



Michigan Angus News

Greetings Michigan Angus Association members and friends

Where does the time go?

As our lives continue to get busier, where does the time go? It seems just yesterday we were all enjoying our time at the field day at KB Angus, or the annual banquet in St. Johns, visiting with friends and fellow cattle producers.

The busier we get the faster that precious time slips away. The important thing is that we must take time to enjoy the moment, appreciate a special day, a family reunion, a community event, or the progress of a new calf crop, and most certainly the time taken for a good visit with a family member or close friend.

Recently I had the opportunity to witness my oldest son graduate from high school, along with Michigan Junior Angus board member Kinsee Lettinga. Both attended Thornapple Kellogg High School. Both are high honor students, very active in the community, have strong leadership skills, and are Angus enthusiasts. Both received scholarships to support their future endeavors in higher education at Big Ten universities.

If I have a legacy, I want it to be to make our planet a better place through the children I have had the opportunity to encourage and influence. As the circle of life moves for us all, it is my hope that these young people will positively impact the place we live and enjoy the freedoms we fiercely protect. Like my parents and mentors, my heart is full as I witness these young people grow and achieve. The world is indeed in good hands! Speaking of mentors, soon I will be attending the 90th birthday of my very dear friend and mentor, my vocational agriculture teacher of the mid '80s. I look forward to taking the time to appreciate him and spend time with our family and friends in this fast-paced world. I encourage you to do the same!

The Michigan Angus Futurity at the 2019 Beef Expo was once again an excellent event. A huge thank you goes out to so many who helped with the show and sale, especially our Michigan Angus Auxiliary, Evan & Grace Boehmer, Lisa Bohlen, Steve & Nancy Thelen, Merle & Janel Boehmer. Michigan Angus is a team effort and, of course, many others also helped make this a successful event for our breed – so thanks to each of YOU too!

WANTED: Our board of directors has welcomed the participation

of several "more youthful" members in recent times, and this is paying dividends. They have provided many fresh and innovative thoughts and ideas. Succession in leadership is important for the long term progress of this association. Our board is a very committed and open group, do not hesitate to contact any one of them if you wish to serve, or have thoughts to contribute.

The 2019 Michigan Angus Field Day at C.P. Mann & Family Registered Angus near Imlay City promises to be another great opportunity to connect with cattle producers throughout the state. You can be assured that Charlie Mann and his family will be great hosts. Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 29 and come join us for an enjoyable day. Please refer to page three for information. We welcome any contributions for sponsoring the event. Contact Charlie Mann or me if you are interested in joining this effort to produce another excellent annual Angus field day.

Michigan Angus Association will host the second annual Great Lakes Region Angus Female Sale on October 26 in Shipshewana, IN. Details about the sale are on page 4, and the entry form is posted on the website. The purpose of including fall sale info in the June newsletter is that NOW is the time to select and begin developing your potential sale lots! Entries are due September 1.

At the 2019 annual meeting on June 29 during the field day I will complete my term as president of the Michigan Angus Association. The reins of president will be turned over to the very capable hands of Dan Vaassen. Dan has been instrumental in many aspects of this association. It has been an honor for me to be on the board, and serve as president for the past two years. I am not going anywhere. I will remain on many committees and continue to assist the association with unfinished business to serve our membership.

As you read this newsletter, please give consideration to the many opportunities to connect with cattle friends new and old. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Best regards and farewell,

Bob Zellmer, President
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Announcement

The American Angus Association Board of Directors is pleased to announce Mark McCully as the new chief executive officer of the American Angus Association, effective June 10, 2019. McCully brings nearly 19 years of experience with Certified Angus Beef to the table, most recently serving as Vice President of Production for Certified Angus Beef LLC.

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Michigan Angus Association 2019-2020 Membership Directory ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

*All directory ads will be featured on both the Michigan Angus Website and the Facebook page.
Be sure your ad includes a link to your farm website and/or Facebook page.*

- Ad **RESERVATION** Deadline is **JULY 15**

To reserve your spot, **Call, Text or Email** Rebecca VanDenBerg – phone & e-mail listed below.

- Ad **ARTWORK** Deadline is **AUGUST 1**

Ad Options	Rate	Ad Dimensions	Full Bleed Dimensions
Full Page	\$250	8"h x 5"w	8.75"h x 5.75"w
Half Page	\$150	3.75"h x 5"w	3.75"h x 5.75"w
Quarter Page	\$100	3.5"h x 2.25"w	n/a

All Ads Are Full Color!

PLEASE NOTE:
2019 dues must
be paid prior to
July 1 to be
included in the
membership
listing of the
directory.

**Don't miss out on this
promotion opportunity,
the Michigan Angus Directory
is only printed every two years!**



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2019 Michigan Angus Field Day Saturday, June 29

Angus Breeders & Juniors and Commercial Beef Producers
are invited for an informative and enjoyable day.
Come see old friends, and make new ones!

**Hosted by C.P. Mann & Family
Registered Angus**

2821 North Summers Road
Imlay City, MI 48444
Charles P. Mann 810-614-5045



FIELD DAY PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

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| 11 a.m. | Arrival |
| 11:15 a.m. | How to Improve Marbling and Maximize Quality Grade
Presented by Dan Buskirk, PhD
MSU, Associate Professor of Animal Science |
| 11:45 a.m. | Tour of Pastures & Rotational Grazing Program
Narrated by Phil Kaatz
MSU Extension, Forage Mgmt. & Field Crops Educator |
| 12 Noon | Lunch |
| 1:00 p.m. | Livestock Judging Contest
Fun Activity for All Ages! |
| 2:00 p.m. | Michigan Angus Annual Meeting
Election of Officers
Board of Directors Meeting |
| 3:30 p.m. | Conclusion |



WE'RE COUNTING HEADS
FOR LUNCH & FIELD DAY ACTIVITIES



Please let us you are coming by June 22!
Call: 810-614-5045 E-mail: cpmk9trainer@gmail.com



Great Lakes Region ANGUS FEMALE SALE

**Saturday
October 26
2019**

Sale Info

SALE LOCATION: Shipshewana Livestock Auction

www.shipshewanatradingplace.com

SALE MANAGER: Rance Long Marketing

Contact: Rance Long, 918-510-3464, rlong@rancelong.com

SALE COORDINATOR: Michigan Angus Association

Contact: Chris Pranger, 260-760-9512, chris@prangerent.com

Entry due September 1

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Entry Info

ENTRY

- No entry fee
- Current Michigan Angus Association Membership
If dues are not current as of 9/1/19 \$25 will be deducted from settlement.

HEALTH & GENETIC REQUIREMENTS

- Cattle must be tested BVD negative (ear notch test)
- Cattle that are potential carriers of any know lethal genetic defect must be tested free of the defect
- Cattle must have GE-EPDs (Genomic Enhanced Expected Progeny Differences). This test will enhance the predictability of current selection tools and increases EPD accuracy on young animals.
- Interstate health paper, including pregnancy confirmation.

SALE CATEGORIES

- Bred Female – Cow must be 6 years or younger
- Cow/Heifer Calf Pair – Cow must be 6 years or younger
- Bred Heifers
- Open Heifers
- Embryo package with guarantee of one pregnancy

Access **ENTRY FORM** at
www.michiganangus.org

LOT INFO, PHOTOS & VIDEOS

- Entry Information: **Due Sept. 1**
Registered name & registration number, AI or service dates, pregnancy status, service sire name and registration number.
The sale manager prefers to write the footnotes for the entries. Additional production information to be included in footnotes should be sent with the entry form.
- Photographs - E-mail quality, high resolution digital files in JPG format. **Due Sept. 15**
- Videos - E-mail quality, edited files for broadcast on DVAuction during the sale. **Due October 15**

Sale Manager Message

Rance Long Marketing
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It is indeed a pleasure to be working with the Michigan Angus Association in their sponsorship and coordination of the 2019 Great Lakes Region Angus Female Sale on Saturday afternoon, October 26 at Shipshewana Livestock Auction in Shipshewana, Indiana.

This event will be the highlight of the Great Lakes Region Angus activities for the upcoming fall. The entry requirements and guidelines are listed above. As you begin selecting cattle for this event I strongly urge you to dig deep into your program to bring the best representation of your operation. We will do everything possible to promote this event throughout the Angus business and showcase your high quality genetics!

If you have any questions or would like to visit with me personally about your potential sale lots, feel free to give me a call at (918) 510-3464.

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2019 Michigan Angus Awards Banquet

Michigan Angus Breeders and Juniors recognized March 2 at St. Johns, Michigan



American Angus Auxiliary Certificates of Achievement

Front row: Kinsee Lettinga, Wayland, Thea Zellmer, Nashville; Amanda Kosal, Deckerville; and Jaycie Brown, Pinckney. Back row: Drew George, Niles; Blake Pillars, Martin; Kristopher Kosal, Deckerville; and Justin Stoll, Grand Ledge. Not pictured: Delaney Bates, Sebawaing; Hunter Brown, Kingston; Kavina Johnson Quincy; Matthew MacMaster, Harrisville; Lindsey Mogg, Sumner; Austin Pillars, Martin; Jack Reid, Eaton Rapids; Maggie Reid, Eaton Rapids; Jason Zeilke, Coloma; and Braydon Zellmer and Paige Zellmer, Nashville.



Michigan Angus Auxiliary Officers & Committee Chairs

L to R: Lori Pillars, Martin, historian; Nancy Thelen, Saline, vice president; Rachael Vaassen, Saline, president; Sharon Vaassen, Ann Arbor, secretary-treasurer; Ricka Boehmer, Niles, Miss Michigan Angus chair; and Janel Horrocks-Boehmer, Williamston, scholarship chair. Not pictured is Julie Thelen Conover, immediate past president.



Michigan Angus Association Heritage Award

Presented to Dan and Sharon Vaassen from Ann Arbor. Presenting the award are Merle Boehmer and Janel Horrocks-Boehmer from Williamston.



Outstanding Junior Members

Blake Pillars from Martin was recognized as MJAA Outstanding Junior Member. Not pictured is Outstanding Senior Member, Austin Pillars from Martin.



MJAA Adult Appreciation Award

Awarded to Lori Pillars, Martin, pictured with Drew George, Blake Pillars, Kinsee Lettinga, Jaycie Brown, Amanda Kosal, Kris Kosal and Justin Stoll.



MJAA Premier Breeders

Amanda Kosal, Deckerville, first place Premier Breeder; Justin Stoll, Grand Ledge, second overall; and Blake Pillars, Martin, third overall. Austin Pillars from Martin placed fourth.



Michigan Angus Royalty

Jaycie Brown, Pinckney, 2018 Miss Michigan Angus and Kinsee Lettinga, Wayland, 2019 Miss Michigan Angus.



MJAA Premier Exhibitors

Drew George, Niles, first place Premier Exhibitor; Justin Stoll, Grand Ledge, second overall; Blake Pillars, Martin, third overall; and Amanda Kosal, Deckerville, fourth overall. Austin Pillars from Martin placed fifth.



61st Annual Michigan Angus Futurity SHOW & SALE

CONGRATULATIONS



Lot 118 – Consigned by Vaassen Angus Farm, Ann Arbor
Purchased by Nevill Farms, Clare



Lot 106 – Consigned by KB Angus, Merritt
Purchased by Solid Rock Angus, Winchester, KY



Lot 119 – Consigned by R-Value Farms, Rosebush
Purchased by Country View Farms, Manistee



Lot 101 – Consigned by Bordner Angus Farms, Sturgis
Purchased by Single Tree Farms, Charlotte

**TOP
SELLERS**

**THANKS
TO THE
BUYERS!**

Top-Selling Female – \$4,000, Lot 106, consigned by KB Angus, purchased by Solid Rock Angus, Winchester, KY
Top-Selling Bull – \$3,250, Lot 112, consigned by Hutchings/Kenyon Angus, purchased by Jeffrey Craig, Perrington
Top-Selling Genetics Lot – \$2,200, Lot 124, consigned by Double C Angus, purchased by Single Tree Farms, Charlotte

Deb Shumacker, Quincy
Joe Barton, Tipton
Single Tree Farms, Charlotte
George Ruzick & Sons, Mattawan
Grace Servinski, Manistee

Solid Rock Angus, Winchester, KY
Andrew Jahn, Croswell
Zachary Hollbrook, Hastings
Gary Osbourne, Farwell
Jeffrey Craig, Perrington

Nevill Farms, Clare
Country View Farms, Manistee
Kevin Beatty, West Unity, OH
Tim Trimmer, East Jordan
Scott Collins, Cedar



2019 Great Lakes Region Angus Female Sale

Hosted by Michigan Angus Association Saturday, October 26 at 1:00 p.m. Shishewana Trading Place
For info on consigning or buying in this sale, contact Chris Pranger, Sale Coordinator – Phone/Text: 260-760,9512, E-mail: chris@prangerent.com

Junior Association News...

2018-19 Michigan Junior Angus Association OFFICERS

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Secretary - Jaycie Brown, jsjbrown@yahoo.com
Treasurer - Kinsee Lettinga, kl91281@tkschools.org
Historian - Kavina Johnson, hejohnsoncows@yahoo.com
Awards Chair - Blake Pillars, clayknollfarm@att.net
Michigan Angus Rep - Thea Zellmer
Miss Michigan Angus - Jaycie Brown

MJAA President's Report by Amanda Kosal

Hello from the MJAA!

Spring is in full swing, and summer is just around the corner. This is an exciting time for the juniors as we prepare for Junior Nationals, it will be held at the Kentucky Expo Center in Louisville, Kentucky July 14-20. The theme is "Win, Place and Show for the Purple." Another exciting adventure that awaits the juniors is to participate in the LEAD Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, August 1-4. We have a record number of MJAA members wanting to attend and it sounds like it's going to be a trip full of fun and laughter like always.

The juniors held a membership meeting on March 2 at the Annual Banquet. At this meeting we discussed LEAD Conference and finalized travel plans and who was going. We also started getting competition teams around and discussed who is taking animals to Junior National. During the banquet the juniors awarded Lori Pillars with the Adult Appreciation Award. A big congratulations also goes out to our new Miss Michigan Angus, Kinsee Lettinga, and, with that, a thank you to Jaycie Brown for serving as our 2018 Miss Michigan Angus.

Congratulations to MJAA Award Winners

Premier Breeder – 1st Amanda Kosal, 2nd Justin Stoll, 3rd Blake Pillars, 4th Austin Pillars
Premier Exhibitor – 1st Drew George, 2nd Justin Stoll, 3rd Blake Pillars., 4th Amanda Kosal, 5th Austin Pillars
Outstanding Jr. Member – Blake Pillars
Outstanding Sr. Member – Austin Pillars

Annual Meeting on June 8 at 1 p.m.

The MJAA will also hold our annual meeting on Saturday, June 8 at 8 p.m. during the Beef Showcase and Preview Show held at the MSU Live-stock Pavilion on the MSU campus. The meeting is for members and anyone interested in learning more about MJAA. Our 2019-2020 team of officers and directors will also be elected during this meeting. Let us know if you are interested in running for a board position.

Auxiliary News...

2019-20 Michigan Angus Auxiliary Officers

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

Annual Meeting and Crowning of Miss Michigan Angus

Our annual meeting agenda included the election of officers and planning for the future. A huge thank you to everyone who brought silent auction items to the banquet, as well as all the buyers and supporters in the silent and live auctions. We proudly crowned our 2019 Miss Michigan Angus during the annual banquet program. Congratulations to our new breed representative, Kinsee Lettinga, daughter of Paul and Leslie Lettinga from Wayland.

Futurity Show & Sale Hospitality

Coffee, donuts and delicious baked goods donated by our Auxiliary members were provided for the Angus Futurity. Thank you to all who helped!

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.

*Plan to attend the Michigan Angus Association Annual Meeting
on Saturday, June 29 during the 2019 Field Day!*

June 7 – 9	State Preview Show, Michigan Beef Showcase, East Lansing
June 20 – 23	NJAA Eastern Regional Preview Show, Timonium, MD
June 20 – 22	Michigan Cattlemen's Assn. Summer Round-up, Clare
June 29	Michigan Angus Field Day See page 3 for details 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. – C.P. Mann & Family Registered Angus, Imlay City 2 p.m. – Michigan Angus Assn. Annual Meeting & Election of Officers
July 11 – 14	Michigan Livestock Expo, East Lansing
July 14 – 20	National Junior Angus Show, Louisville, KY
August 1 – 4	NJAA LEAD Conference, Nashville, TN
Aug. 29 – Sept. 2	Michigan State Fair - Labor Day Weekend, Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi
September 1	ENTRIES DUE: Great Lakes Region Angus Female Sale See page 4 for details
October 26	Great Lakes Region Angus Female Sale, Shipshewana, IN

2019 ANGUS CONVENTION
RENO, NEVADA
NOVEMBER 1 – 4

www.angusconvention.com

Held in conjunction with the 136th Annual Convention of Delegates, the Angus Convention offers unrivaled opportunities for real-world education, face-to-face networking and country music entertainment. There is no shortage of excitement at our annual event. We encourage members who are interested in advancing their operations to attend and to bring their commercial customers along with 'em.