



# Michigan Angus News

## Greetings Angus Breeders and Friends!

As I sit down to write this message, I'm not sure where to start: the heat, the unsettled times in our country, Covid-19, or Angus cattle. Hopefully the warm weather is bearable for all, and you're getting some rain for the pastures and crops. As they say, if you don't like Michigan weather it will change soon.

Through all the unrest in our country and the Covid-19 situation, I will not discuss politics; we can all believe what we want. I think we can all agree that if we take the time to pause and reflect, raising cattle and farming can be very soothing and relaxing. Yes, I'm aware of the stress involved hoping to get hay made before it rains, then praying for rain so second cutting and corn grows. Repair bills, feed bills, fertilizer bills, getting cattle sold can all be overwhelming. But, then, you take that late stroll through the cows; checking heats as it finally cools off a bit. The calves are running and playing (hey, that tag 1234 heifer is looking pretty good!), and you smile and a peaceful calm comes over you. That, folks, is why we do this. Take the time to enjoy the little things in life.

The Michigan Beef Expo was carried out in an online format this year. Thanks to the consigners for your support and patience in this effort. A huge thank you to all the buyers – your support is truly appreciated. Last but not least, a major shout out to our Expo chairman, Evan Boehmer! Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the 2020 Beef Expo.

Plans are in motion for the 2020 Great Lakes Angus Female Sale. The sale date is October 24 in Shipshewana, IN. This is an excellent opportunity to consign your top notch Angus females to a sale of emerging status. Entry info is on page 3.

Please read the newsletter carefully for highlights from the Auxiliary, the Juniors, and guest writer Casey Jentz, AAA Regional Manager. Our 2020 field day and annual meeting, detailed below, is an event you won't want to miss.

Wishing everyone good health, good crops, and great calves.

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*Let's get together in person!*



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**COVID-19 protocols are in place. Plan to wear a face cover and observe all safety precautions.**

## 2020 MICHIGAN ANGUS ASSOCIATION FIELD DAY & ANNUAL MEETING

**Saturday, September 19 • 12 Noon to 5 p.m.**

**Moo-ville Quality Creamery Open Air Pavilion  
5875 S. M-66, Nashville, MI 49073**

- Gather at Moo-ville Creamery at 12 Noon
- Lunch at 1 p.m. (Sloppy Joe or BBQ Plate)
- Dessert at the Moo-ville Ice Cream Bar
- Michigan Angus Association Annual Meeting
- Tour of Moo-ville dairy and creamery facility
- Tour of the Highbanks Angus herd nearby

**RSVP # of people in your party by September 1**

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**AAA RM Report...**

**Report by Casey Jentz  
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Despite the ongoing challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Business Breed has remained active this summer. Many of the activities and events have been a little different than normal, but most have found a way to happen. Whether it was moving the National Junior Angus Show across the country or finding a way to hold an educational event virtually, we have been creative in finding safe and effective ways to reach our Angus family.

We have had the opportunity to add some very talented people to our Angus Team. Joel Cowley, formally the CEO of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, was recently hired as President of AGI. With his combination of beef industry experience and innovative leadership, Cowley will guide the company's genetic evaluation technology and research programs. Joel might be familiar to some in Michigan. He was previously a beef cattle extension specialist at Michigan State University, where he completed his MBA.

We also recently named Troy Marshall the Director of Commercial Industry Relations. For over 25 years Marshall has been the owner of Marshall Cattle Company, where he has placed an emphasis on servicing cattlemen with superior Angus genetics. In addition to his time on the ranch, he shared his knowledge as contributing editor for over 10 years at BEEF Magazine and he was the editor and publisher of The Seedstock Digest, the nation's first weekly publication aimed at seedstock producers. He will help our commercial producers capture the value of their Angus genetics through Angus Link and other USDA Process Verified Programs offered through Angus Link.

Registration is now open for the 2020 Angus Convention to be held November 7-9 in Kansas City. Make sure to visit the website AngusConvention.com to sign up for our annual event. The vote counting for the 137th Annual Convention of Delegates is underway. Stay tuned for the list of delegates announced in August. This is a great event that I would consider a must-attend if you are involved with Angus cattle. And if you have the "Luck of the Lutchkas" you might come home with one of the four grand prize giveaways!

As we move into the fall sale season, I will be out and about attending sales and visiting breeders. If you would like some ideas or help in marketing or locating Angus genetics to improve your herd, please give me a call. Also, keep a close watch on the Angus calendar and the sale book page on Angus.org for all your cattle needs this fall. See you soon!

**Mark  
your  
calendar...**

**Great Lakes Region Angus  
Female Sale DEADLINES**

- September 1 Entry Info due
- September 15 Photos due
- October 15 Videos due

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|-----------------|---|
| September 19    | Michigan Angus Association Field Day & Annual Meeting<br>MOO-ville Creamery Pavilion, Nashville, MI |
| September 22-24 | Certified Angus Beef LLC Annual Conference  |
| October 24      | Great Lakes Region Angus Female Sale  |
|                 | Shipshewana Livestock Auction, Shipshewana, IN  |
| November 7-9    | Nat'l Angus Convention & Trade Show, Kansas City  |



# Great Lakes Region ANGUS FEMALE SALE

Saturday  
October 24  
2020

## Sale Info

**SALE LOCATION:** Shipshewana Livestock Auction  
[www.shipshewanatradingplace.com](http://www.shipshewanatradingplace.com)

**SALE MANAGER:** Rance Long Marketing  
Contact: Rance Long, 918-510-3464, [rlong@rancelong.com](mailto:rlong@rancelong.com)

**SALE COORDINATOR:** Michigan Angus Association  
Contact: Chris Pranger, 260-760-9512, [chris@prangerent.com](mailto:chris@prangerent.com)

## Entries 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 9/1/20 \$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 known 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 increase 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](http://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**

## Message from the Sale Chair

*Michigan Angus Association invites you to mark your calendar for the 3rd annual Great Lakes Region Angus Female Sale. The sale is scheduled for October 24 at Shipshewana Livestock Facility in Shipshewana, IN. Our first two sales have seen success in moving cattle from the state of Michigan as far east as the state of New York and as far west as Iowa as well as several other states in the Midwest. The sale format will be the same with live bidding at the sale facility as well as online bidding should you not be able to attend.*

*Our past consignors have offered high quality bred cows, bred heifers and open heifers. These cattle have come from reputable programs that have had success in the show ring as well as the performance tests. Come and buy with confidence!*

*We welcome new consignors that are interested in marketing their very best genetics to the industry, please feel free to contact me with questions regarding consigning.*

**Chris Pranger, Sale Chair**  
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# 2020 Michigan Angus Awards Banquet

## Michigan Angus Breeders and Juniors recognized March 7 at St. Johns, Michigan



### Michigan Angus Association Officers & Directors

Seated L to R: Dan Vaassen, Ann Arbor, president; Jeremy Kosal, Deckerville, vice president; Lisa Bohlen, Pleasant Ridge, secretary-treasurer; and Nancy Thelen, Saline. Standing: Melissa Kenyon, Bellevue; Steve Thelen, Saline, Southeastern Representative; Lisa Lutchka, Grass Lake; and Chuck Reid, Eaton Rapids. Not pictured: chairman of the board Bob Zellmer, Nashville; and Charles Mann, Imlay City; Evan Boehmer, Charlotte; Paige Tuggle, Ithaca; Paul Dawson, Hanover; Mark Benaske, Rosebush; Andrew Foster, Niles and Brandon Goering, Archbold, OH.



**2020 Miss Michigan Angus**  
Julia Sanderson, Midland



### Michigan Angus Auxiliary Officers & Committee Chairs

Seated L to R: Sharon Vaassen, Ann Arbor, secretary-treasurer; Nancy Thelen, Saline, vice president; and Rachael Vaassen, Saline, president. Standing: Lori Pillars, Martin, historian; Kendra Diekevers, Saranac, awards chair; and Ricka Boehmer, Niles, Miss Michigan Angus chair; Not pictured: Julie Thelen Conover, immediate past president and Sterling Reichenbach from Bath, scholarship chair.



**MJAA Outstanding Senior Member**  
Amanda Kosal, Deckerville (R)  
Presented by Austin Pillars



**MJAA Outstanding Junior Member**  
Kris Kosal, Deckerville (L)  
Presented by Blake Pillars



### American Angus Auxiliary Certificates of Achievement

Seated L to R: Dylan Stoll, Grand Ledge; Austin Pillars, Martin; Jaycie Brown, Pinckney; and Justin Stoll, Grand Ledge. Standing: Blake Pillars, Martin; Kristopher Kosal, Deckerville; and Amanda Kosal, Deckerville. Not pictured: Delaney Bates, Sebawaing; Drew George, Niles; Kavina Johnson, Quincy; Kinsee Lettinga, Wayland; Jack Reid, Eaton Rapids; Maggie Reid, Eaton Rapids; Julia Sanderson, Midland; Hannah Schroeder, Ruth; Braydon Zellmer, Nashville; Paige Zellmer, Nashville and Thea Zellmer, Nashville.



### MJAA Premier Exhibitors

Blake Pillars, Martin, first place Premier Exhibitor; Dylan Stoll, Grand Ledge, third overall; Justin Stoll, Grand Ledge, fourth overall; and Kristopher Kosal, Deckerville, fifth overall. Maggie Reid, Eaton Rapids placed second overall.



**MJAA Premier Breeder**  
Justin Stoll, Grand Ledge



### Michigan Junior Angus Assn. Officers & Directors

Seated L to R: Jaycie Brown, Pinckney, secretary; Kris Kosal, Deckerville, vice president; Amanda Kosal, Deckerville, president; Blake Pillars, Martin, treasurer. Standing: Susie Brown, advisor; Michelle Kosal, advisor; Austin Pillars, Martin, director; Dylan Stoll, Grand Ledge, director; Justin Stoll, Grand Ledge, director of awards; Katie Romzek, advisor; and Lori Pillars, advisor.



### Michigan Junior Angus Association Adult Appreciation Award

Rob Reid from Eaton Rapids (R), received the Michigan Junior Angus Association (MJAA) Adult Appreciation Award from junior member Austin Pillars from Martin.

# Junior Association News...

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### MJAA President's Report by Amanda Kosal

Hello Fellow Angus Enthusiasts, Breeders, and Showmen!

It is no secret that the spring and summer show season has not been anything like normal for us this year. Unfortunately, there were quite a few shows cancelled but the Angus Juniors prevailed through it all. As the summer wraps up we are thankful that we were still able to attend the National Junior Angus Show in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The LEAD Conference is also being hosted in Nebraska City, Nebraska. Jaycie Brown, Justin Stoll, Kris Kosal and Blake Pillars are making the trip out there, they are being chaperoned by Jeremy and Michelle Kosal.

Before we know it, in a couple of short weeks, it will be time to start cattle shopping for calves, while also weaning and breaking any calves at home. The juniors are excited looking into the future and are ready for the 2021 show season.

# Show Reports...

*We welcome show reports from any of our juniors! E-mail or text results (Champion and Reserve Angus Heifers and Angus Steers) to: Nancy Thelen, hillsideacres01@aol.com or 734-216-3617. Thanks for your assistance!*

### Southern Michigan Showdown • June 20-21, Marshall

The two-day show was held June 20 and 21 in Marshall. The Champion Angus Heifer at both of the shows was exhibited by Danielle Scales from Barbeau. Blake Pillars from Martin, exhibited the Reserve Champion Angus Heifer in both of the shows and the Champion Angus Steer in the June 20th show was exhibited by Justin Sanderson from Midland.

### National Junior Angus Show • July 19-25, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Four Michigan Junior Angus members represented Michigan at the National Junior Angus Show held July 19 – 25 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Wyatt Fuller from Big Rapids, Kinsee Lettinga from Wayland, Blake Pillars from Martin, and Julia Sanderson from Midland traveled west to participate in various activities. Wyatt and Kinsee participated in the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest. Blake and Kinsee also exhibited their Angus heifers, and Julia participated in royalty activities as our 2020 Miss Michigan Angus. Blake and Julia also served as voting delegates for the board of directors, and Kinsee was a candidate for the National Junior Angus Board. Congratulations to all our Michigan participants and their families.

# Auxiliary News...

## 2020-21 Michigan Angus Auxiliary Officers

President - Rachael Vaassen  
Vice President - Nancy Thelen  
Secretary-Treasurer - Sharon Vaassen  
Historian - Lori Pillars

Awards Chair - Kendra Diekevers  
Miss Michigan Angus Chair - Ricka Boehmer  
Scholarship Chair - Sterling Reichenbach  
Past President (Advisor) - Julie Thelen Conover

### Annual Meeting held March 7 at St. Johns

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. Your support is greatly appreciated by all.

### Miss Michigan Angus 2020

We proudly crowned our 2020 Miss Michigan Angus during the Southern Michigan Showdown Show, due to her being away at college. Congratulations to Julia Sanderson and good luck at Oklahoma State.

### 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.

## MCAMSU BULL EVALUATION PROGRAM



MICHIGAN STATE  
UNIVERSITY

2020-21  
POLICIES &  
NOMINATION FORM  
[www.MIBulls.com](http://www.MIBulls.com)

ENTRIES DUE  
September 1, 2020

# 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](http://www.michiganangus.org)

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

Farm Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Farm Manager (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Members (under age 21): \_\_\_\_\_

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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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