

# Columbiana-Mahoning-Trumbull Cattlemen's Association, Inc.

## September 2016

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Dear CMTCA Members,

Let me first start by saying, where has this year gone? Seems like only a month ago we were having our annual CMT Banquet. This summer has definitely flown by and been a hot one. I know we can all agree on that. Our three county fairs are all complete and in the books. I would like to congratulate all of the participants and winners in all of the three counties.

The fairs may be over for 2016 but we have one more event at the Canfield Fair. October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> is our annual CMT County Line Cattle Blast. This event has become a large part of what our association does for our members. Our two day event allows us cattlemen and cattlemen to show off their calves. Whether it is at the show or the sale we have some for all to enjoy. Our CMT Cattle sale is Saturday night. During this event we will also have a silent auction which proceeds go to our scholarship that is given out to our youth. I have been lucky enough to be a part of this event since the beginning. It is great seeing the next generation of cattle producers being a part of the cattle industry.

If you have not been able to join us either Saturday or Sunday in past CMT County Line Cattle Blasts, I invite you to do so. Our association has some amazing sponsorships that make this event possible. Not to mention the hard work our members put forth to make this event possible. Without their support we would not be able to do this for our youth and help then next generation cattle producers.

The next event will be our CMT picnic September 24<sup>th</sup> hosted by Wilson Stock Farm at 6pm. Bring a covered dish and table settings. Before the year end we will be having other educational meetings and events. Please stay tuned to our website, Facebook page and newsletters for those dates.

As some of us are weaning, getting ready to wean, or just starting to calve, We are all busy enjoying our cattle. That's the beauty of our association, no matter when you may calve, or what type of operation you may have, we all share the joy of cattle. This fall is starting out to be a great and cool one. Hope to see you at the upcoming events.

Brian Spencer – CMTCA President 2016

### 2016 OFFICERS

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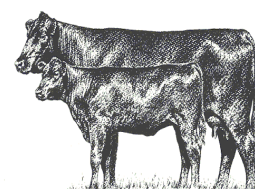
*Mark Kohler*  
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#### Secretary

*Chad Bailey*  
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#### Treasurer

*Pete Conkle*  
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### Upcoming Dates:

Summer Picnic: Sept. 24

CMTCA County Line Blast:  
October 1-2

### Inside this issue:

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OSU News Article

## **2016 CMTCA Ambassadors**

As the CMTCA Ambassadors, these girls are here to help and assist the association and its members. If you have an event (PR, open house, sale, etc.) or know of an organization that could use the service of these ambassadors, please get in touch with **Chad Bailey** at 8783 Columbiana Canfield Road, Canfield, Ohio 44406 (330)853-7966).



2016 Ambassadors were announced at the March Banquet. These girls will be seen around cattle functions, cattle shows and area fairs.

### **2016 Ambassadors:**

Claudia Criss  
Hannah Jarvis  
Betty Richey  
Madison Murray  
Emily McDonald  
Megan Drake  
Marly Zeigler

### **Ambassador Advisors:**

Chad Bailey  
Christina Benton  
Amanda Orahood  
Nicole Richey



### **Newsletter Info:**

Material is needed to put together and get a newsletter printed and sent. If any director or member has any materials they would like sent out, please forward them. We are in need of pictures, Spotlight material, inventions, etc. If anyone would like to write up a little blog about themselves or their cattle, that would be great too! Feel free to email any materials to me at: [stacyranch@yahoo.com](mailto:stacyranch@yahoo.com) or [jamie.stacy@ccctc.k12.oh.us](mailto:jamie.stacy@ccctc.k12.oh.us)

## **2016 Board of Directors**

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Rich Cope  
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*Royalty*

### **Beef Ambassadors:**

Claudia Criss  
Hannah Jarvis  
Betty Richey  
Madison Murray  
Emily McDonald  
Megan Drake  
Marly Zeigler

**Ambassador Coordinator:**  
Chad Bailey

***We apologize for the late addition: The Past Presidents retiring address should have been in the spring newsletter, so here it is ..better late than never!***

Well it's March 5<sup>th</sup>, just after the banquet, 11:55 to be exact. Why am I writing this now? Well, when most everyone left the banquet, they put all the extra desserts on the table to be eaten. Remember all that cherry stuff and those big chocolate chip cookies? John McKarns and I thought we had to eat them all! Sugar and Sweet Tea, Hum? Anyway, I thought I would write my last presidents report since I can't sleep.

After talking with several people, they all seemed to like the facility and the food and said they had all had a good time. I think most would agree. I would like to congratulate our cattlemen of the year recipients, The Herman Miller Family, and our Herold Ferguson Memorial Award Winner Hanna Shipman. Also send thanks to the Ferguson Family for their sponsorship of the carcass quality award.

Hayley Drake did a nice presentation on her experience at the OCA Young Cattlemen's Conference. Pete Conkle and Henry Bergfeld shared their videos that OCA filmed after winning their OCA Awards. Both did a great job! Congrats to Hayley, Henry and Pete on your OCA awards and for sharing you experiences, wisdom and insights.

A big Thank You to all our friends and sponsors of the many nice door prizes. Remember and support these folks when you are purchasing your farm, animal and ranch supplies! Thanks to all our newly elected people on our board of directors and our ambassador program. We can now move forward with the CMTCA in a positive direction for 2016.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your president and represent the CMTCA in 2015. Congrats to Brian Spencer, your new president for 2016. I'm confident he will do a great job. See you all around somewhere or someplace.

**Mark Kohler, 2015 Past President**

**Jamie Garwood-Stacy:**  
**Newsletter Coordinator**

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**Club Calf Sale and Show:**

Rich Boyd, Todd Miller  
Brian Spencer, and Chad  
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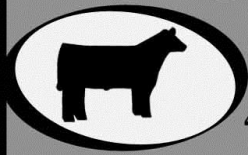
***Please visit our website  
to view the slide show  
of pictures from the  
County Line Blast.  
Pictures provided by  
Michelle Murray***

## **2016 Summer Picnic**



**September 24, 2016 Eat at 6PM**  
**Wilson Stock Farms**  
**29145 Buffalo Rd., Kensington Ohio 44427**  
**330-853-4518**

***Please bring your own table settings and a covered dish to share!***  
***You are invited to arrive Earlier in the Day and Enjoy the Farm!***



# CMT County Line Cattle Blast

**5th  
Annual**

"One of the fastest growing shows in Ohio"

Presented By: The CMT Cattlemen's Association

**Grand Champion: \$1,000.00**  
**Reserve Champion: \$500.00**

**3-5 Overall & Class Premium will be prorated.**

## **Open Jackpot Show & Steer and Heifer Sale**

**Saturday - October 1, 2016**

12:00 PM - Heifer Show  
Showmanship begins 1/2  
hour after heifer show ends  
5:30 PM - Educational Clinic  
7:30 - Consignment Sale  
Silent Auction Scholarship  
Benefit

**Sunday - October 2, 2016**

12:00 PM - Steer & Market  
Heifer Show

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**Look us up on Facebook  
CMT Cattlemen's Association  
or Follow us on Twitter  
@CMT Cattlemen**

**Entry fee \$35.00**

**Check in: 8:00am - 11:00am**

**Market animals & steer class by wt.**

**Breed heifers born after 09/01/15**

**Market animals born after 01/01/16  
out of state cattle health papers req'd**

**Straw bedding only**

**Plenty of room in barns & tie outs**

**Nice wash racks**

**Canfield Fairgrounds**

**7265 Columbiana Canfield Rd**

**Canfield, Ohio 44406**

**Show or Sale Questions?  
or to consign Please Contact**

**Rich Boyd: 330-692-9085**

**Fred Criss: 234-567-5574**

**Todd Miller: 330-921-5983**

**Duane Nickel: 330-831-5040**

**Brian Spencer: 330-501-1987**

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**Sale Applications available online**

**[www.cmtcattlemen.com](http://www.cmtcattlemen.com)**

**Food & Refreshment vendors on site**

**Show supplies for purchase by**

**HIGHLAND  
ENTERPRISES  
LIVESTOCK SUPPLY**



## 2016 County Fairs

We would like to congratulate all the 4-H and FFA Members on the outstanding job they all did representing the cattle industry at the 3 County Fairs. Our membership was well displayed at all the fairs. Keep up the good work! Anyone having great pics from the fairs, email them to Jamie and she will put in a slide show on our webpage.

We would like to send a big Thank You to the Ferguson Family for their sponsorship of the carcass quality award. There are now carcass classes at 2 of our 3 county fairs. Congrats to our **Herold Ferguson Memorial Award Winner Hanna Shipman.**

### Trumbull County Carcass Winners: had 13 lots entered

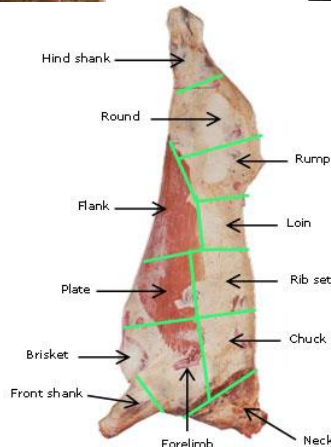
Grand Carcass: Marcus Murray	weight 869#	sold for \$5.50 lb.
Reserve Carcass: Erica Zuga	weight 895#	sold for \$4.75 lb.

### Columbiana County Carcass Winners: Had 11 Lots entered

Grand Carcass: Alexa Baker	weight 1284 #	sold for \$3.75 lb.
Reserve Carcass: Emily McDonald	weight 1409#	sold for \$3 lb.

### Mahoning County Carcass Winner

N/A



**2016**  
**Columbiana-Mahoning-Trumbull Cattlemen's Association**  
**Yearly Membership Application**

*(Failure to Send in yearly application will take you off the mailing list)*

Name:	
Farm Name:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
Email address	
1. Dues:	\$10 per family/farm

\* Please check here if you agree to all electronic (email) correspondence: \_\_\_\_\_

2. If you would like to be a CMTCA sponsor, please submit a business card or business information.

Sponsorship costs **\$20** per year and your information will appear in all the newsletters and on our website.

**\$20 sponsor** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>**Total amount Enclosed: \$</b> _____
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Please mail this form and money to: <b>Pete Conkle at 10087 Gavers Rd., Hanoverton, Oh 44423</b>
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# Love Your Wife and Kids, Not Your Cows!

September 14<sub>2016</sub>

– [John F. Grimes](#), OSU Extension Beef Coordinator (This article first appeared in the Early Fall 2016 issue of the [Ohio Cattleman](#) magazine)

The title of this article is a phrase I have used over the years in my Extension programming. Part of the title seems fairly obvious; Of course we love our wives and children! The second part of the title may seem a bit questionable to some of you. Most cattlemen would not raise beef cattle if they didn't genuinely have the animal's best interests in mind in terms of daily management that contributes to animal welfare. However, the second part of the title serves as an opening to a seasonal topic that is very appropriate to discuss at this time of the year which is culling beef females from the herd. Research studies from across the country indicate that the typical culling rate of the nation's beef cow herd falls between 15 – 20%. Beef cow income usually makes up 10 – 25% of the gross income generated by a cow herd. In many herds, cull cow income will be the difference between an annual profit or loss.

We are rapidly approaching the time when cow-calf producers will be weaning their spring-born calves. Weaning is an excellent time to evaluate your cow herd and decide which cows get to remain your "employees" and which ones need to find a new career. Notice that I referred to the cow as an employee. After all, they work for you. Yes, you have to provide them with the infrastructure to do their job including proper nutrition, health care, facilities, etc. However, if they are not being productive for you, they need to be replaced.

Cows and heifers leave operations for a variety of reasons. Ask a room full of cow-calf producers from anywhere in the country for the key reasons to cull a female from the herd. I would feel confident that the reasons would include any or all of the following factors: 1. Age or bad teeth; 2. Pregnancy status (open or aborted); 3. Temperament; 4. Other reproductive problems; 5. Economics (drought, herd reduction, market conditions); 6. Producing poor calves; 7. Physical unsoundness; 8. Udder problem; and 8. Bad eyes. While all of these factors are valid reasons for culling, I suspect that the first three factors listed who be the top reasons for culling in any given year.

Let's discuss those first three factors in a bit more detail. There is no "magic" age when a cow should be culled. Most beef cows are at the peak of their productive life from 4 – 8 years of age. Most start to "show their age" as they approach 10 years of age but there are exceptions. A sound management practice would be to examine the teeth of older cows after fall palpation to determine if they have adequate teeth to digest harvested forages during the winter and graze pasture grasses adequately to maintain body condition and support a calf.

The older I become, the less tolerant I am of any temperament issues. I suppose this is a direct result of the fact that I don't run as fast or heal as quickly as I used to! Animals with poor disposition or aggressive nature are obviously difficult to deal with on an individual basis and can corrupt a larger group of animals. Disposition has become an increasingly important factor as the average age of farmers and cattlemen increases as time moves along. Don't tolerate the bad actors!

Ultimately, the factor that should ultimately sort a female to the keep or cull pen is pregnancy status. While variable costs such as feed have moderated somewhat lately, it is still fairly expensive to maintain a cow on an annual basis. Producers often fail to consider fixed costs such as machinery, buildings, management, and replacement animal expense. We do not have enough space in this article to debate a sample budget, but it is fair to say the annual carrying costs for a beef female can run from

\$700 to over \$1,000 depending on the situation. An open female is not going to generate any income to help pay the bills.

Carrying an open female over to the next year or the next breeding season only compounds the accumulation of expenses. In nearly every case, the producer would be better off selling the open female and replacing her with a bred female. This is particularly true of yearling females. If you can't get a properly developed, healthy yearling heifer bred in a 60 -90 day breeding season, sell her as a heavy feeder calf or finish her out to harvest weight. If she is sub-fertile as a yearling, she will likely have fertility problems as a mature female.

I can assure you that the implementation of proper culling practices can be challenging to accomplish. It requires an established breeding and calving season, realistic production goals, and the discipline to carry out your plan. I would be less than honest with you if I said that I have always been completely disciplined with my culling program. It has been my experience that when you start making excuses for a beef female's poor reproductive performance, it seldom works out well for the owner!

## 2016 Fall Beef School Begins on Oct. 4th

September 14<sup>2016</sup>

– [Clif Little](#), OSU Extension Educator, Guernsey County

OSU Extension and the Eastern Agriculture Research Station has made plans for the 2016 Fall Beef School. The dates for the school are Tuesday, October 4 & 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30 p.m. to 8 pm and on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> the program will run from 10 am, until 2 pm. The programs will be held at the OSU Eastern Agricultural Research Station in Belle Valley. A meal will be provided with registration. The school has been designed to address practical issues facing beef producers.

The first night we will cover local disease concerns in a veterinary update, buying or raising heifers and niche markets. The second night topics include keeping heifers in the herd, cattle minerals and preparation for calving. The last day will focus on forage management, weed control, sprayer calibration, and plant growth promoters.

The cost of the program is \$15, which covers registration for one or all three days. Please register by completing and returning the [registration form linked here](#).