCIATION NEWS

Applications for elite Angus leadership experience due February 15

The Beef Leaders Institute (BLI) is a premier leadership experience for American Angus Association® members 25-45 years old. It provides a look into the entire beef supply chain, while enhancing participant knowledge of the Association and providing an opportunity for participants to strengthen their leadership skills. Applications are due by Feb. 15.

Thanks to generous support from the Angus Foundation and Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB), BLI offers producers a chance to tour all facets of the beef production line. With a trip to the Association and tours to feedlots, harvesting and packing plants and industry leading genomic companies, Angus cattlemen and women receive elite hands-on learning and insight into quality cattle production.

The Association will provide transportation during BLI, as well as lodging, meals, and materials. The attendees will be responsible for their round-trip transportation between their home to Kansas City (if flying) or Saint Joseph (if driving), and their departure to home from Cleveland, Ohio, (if flying) or Kansas City. Transportation from the Kansas City airport will be provided.

Please contact the Association's events and education department at 816-383-5100 for more information. Applications are available online, and you can learn more about the BLI experience at www.angus.org.

MISSION: To Enhance the Value of the "Angus Brand" via Marketing, Youth Development, Educational and Social Opportunities.

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Michigan Angus Miscellany...

2019 Membership Dues

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2019. Invite a customer or neighbor to join Michigan Angus Association by sharing this newsletter and the form on page 6. Or make a gift of \$25 annual dues! It's also easy to enroll a new member on the website.

Michigan Winter Beef Classic • December 7- 9, 2018, MSU Pavilion

Michigan juniors led out twenty- three Angus heifers and eight Angus steers at the 2018 Michigan Winter Beef Classic held December 7- 9 at the MSU Livestock Pavilion. Maggie Reid from Eaton Rapids exhibited the Champion Angus Heifer and Sally Graham from Rosebush exhibited the Reserve Champion Angus Heifer. Maggie's February 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 Danielle Scales from Barbeau and Katrena Klopfenstein exhibited the Reserve Champion Bred and Owned Angus Heifer. Danielle's March heifer was selected as the Fifth Place Overall Bred and Owned Female in the top five overall standings. Class winners in the heifer show were exhibited by Maddy Stewart, Callie Halsey, Blake Pillars and Josie Kane.

Julia Sanderson from Midland exhibited the Champion Angus Steer and Bob Zeilke from Coloma exhibited the Reserve Champion Angus Steer. Congratulations to all the juniors who participated.

Angus Exhibitors – Show Reports Welcome!

With the many opportunities that our juniors have to exhibit Angus heifers and steers at shows across the state, it is difficult to have the information to report on every show here in the Michigan Angus Association newsletter. We would welcome show reports from any of our juniors – just email or text results (Champion and Reserve Angus Heifers and Champion and Reserve Angus Steers) to Nancy Thelen at hillsideacres01@aol.com or 734-216-3617. Thanks for your assistance.

Michigan Auxiliary to Honor 19 Juniors on March 2

Nineteen Michigan Juniors will be recognized by the Michigan Angus Auxiliary with American Angus Auxiliary Certificates of Achievement during the annual awards banquet on March 2. Recipients are: Delaney Bates, Sebewaing; Hunter Brown, Kingston; Jaycie Brown, Pinckney; Drew George, Niles; Kavina Johnson, Quincy; Amanda Kosal, Deckerville; Kristopher Kosal, Deckerville; Kinsee Lettinga, Wayland; Matthew MacMaster, Harrisville; Lindsey Mogg, Sumner; Austin Pillars, Martin; Blake Pillars, Martin; Jack Reid, Eaton Rapids; Maggie Reid, Eaton Rapids; Justin Stoll, Grand Ledge; Jason Zeilke, Coloma; Braydon Zellmer, Nashville; Paige Zellmer, Nashville and Thea Zellmer, Nashville.

2019 Michigan Angus awards banquet

*All members, juniors and
Angus enthusiasts
are invited to attend!*

Saturday March 2

**AGRO-CULTURE
LIQUID FERTILIZERS
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3055 W. M-21, St. Johns, MI 48879
www.agroliquid.com



- 1 p.m.** "IQ Hub" open - a unique center of agricultural history, innovation and exploration for all ages (all youth must be accompanied by an adult)
- 2 p.m.** Michigan Junior 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.** **MEETINGS**
Michigan Angus Auxiliary annual meeting – open to all
Michigan Angus Association Board Meeting – open to all
- 5 p.m.** **RECEPTION**
- 5:30 p.m.** **ANNUAL BANQUET & PROGRAM**
Awards and recognition program
Auction of select advertising spaces in 2019-20 Directory
50/50 Raffle, Semen Auction & Silent Auction
Crowning of Miss Michigan Angus

Meal Prices

- Adult \$20
- Junior (21 & under) \$10
- Children (5 & younger) Free

PROMPT REPLY IS REQUESTED

Reservations due Friday, February 15



Name of each person attending	1:00 IQ Hub	2:30 IQ Hub	Adult \$20	Junior \$10	Child Free	PRICE

CHECK PAYABLE TO: Michigan Angus Association

MAIL CHECK TO: Evan & Grace Boehmer

E-MAIL REPLY TO: singletreefarms1@gmail.com

6125 Matthews Road, Olivet, MI 49076 517-652-3065

**TOTAL PAYMENT
ENCLOSED \$ _____**



61st Annual Michigan Angus Futurity SHOW & SALE

SHOW – FRIDAY, MARCH 29
SALE – SATURDAY, MARCH 30

2019 Michigan Beef Expo • Michigan State University Pavilion • East Lansing

An Elite Angus Offering of Herd Sires & Females from Progressive Breeders

Bordner Angus, Sturgis, MI
Dawson Farms, Hanover, MI
Double C Angus, Marion, MI
Eastview Angus, Corunna, IN

Highbanks Angus, Nashville, MI
Hutchings Registered Angus, Bellevue, MI
Hy-View Farm, Williamston, MI
KB Angus, Merritt, MI

Lutchka Angus, Grass Lake, MI
R-Value Farms, Rosebush, MI
RG3, Justin Ruggles, Kingston, MI
Vaassen Angus, Ann Arbor, MI



KB Abigale of D10 F45 – 19135455

**Featuring a flush of the
2018 MICHIGAN BEEF EXPO
SUPREME CHAMPION**



Bred by KB Angus
Purchased and consigned
by Double C Angus



RVF-Lucy Ex E0128 – 19064579



RVF Granite Margie E128 – 19036931

KB Forever Lady E19 – 18810558
2018 Michigan Beef Expo Supreme Champion

**Make plans to attend the annual
Michigan Angus Association
Barn Social and Sale Preview
Friday from 4 to 7 pm!**



VAF Surveillance 0468 – 19214215

VISIT WEB SITE TO PREVIEW SALE BOOK

For more info, contact: Evan Boehmer, Sale Chair (517) 652-3065, singletreefarms1@gmail.com

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Junior Association News...

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MJAA President's Report by Amanda Kosal

Hello from the MJAA!

My favorite time of year is underway, calving season! Getting to welcome all the new babies into the world, and sit in anticipation as the next grand champion is being born.

Our junior members have been busing doing a multitude of things from showing our cattle to competing in FFA leadership development events, and playing winter sports. Yet we will all still find time to come together.

Our next board meeting is our Annual Banquet Saturday March 2 at the Agro-Valley Liquid Headquarters in St Johns. We will be hosting a silent auction to help raise money to participate in LEAD Conference in Nashville Tennessee, that is August 1-4.

Some other dates to keep in mind are that the Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show is in Timonium Maryland and will be June 20- 23. Next is National Junior Angus Show, it will be held at the Kentucky Expo Center in Louisville Kentucky July 14-20. We hope everyone has a great calving season and a great rest of the show year.

Auxiliary News...

2018-19 Michigan Angus Auxiliary Officers

President	Rachael Vaassen	Awards Chair	Nancy Thelen
Vice President	Julie Thelen Conover	Miss Michigan Angus Chair	Ricka Boehmer
Secretary-Treasurer	Sharon Vaassen	Scholarship Chair	Janel Horrocks-Boehmer
Historian	Lori Pillars	Past President (Advisor)	Julie Thelen Conover

Fundraiser Planned for the Annual Banquet

2018 was another great year for the Michigan Angus Auxiliary! As we move into our 52nd year, we look to continue our service to our members, juniors and the Angus breed. At the March banquet, we will be holding a silent auction to help raise funds for the Auxiliary. Please consider purchasing or donating items to help support the effort of the Auxiliary. Contact Rachael Vaassen at 734.645.2304 or Sharon Vaassen at 734-663-8071 with donations.

Expo/Futurity Sale Morning Refreshments

The Auxiliary, this year, will again be having a booth of breakfast treats and snacks at the Beef Expo on Friday and Saturday. All women are asked to participate by providing baked goods for Friday or Saturday.

April 1 is Auxiliary Scholarship Deadline

2019 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. Applications are due to Janel Horrocks-Boehmer by April 1st. Don't delay in completing your application and other Angus scholarships. Janel Horrocks-Boehmer can be reached at jhorrocks211@yahoo.com or 517-449-7345.

You are invited to join the Auxiliary!

Our association continues to grow through new activities and members. If you are interested in becoming involved in our activities, please contact Sharon Vaassen at 734-663-8071. A membership form is posted on the website on the forms tab and also printed in the Michigan Angus Directory.



Dr. Dave Hawkins featured in latest "I Am Angus" on Angus TV-YouTube

"Greatness is not something you can weigh or measure scientifically," said Richard Halstead, portrait artist of the five Saddle and Sirloin Portrait Gallery inductees featured in "I Am Angus | The Art of Greatness." "Greatness is not fashion. It's not fame either. It's not someone who's making the biggest splash, the biggest noise. It's someone who has a lasting quality. It doesn't have to be earth shaking. It doesn't have to follow any pre-conceived concept of greatness. There's no one strict formula for making greatness. It's what people do with what they have."

Minnie Lou Bradley. Dave Nichols. Tom Burke. Mick Colvin. Dr. David Hawkins. Though inducted into the famed Saddle and Sirloin for different reasons, all have contributed in substantial ways to the Angus business and cattle industry as a whole. "I Am Angus" – produced by the American Angus Association® – explores the meaning of greatness through the portraits of Bradley, Nichols, Burke, Colvin and Hawkins and their contributions to the industry.

The film is available on the American Angus Association's YouTube channel – Angus TV.

Michigan Angus Assn. 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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