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Michigan Angus News

Dear Michigan Angus Association Members,

There has never been a more exciting time to be part of the Angus breed. Beef prices are at an all-time high, demand for quality genetics continues to grow, and Angus cattle are leading the way in both production and profitability. Across the nation, sales have been strong, proof of the trust and value that comes with the Angus name.

Our Michigan breeders continue to raise the bar with exceptional cattle and top-notch programs that showcase the strength of our genetics. The momentum we're seeing in both the sale ring and the pasture is a reflection of your dedication, hard work, and commitment to excellence.

Last fall, I had the opportunity to attend the American Angus Association Convention alongside Bruce Buckmaster, Scott Foster, and Monte Bordner. It was inspiring to see the energy, innovation, and collaboration happening within our breed on a national level. While in Kansas City, we were honored to witness the induction of Dr. Dave Hawkins into the Angus Heritage Foundation, a tremendous and well-deserved recognition for his lifelong commitment to the Angus breed. Moments like that remind us of the lasting impact our members have on the industry, both here in Michigan and across the country.

Our National Junior program continues to represent the heart of the Angus breed and the future of our industry. Their leadership, sportsmanship, and passion make it clear that the next generation of Angus producers is in good hands.

Of course, Certified Angus Beef® continues to set the standard for quality in the beef industry. It is a brand built on the very genetics you all work so hard to produce, and it remains the most recognized and trusted name in beef worldwide.

Andrew Foster
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It's time to renew your membership!

Use the form on page 6 to pay by check, or visit the website to pay online.

Show appreciation to a new customer or a good neighbor with a Michigan Angus gift membership.

Invite your Angus friends for a herd visit!

Seeking a breeder (or group of nearby neighbors) to host the 2026 Michigan Angus Field Day.

Contact Lisa Lutchka to learn more about this promotional opportunity!

Phone/Text: 517-262-5885

E-mail: josephina_angus@yahoo.com

We'll See You at The Expo!

Michigan Cattlemen's Association and Michigan Beef Expo Committee are excited to present the 36th Annual Michigan Beef Expo on the weekend of February 20–22.

Breed shows are Friday, February 20 and frozen genetics will sell in "Friday Night Lights," an elite embryo and semen auction, that evening. Live animal consignments will sell in the traditional Michigan Beef Expo auction sales Saturday, February 21. The annual MSU Block & Bridle Junior Show follows on Sunday, February 22.

Come visit the state's leading livestock trade show and walk the aisles of the sale cattle displays to see old friends and make new contacts in the industry.

2026 Michigan Beef Expo Angus Consignors:

- Bates Family Livestock
- Burnell Farms
- Four M Farm
- IRA Acres
- Lutchka Angus
- McKay Farms
- Seldom Rest Farms



Scan the QR code to view the EXPO CATALOG online!



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00 AM
5:30 PM
8:00 PM

MOVE IN

MSU Pavilion opens for consignor stalling and trade show set up
Michigan Cattlemen's Association Annual Meeting
Set-Up Closes

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

9:00 AM

BREED SHOWS

Breed Shows Begin - Judged by Scott Trennepohl
Show Order: Simmental, Chianina & Maine Anjou, Shorthorn, All Other Registered Breeds, Hereford, Angus
Early Junior Cattle Stalling in Main Barn Available (ONLY if pre-signed up)
Trade Show Opens
Parade of Champions & Supreme Champion Recognition in Main Arena
Registration Opens for Block & Bridle Livestock Judging Contest
Buyer Registration Opens (**Same numbers will be used Friday & Saturday**)
Michigan Cattlemen's Reception Begins in Hospitality Lounge
Block & Bridle Livestock Judging Contest begins in Main Arena
Friday Night Lights Sale Begins in Hospitality Lounge
Followed by the Junior Associations Auction
Trade Show Closes
Pavilion Officially Closes

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:00 AM
9:00 AM
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
10:00 AM

BREED SALES

Coffee & Donuts in Hospitality Lounge
Buyer Registration Opens
Trade Show Opens
Junior Skill-A-Thon Contest
Breed Sales Begin in Auditorium
Sale Order: Simmental, Chianina & Maine Anjou, Shorthorn, All Other Registered Breeds, Hereford, Angus
Announcement of Junior Educational Awards in Hospitality Lounge
Ice Cream Social Begins in Hospitality Lounge
Designated Vendor Departure Time (if not staying till Sunday)
Junior Exhibitors can Enter through Southeast Pavilion Entrances
Junior Check in Located in Main Pavilion

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:00 AM

JUNIOR SHOWS

Trade Show Opens
MSU Block & Bridle Showmanship Begins - South ring Senior, Junior and Pee Wee.
North ring Intermediate, Beginner, Rookie
Market Animal and Breeding Heifer show will begin 30 min after the completion of showmanship - South ring breeding heifer show. North ring Market Animal show.
Trade Show Officially Closes

12:00 PM

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In Memoriam...

Fred Calvin Good passed away October 15, 2025, at the age of 101. (www.burkhead-green-kilgo.com/obituaries/fred-good)

Fred was born August 27, 1924, to George Lewis Good, and Dora Leota (Haines) Good in York Township, Van Wert County, Ohio, the youngest of 5 children on a diversified livestock farm where they raised Shorthorn cattle, hogs, sheep, and horses, near Van Wert Ohio. As a student at Ohio State University, he won the Little International Beef Showmanship Contest. He was a cattle herdsman and showman for operations in Ohio, Illinois and Mississippi, he fit and showed cattle, riding with them in boxcars to major shows. Fred married Judith LuVerne Swick in 1949, in Convoy, Ohio and they were blessed with 75 wonderful years of marriage, teamwork, and partnership. Their journey followed his jobs to Georgia, Maryland, Michigan, back to Ohio. They settled in Michigan in 1958 and bought a farm in Charlotte where they owned and operated Good Angus Farm for 55 years. They raised and showed registered Angus cattle at many local, state, and national shows.

Throughout his life, Fred mentored many new cattle producers to help them improve and grow their business. He established the annual Dawson – Good Club Calf sale in early 1970s, later to be Good and Associates which ran for over 40 years. Fred and Judy were incredible supporters of 4-H. He was a beef leader for 40 years and also served as the livestock judging team coach and beef superintendent for Eaton County. The current cattle show pavilion at the Eaton Co. Fairgrounds, donated by them, is an example of their commitment. He served as President of the Michigan Angus Association for two terms, and received the AAA Heritage Award in recognition of his service to the promotion of the Angus breed.

Fred had a rock-solid faith in God and felt the most important thing in life is your relationship to Almighty God. He was a devoted member of the Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church, Methodist men's group, and served as a trustee in the church. He believed that generosity is a way to share our blessings with other fellow human beings. Fred is survived by his children Dennis (Leah) Good of Charlotte, David Good of Phoenix, AZ, Mary Beth Good of Berrien Springs, and Kevin (Kammie) Good of Parker, CO, as well as his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. **Address condolences to: Dennis & Leah Good, 107 S. Lacey Lake Rd, Charlotte, MI 48813**

Duane 'Doc' Lee Schroeder, DVM, age 89, passed on to greener pastures on January 27, 2026. (www.peshefamilyfuneralhome.com)

Duane was born on January 14, 1937, in Pontiac, Michigan, to Gladys and Leslie Schroeder. He grew up with a deepening love for cattle, community, and a life connected to farming. His lifelong passion for cattle was sparked during his years working at Great Oaks Farm, one of the most respected Angus operations in the country at that time. There, he experienced world-class breeding programs and the excitement of nationally recognized sales, experiences that shaped his vision for the cattleman and veterinarian he would become. Duane pursued Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State University, graduating in 1962. He moved to Deckerville, where he began his family, established Blue Water Angus Farm, and helped found the Deckerville Veterinary Clinic, today known as Thumb Veterinary Service. He served the dairy industry across the Thumb for decades, retiring in 2010 after 48 years with the practice. Holsteins by day and Angus at home, Duane's life halted to his love for cattle and his lifelong journey to build his own Angus herd, his Blue Water Angus Farm pride and now legacy lines are regarded throughout Michigan and beyond. He bred and raised his Angus until the very end.

Duane was honored with the 2011-2012 Michigan Angus Directory dedication and Michigan Angus Heritage Award in 2013, recognizing years of mentorship, sound veterinary service, and steady leadership. He kept pace with veterinary science, breeding innovations, and grazing research, and he was among the first involved in innovative embryo-transfer research, long before it became standard in today's beef and dairy industries. Duane was respected for his expertise, integrity, good humor, and sincere care for others. His legacy extends far beyond the excellence he pursued in cattle; it is reflected in his dedication to hard work, his generosity, his mentorship of young people, and his unwavering devotion to family and friends. He quietly strengthened the lives of his family, countless farmers, colleagues, and young people. He loved his cattle but he loved his family, friends, and community even more.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his son, David Schroeder. He is survived by his wife, Lou Ann Schroeder; his sister, Carol Luchenbach; and his children: Doug (Karen) Schroeder, Robert (Julie) Schroeder, Rick (Leila) Schroeder, Brandon (Jenny) Schroeder, Holly (Vince) Meyer, and Wren (Michael) Baker; and stepchildren, Scott Sears, Russell Sears, and Malisa Sears, and by his many, many grandchildren, all of whom he adored.

Address condolences to: Lou Ann Schroeder, 5800 Deckerville Rd East, Deckerville, MI 48427

ANGUS HERITAGE FOUNDATION

The “Angus Advantage” cattle producers enjoy in today’s cattle market was built by the dedication of the generations who came before us. For more than 40 years, the American Angus Association’s Angus Heritage Foundation has recognized the passion, dedication and perseverance of individuals whose life’s work has made a lasting impact on the Angus breed’s success and legacy. The storied list includes respected cattle breeders, influential leaders, and forward-thinking innovators.

Each year, the Association inducts new members to the foundation, honoring their impact during the Angus Convention Awards Dinner. Angus breeders, their families and industry partners gathered in Kansas City, Mo. Nov. 1 to celebrate the 2025 inductees: David Hawkins, Mason, Mich.; Mike McGuire, Waverly, Ala.; Tom and Carolyn Perrier, Eureka, Kan.; and Dr. Robert Totusek (posthumously), Oklahoma City, Okla.



From left: Dan and Lisa Moser, son-in-law and daughter; Kathleen Hawkins, wife; David Hawkins; Jennifer Hawkins, daughter; and Mark McCully, American Angus Association CEO.

David Hawkins, Mason, Michigan, professor emeritus at Michigan State University, has devoted his career to teaching, advising and mentoring animal science students. He taught meat animal evaluation courses and coached collegiate livestock judging teams. As faculty coordinator of the university’s Beef Cattle Teaching Center, he led genetic improvement of its Angus and Hereford herds, producing many national champions, and selling cattle and semen globally. Hawkins judged cattle at major shows in the United States, Australia, Canada and Denmark. As a result of his international travels for shows and seminars, he established a visiting scholar program at the university for Angus students from Australia. Dr. Hawkins was inducted into the prestigious Saddle & Sirloin Portrait Gallery in 2013.



**Scan the QR code
to view the
VIDEO TRIBUTE
to Dr. Hawkins**

Michigan Angus Association is grateful for the leadership and service that both Dr. Hawkins and Kathleen Hawkins have provided to our organization and the beef cattle industry. To send a congratulatory note, address to:
Dr. David & Kathleen Hawkins, 3119 Willoughby Rd., Mason, MI 48854

Bull Evaluation... MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Update

by Dan Buskirk, MSU Professor and Beef Extension Specialist

The 2025–26 MCA–MSU Bull Evaluation is underway with strong Angus representation and broad consignor support. This year's test includes 85 bulls from 17 consignors from top regional herds, featuring 40 Angus bulls from 10 Angus consignors from Michigan and Iowa.

What to watch

Beginning October 24th, and through the fall–winter evaluation, we track growth, feed efficiency, structural soundness, and readiness for breeding soundness exams to guide spring selection. With 40 Angus bulls from a diverse set of programs, including more than 25 different Angus sires represented, buyers can expect meaningful, apples-to-apples comparisons.

Sensor research

During this evaluation, MSU is piloting sensors on the bulls to test the utility of obtaining other continuous, objective data in addition to our standard series of tests. Each bull is now fitted with a smart ear tag and a rumen bolus to monitor temperature, rumination/eating behavior, water intake, and physical activity. This data will be correlated to the myriads of records we already collect (gain, feed intake, ultrasound, etc.) to understand if these sensors can reliably act as sentinels and or help refine selection. We will share early findings as data comes in.

Thanks & follow along

Thank you to our consignors for supporting a data-driven program. Watch for periodic updates of gains, feed intake, ultrasound data, and other records as they are posted—and keep an eye on the Angus group if you are planning ahead for spring bull needs. *To subscribe to regular updates, visit the website: mibulls.com*

SAVE THE DATES

March 17 and March 21

Get a sneak peek of the sale bulls during our Open House on March 7.

Don't miss the sale on March 21 – participate on-site or online.

The station is located at Wernette Cattle Co., 9441 50th Ave., Remus, MI 49340

For more info, visit: **mibulls.com**

The evaluation follows Beef Improvement Federation guidelines and only bulls passing ALL our rigorous tests are sold with the program brand:

- *Surpassed minimum 2.8 lb/day gain during their growth trial*
- *Determined to be docile with excellent temperament during months at the station*
- *Deemed to have acceptable skeletal structure and passed foot angle and claw set score requirements*
- *Passed breeding soundness exam, including physical exam, scrotal circumference requirements, and semen evaluation*
- *We also measure and report on important traits that affect profitability, such as feed efficiency and carcass traits*

Auxiliary News...

by Rachael Coleman

2026 Michigan Angus Auxiliary Officers

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Miss Michigan Angus 2026 Applications Due February, 2026

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 Louisville, KY. 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 2026 Queen will be crowned in the spring. 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 2026 high school graduates. Winners of our state scholarship are eligible for consideration at the national level. To apply, or for more information, please contact Kendra Diekevers at kdiekevers2@email.davenport.edu.

*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.

2026 Advanced Education Scholarship Applications Due June 1

Junior Angus members who are upcoming college sophomores, juniors, or seniors are eligible to apply for the scholarship which can be awarded up to two times. The scholarship application can be found on the Michigan Angus website: About/Auxiliary. There are many junior members who are eligible for scholarships, and we highly encourage you to apply.

For scholarship questions, please reach out to Kendra Diekevers at kdiekevers2@email.davenport.edu.

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 Susie Brown, jsjbrown@yahoo.com, 517-294-7220. A membership form is posted on the website on the forms tab and also printed in the Michigan Angus Directory.

Junior Association News...

by Dalaney Bates

2025 Michigan Junior Angus Assn.

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Note: The election of 2026 Officers & Board is scheduled February 7 at the AGR Show.

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Michigan Junior Angus Association – 2025 Year in Review

The Michigan Junior Angus Association had an exceptional year once again, and we're excited to share a few highlights from across the season.

In July, several of our juniors competed at the Angus Junior Nationals in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where this year's theme was Moovin' Down Route 66. The Michigan Cook-Off Team placed Third Overall: congratulations to team members Tori DeMeyer, Katelyn Dargus, Sarah Fox, and Colton Morrison. Katelyn Dargus also placed Sixth Overall in Intermediate Ring B and was named Reserve Champion in Division I with her heifer. First year member Owen Green shared that his favorite part of Junior Nationals was making new friends and playing baseball in the make-up area when it wasn't filled with cattle. We're thrilled to see so many new youth getting involved in our association!

In June, the Michigan Angus Preview was held at the Midland County Fairgrounds in conjunction with the Michigan Hereford Preview. The event took place June 13–15th and included fun activities like games, a pizza party, and an ice cream social, generously sponsored by Bordner Angus, the Klink Family, and the MJAA. During the show, several youth were recognized with Premier Awards. Blake Pillars was named Premier Breeder, MJAA Outstanding Senior, and Third Overall Exhibitor. Champion Premier Exhibitor honors went to Dalaney Bates, with Charlee Klink earning Reserve Overall Exhibitor, and Brooklyn Schlipp taking Fourth Overall. The MJAA Junior Board would like to extend a sincere thank-you to all of our Preview Show sponsors - we truly appreciate your continued support.

In May, Kris Kosal was featured on the National Junior Angus Association's Facebook page as their May Herd Pick—be sure to visit the Michigan Angus Facebook page to read about his highlights and accomplishments. We are also proud to recognize Blake Pillars, who completed his first year on the National Junior Angus Board of Directors. Blake is excited to announce that the 2026 Junior Nationals will be held in Louisville, Kentucky. He also encourages Michigan youth to participate in national events such as Raising the Bar, which will take place at Iowa State University, and the LEAD Conference, to be held in Orlando, Florida. Blake continues to represent Michigan proudly, and we look forward to all that lies ahead for him and our state's juniors on the national stage.

As we look ahead, we're excited to see everyone at the 2026 Michigan Beef Expo, which will be held at the MSU Pavilion from February 20–22. Be sure to stop by the Angus aisle and say hello! The MJAA looks forward to another great year and all the opportunities that 2026 will bring.

In the News...

A Walk in the Park: Simmons Memorial Park near Webberville has paved trails, country views

Nick King, Lansing State Journal, Oct. 17, 2025

Tucked away in the quiet countryside of Leroy Township, Steven & Ruth Simmons Memorial Park offers a serene escape for parkgoers looking for a peaceful walk, relaxation or family time. The park, located between Williamston and Webberville at 2963 S. Webberville Road N, just south of the Webberville Cemetery, is a 14-acre parcel honoring the memory of Steven and Ruth Simmons. The Simmons were a notable couple who started the successful agri-business Omega Farms in the 1960s in Williamston. The couple was heavily involved in the community and offered support through philanthropic endeavors. The highlight is a half-mile, paved trail that circles the perimeter of the park. It's a very accessible, stable trail good for a brisk walk or a jog. Views along the trail feature rural sights such as silos, crop fields and a smaller natural area on the park's west border. Keep an eye out for wildlife. Simmons Memorial Park has squirrels, various bird species, and it's not uncommon to see wild turkeys strutting through the grass and deer grazing at dusk. There's a large open field for activities requiring extra space and benches positioned around the path for resting or relaxation. In addition, Simmons Memorial Park has a large pavilion with picnic tables and grills, a basketball court and a newer playground for children. There's a large parking lot at the entrance and the park is open from dawn to dusk. Leashed dogs are welcome and portable bathrooms are available on site.

New AAA Member Rewards – Announcing new benefits for American Angus Association members

Levi Landers, American Angus Association Director of Field & Member Services

As a member of the American Angus Association, you can take advantage of the several benefits a membership offers. As part of your membership to the American Angus Association, now you can unlock savings from corporate partners who want to provide services for our membership. The first partner is MJE/LE Livestock Equipment based out of Montezuma, Kan. With more than fifty years in the livestock equipment and feedlot supply business, MJE/LE offers 10% off any of their painted product line. Their product lines are all made in America and use all American-made steel. The second Member Rewards partner is Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's. They are the leader in all outdoor equipment, guns and clothing that everyone can enjoy. They are offering American Angus Association members up to 30% off brand items, 15% discount for all other brands and a 5% discount for guns and ammo. To access AAA Member Rewards, go to www.angus.org/member-center/member-rewards.

Michigan Angus Assn. Membership Application

BY MAIL

Make check payable to: Michigan Angus Assn.
Mail application and form to: Lisa Bohlen
2817 Rubbins Road, Howell, MI 48843

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