## **Thomas Hursey Distinguished Service Award**



## **Amy Heydenburg** - Midland, MI

BCAM is happy to name Amy Heydenburg, BCAM's administrative assistant, as this year's Thomas Hursey Distinguished Service Award winner. Amy started working with BCAM in 2007 as Peggy Porter's assistant. It was soon obvious that she would take our association to the next level with her ability to improve efficiency and incorporate computer technology into BCAM's business practices. When Peggy retired, Amy stepped right in and through her efforts, has been the main reason for our nation-leading membership. Her work with the website and other social media has kept us up-to-date with the

fast-moving communication needs. She has taken BCAM into the computer age and away from the paper trail. As many of you know, she is the "mover and shaker" of BCAM.

Amy grew up in Stanton, MI and attended Central Montcalm HS (Class of '87 Valedictorian). Growing up on the family dairy farm she learned the value of hard work, while her love of the cows and the outdoors led her to MSU and a degree in Animal Science. She married her husband Craig in 1996 and moved to Midland. Their daughter Tina, a hospitality business major at MSU, has helped out at BCAM events. Their son Aaron is a senior at Midland Calvary Baptist Academy.

Amy is active in church and its school. She enjoys watching the Spartans play basketball and football. She also enjoys going back home and working on the farm. Spending time with family is a high priority for her. Amy has not missed an opening day of deer hunting for 35 years.

BCAM's Distinguished Service Award is given to those individuals who have gone above and beyond in their efforts to improve our association. Without question, Amy is one of those individuals.

Tom Hursey, former Executive Director, says, "Amy has gone above and beyond in her job as administrative assistant. She continues to keep the BCAM office moving in a positive direction. She is not afraid to speak up when necessary to point out ways to improve our association. She made my job a lot easier by her efforts. I am sure that any member that has worked with Amy will agree that she is organized, patient, but demanding. For these reasons, she is being honored for her distinguished service."