



Targhee Talk

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- PRESIDENT'S NOTES -

Well, here it is year 2010, seems like 2009 slipped by pretty fast. Lambing is well underway at the Deneke Place and this is always an enjoyable time of year as the new lamb crop enters the world. Outside of the above average snow, ice, wind, and cold temperatures it's been fairly tolerable winter so far.

There are quite a few things happening with your US Targhee Sheep Association. The applications are now out for the 2nd annual Targhee Starter Flock Program for interested youth ages 9 – 17. Many thanks to the Jeff and Leslie Nevens and their committee for many hours of work and dedication they have invested into the success of this project!

Another major event coming in July is the National Targhee Sheep Show and Sale. This years show and sale will be held July 15 – 17th in Arlington, Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Targhee Sheep Association is hosting this years event and we all will be looking forward to getting together at that time.

If you have not had a chance to check out the US Targhee Sheep Association website log onto it at www.ustargheesheep.org . This is a very informative and well done site that provides very useful information on our breed.

Good luck this lambing season and I hope to chat with you at some of the Targhee events in the next several months.

Darrell Deneke
President, USTSA

Springtime Means Shearingtime



This 1952 Montana photo is of (l. to r.) Art Smith, Chris Cameron (son to John) and John Cameron (grandfather to Thelma Green) . The Circle Dot was John Cameron's sheep brand.

- Photo Courtesy of Mike & Thelma Green - Cohagen, Montana

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Eastern & Mid-Western State Fairs

Wisconsin State Fair

West Allis, Wisconsin
August 5-15, 2010
www.wisstatefair.com or
800-884-FAIR

Ohio State Fair

Columbus, Ohio
July 28-August 8, 2010
www.ohiostatefair.com or
888-OHO-EXPO

Nebraska State Fair

Grand Island, Nebraska
August 27-September 6, 2010
www.statefair.org or
308-382-1620

South Dakota State Fair

Huron, South Dakota
September 2-6, 2010
sdstatefair.com or
800-529-0900

Mid-Western & Western Sales

Center of the Nation NSIP Sale

Spencer, Iowa
August 6-7, 2010
www.nsip.org or
mdkpark@iowatelecom.net

Choteau Sheep Expo

Choteau, Montana
September 11, 2010
www.choteausheepexpo.com
or 406-859-3890

Wyoming Ram Sale

Douglas, Wyoming
September 14, 2010
dianelc@wyowool.org or
307-265-5250

Montana Ram Sale

Miles City, Montana
September 16, 2010
www.mtsheep.org or
406-557-6266

Hettinger Ram Sale

Hettinger, North Dakota
September 15, 2010
Lyle Warner 701-255-1183

U.S. Sheep Experiment Station Ram Sale

Rodeo Grounds - Dubois, ID
September 23, 2010
aeddins@uidaho.edu or
208-374-5364

Newell Ram Sale

Newell, South Dakota
September 17-18, 2010
605-456-1010

Items Worth Noting

Targhee Opportunities in 2010

U.S. Targhee Sheep Association National Show & Sale

Arlington, Wisconsin - July 15th-17th

The Wisconsin Targhee Sheep Breeders Association and the University of Wisconsin Madison invite you to spend part of your summer vacationing and talking sheep at the 2010 National Show & Sale. This year the USTSA travels to Arlington, Wisconsin, July 15th-17th to spend time with our favorite cheese bearing neighbors to the North. Over the years the USTSA has been blessed with Wisconsin's bounty at our National Shows & Sales. The menu provided by organizers Todd & Lynnette Taylor and Jeff & Leslie Nevens promises the same.

Also anticipated is spending time at the Arlington Sheep Unit where USTSA members can tour the facilities and learn about Wisconsin sheep production. USTSA members will be happy to hear the Taylors & Nevens have a terrific lineup of judges for National Show events. The National Open Show will be judged by longtime USTSA friend Larry Mrozinski of San Pierre, Indiana. Junior Show participants will learn under the expertise of Tim Miller of Beloit, Wisconsin. Jeff reports Tim has "judged at many local and national shows, and is especially good with the kids". Tim and wife Beth raise Rambouillet sheep and working Border collies (www.tailwindfarm.com). Wool Show Judge is Mary Wallace of Cambridge, Wisconsin (see accompanying article on P. 4).

Events will begin with sheep arriving on Thursday, July 15th starting at 8:00 am. All sheep must be in the barn along with necessary paperwork by 3:00 pm when Sifting commences. At 7:00 pm a picnic will be held at the UW Sheep Unit house after which USTSA members can tour the Arlington Sheep Unit facilities. On Friday July 16th the National Junior Show starts the day at 9:00 am with the National Open Show at 1:00 pm. The Annual membership meeting follows after the Open show at 3:00 pm. A USTSA Banquet and Benefit Auction will be held at 7:00 pm at the Comfort Inn for adults with a Pizza and Pool party for Junior members. Sheep are to sell on Saturday, July 17th at 11:00 am.

Entry Brochures and Forms will be available **April 19th** to download at the USTSA website (www.ustargheesheep.org), or to receive them through the US mail contact the USTSA office. All Event Registration Forms are due back to Jeff & Leslie Nevens by **May 21st**. To ensure catalog listing, all Show and Sale forms should be returned to the USTSA office by **May 21st** as well. Sheep entered in the 2010 National Show & Sale must be registered one month in advance by **June 15th**. Rules for the Show & Sale are listed in the Entry Brochure. Questions should be directed to Todd & Lynnette Taylor (608-332-4914 or 608-332-4915 - taylorssheep@yahoo.com), Jeff & Leslie Nevens (608-592-7842 - AandJNevensLivestock@verizon.net), or the USTSA office (406-467-2462 - roeder@3rivers.net).

National Show & Sale Travel Accommodations

1. USTSA Headquarters Hotel - Comfort Inn & Suites - Hwy. V Exit off of I-39/90/94 - 5025 County Hwy. V; Deforest, WI 53532 - 608-846-9100 - Rate is \$84/night+tax. Call direct for USTSA discount - choice of single, king, or double queen. Pets allowed \$20/stay.
2. Holiday Inn Express - 7184 Morrisonville Rd ; Deforest, WI 53532 - 608-846-8686
3. Best Western Countryside Inn - 5 miles N. at Hwy. 60 exit off I-39/90/94 (Lodi) - W9250 Prospect Drive; Lodi, WI 53555 - 608-592-1450 or 866-806-7800
4. Madison KOA - 4859 County Rd. V; Deforest, WI - 608-846-4528 or 800-562-5784

Wisconsin Fun Facts

1. Wisconsin produces more pounds of cheese than any other state in the nation (2.5 billion pounds in 2008)!!!
2. Wisconsin's #1 cheese (based on production) is mozzarella.
3. Wisconsin is home to the Bratwurst Capitol of the World (Sheboygan), the Toilet Paper Capitol of the World (Green Bay), the Ginseng Capitol of the World (Wausau), and the Troll Capitol of the World (Mount Horeb).
4. Wisconsin contains over 14,000 lakes and almost 27,000 miles of rivers and streams.
5. The Republican Party was founded in Ripon, Wisconsin in 1854.
6. The National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame is located in Hayward, WI.



Targhee sheep have historically been shown and sold at the state fairs and sales listed to the left. Contact state fairs, sales, or breeders in the area for more information. Sheep with EPDs (Expected Progeny Differences) will be available for sale at the Center of the Nation NSIP Sale, Choteau Sheep Expo, Montana Ram Sale, and Newell Ram Sale.

USTSA Starter Flock Update

As of this writing six applications from the states of Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin have been received by the USTSA office for the second annual Targhee Starter Flock. The flock will be awarded to a deserving youth at the 2010 National Show & Sale in Arlington, Wisconsin - July 15th-17th. The recipient can expect to be notified in writing by June 1st. Any youth ages 9-17, as of January 1, 2010, whose immediate family does not raise Targhee sheep was eligible to apply. The winner will be awarded one (1) ewe lamb, one (1) yearling ewe, and one (1) brood ewe donated by members of the USTSA. Each animal will be a USTSA registered animal, and at least QR in Scrapie Codon 171 genotype. Along with the flock the youth will also receive a \$150 credit for the purchase of additional sheep at the sale.

Applications were due in to the USTSA office by April 1st. From there the applications will be sent to Starter Flock Committee members who by May 1st will rank the applications. All references to the names and locations of the individuals will be whited out. The top five applicants will then be sent to a sheep industry representative to make the final selection.

The purpose of the USTSA Starter Flock program is to promote growth and visibility of the Targhee breed, and youth involvement and education within the breed. We are still looking for animal and cash donations for the Starter Flock. For more information on how to donate, please contact Jeff & Leslie Nevens (608-592-7842 AandJNevensLivestock@verizon.net) or the USTSA office. Thank you!!!

Navajo Nation Ram Project Update

Bob Racicot, former Sweet Grass County, Montana Extension Agent and Navajo Nation livestock adviser, reports funding has been secured for the Navajo tribal members to purchase 25 rams in 2010. Navajo tribal members will be eligible to trade in an old ram for a new Targhee ram. The purpose of the project is to increase Navajo sheep carcass and wool values. Forty percent of the lamb produced on the reservation is consumed by tribal members, while the remaining 60% is marketed. Project directors are willing to pay \$400 per head delivered. Plans are not yet finalized, but two shipping points are envisioned with Navajo tribal members meeting USTSA members for delivery.

Bob says the rams should have 62's and finer wool, and do not need to be registered. However, rams should be virgin yearlings, *B. ovis* free, sound, and have no physical defects. The rams will be held for 30 days at a veterinary processing center. Funding for the project is through USDA.

To date producers from Michigan, Minnesota, and Montana have expressed an interest in participating in the program. While Bob is retiring from his position with the Navajo Nation, a new tribal member will be taking his place. Please contact the USTSA office if you would like to participate in the program so proper planning can occur.

From the USTSA Office - Life Changes

Greetings from the USTSA office. Hardly a Targhee Talk has been published when members aren't experiencing change in their lives. The office has been queried several times about USTSA lifetime memberships with regard to marriage, divorce, death, establishment of trusts and dissolution of partnerships, companies or corporations.

It is important to realize USTSA registration certificates are legal documents establishing ownership of sheep by an individual(s) or entity. When a USTSA Lifetime Membership is purchased, sheep are registered according to the identity listed on the membership application. If changes to the identity are desired by USTSA members, please send a letter indicating the nature of the change, and how ownership of the sheep should now be listed. If sheep were registered in the name of a partnership, company or corporation that has been dissolved, USTSA members should provide a statement to that effect indicating to whom ownership of the sheep now belong. A signature on the letter is required.

Letters will be placed in member files for future reference. This USTSA policy allows correct documentation of sheep ownership for members and the association. It also protects members as owners of the sheep and the USTSA from legal entanglements. If you have any questions or comments about this policy, please contact the USTSA office or USTSA board members.

USTSA National Show & Sale Open Show Classes

Yearling Ram
Fall Ram Lamb
Spring Ram Lamb
NSIP Yearling Ram

Yearling Ewe
Fall Ewe Lamb
Spring Ewe Lamb
NSIP Yearling Ewe
Pen of 2 Yearling Ewes*
Pen of 2 Ewe Lambs*

*Pens of two will sell as a pen, buyer takes both.

** A total of two rams per class may be entered. Consignors may enter one ram without entering ewes. Consignors must enter at least one ewe for each additional ram entry with a maximum of four rams per membership.



The Taylors & Nevens report pens will be available for early arrival, Wednesday July 14th after 5:00 pm. USTSA members will have the ability to purchase straw and hay on the grounds. All pens will be prebedded with fine sawdust to keep animals off the concrete floors. The floors are slick, but members are encouraged to put straw over the top.

Invest in our future.
Donate to the Starter Flock!
Contact Jeff & Leslie Nevens

2010 Targhee Timeline

April 19 - USTSA National Show & Sale Entry brochures and forms available to download at USTSA website www.ustargheesheep.org

May 1 - Side Micron tests may be taken after today.

May 10 - Articles/Photos deadline for the June Newsletter

May 21 - Deadline for receiving Entry and Event forms for Show and Sale

June 15 - Deadline for receiving registration applications for sheep entered in Show & Sale

July 15 - 17 - National Show & Sale in Arlington, Wisconsin

July 30- Show & Sale results mailing

August 13 - Sale settlements mailed

September 30 - Submission deadline for November newsletter

 Remember your auction item(s) for the USTSA Benefit Auction at the 2010 Banquet

Articles/Photos for the June Newsletter are due by May 10th

Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School

Columbus, Ohio - July 10-14, 2009

The 2010 Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School returns to Columbus, Ohio for a jam-packed program, including the well-known Lamb 509 course under the direction of Roger A. High, Dr. Henry Zerby, and Dr. Paul Kuber of The Ohio State University. The July 10-14, 2010 program combines parts of the ASI Regional Sheep Genetics Conference, Ohio Sheep Day, as well as the popular Lamb 509 program, plus the local tours, networking opportunities, and small group interactions typical of NLFA's Leadership School. The 2010 school will be an exceptional educational experience for producers, processors, and purveyors interested in sheep and lamb production.

In order to include the ASI Regional Genetics Conference, scheduled for July 10-11, 2010 in Powell, Ohio, the Leadership School will begin on Saturday, July 10th and conclude by noon on Wednesday, July 14th. The Welcome Reception, which is the first official activity of the school program, will take place on Saturday evening, July 10th.

For those familiar with the Lamb 509 program, the initial phase of live lamb evaluation and "auction" will take place Sunday afternoon, coupled with the opportunity to meet Ohio producers and others attending the Genetics Conference sponsored by ASI and the Ohio Sheep Improvement Association. The Saturday evening and Sunday morning program will be held at Riverwood Farms, home of nationally known elite purebred flocks of both Polled Dorset and Dorper flocks.

Sunday, July 11th will include the classroom segments of the program, with the morning reserved for the ASI Regional Genetics Conference and the Lamb 509 program continuing in the afternoon and evening. On Monday, July 12th, the Leadership School continues with a series of tours of several successful Ohio sheep operations, Mid-States Wool Growers (possibly the most technologically advanced wool collection facility in the world); Blystone Farms, a family owned and operated state-licensed harvesting facility catering to the ethnic trade.

Other Ohio sheep operations tentatively slated for tours are: Mike Stitzlein Club Lambs, one of the most successful elite Club Lamb operations in the United States; Greg and Bev Miller's highly successful commercial operation in Howard, Ohio based primarily on Management Intensive Grazing (MIG); and Skyline Farms, Don and Delbert Hawk's Danville feedlot, which is currently one of the largest lamb feedlots in Ohio and possibly in the eastern U.S.

As the Lamb 509 portion of the program continues, Leadership School participants will learn about carcass evaluation and grading, take a hands-on role in the fabrication of the carcasses into wholesale and retail products, and explore the relationship between live animal characteristics and the value of wholesale and retail cuts.

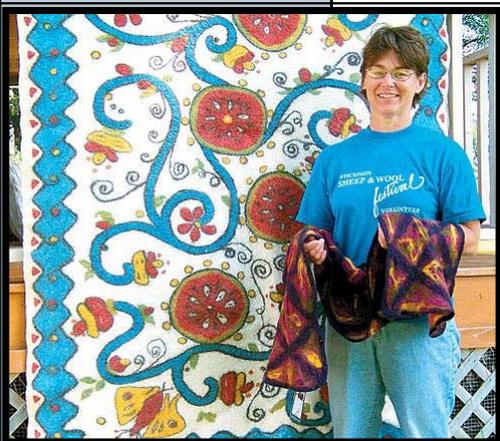
The 2010 combined Leadership School program is an extraordinary opportunity for anyone involved in the sheep and lamb industry. Individuals must be 20 years of age or older to apply. There is no fee to submit an application. A written essay is required, along with the name of one reference. Application deadline is May 1, 2010. Instructions are available on the NLFA web site: www.nlfa-sheep.org or contact info@nlfa-sheep.org.

A group of 32 participants will be selected by NLFA. Once accepted, participants must submit a \$200 per person registration fee to confirm attendance. NLFA covers the cost of meals, lodging and tour expenses; however, each attendee is responsible for the cost of their transportation to and from the Ohio school site. For more information, call NLFA: (503) 364-5462. Applications can also be obtained through the

Mary Wallace
Cambridge, Wisconsin

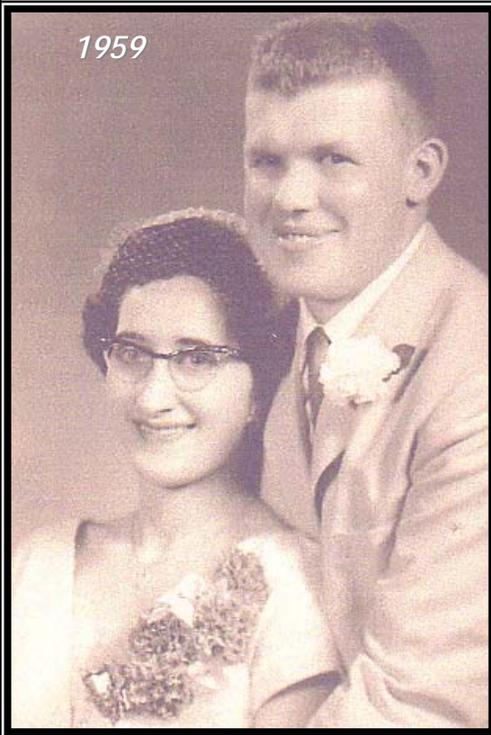
2010 USTSA National Wool Show Judge

Mary Wallace is a feltmaker who has taught beginning felt classes at various venues such as the Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival and Midwest Felting Symposium. Throughout the past few years she has taken workshops from national and internationally renowned feltmakers. Some of her work is on display at local galleries and she participates in an artist tour each fall. Mary maintains a flock of natural colored Corriedale sheep. Mary is a wool judge and the Superintendent of the Fleece Shows at the Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival.



Meet Your USTSA Members

Glenn & Joann High - Lexington, Ohio



1959

1. Where were you born and raised? Is this your current residence?

Glenn was born in Paulding County, Ohio and Joan was born and raised in North Central Ohio (Morrow County) where we now live.

2. When did you become acquainted with Targhee sheep? How long have you raised them?

We bought our first Targhee sheep from Arthur Jewell in 1969. We got them for a second flock for the boys to show at county fairs. We have enjoyed raising Targhees. We also have enjoyed the travel and friendship of the Targhee breeders.

3. What is your favorite Targhee trait?

Herding traits and mothering ability.

4. What is the greatest issue facing the sheep industry and/or American agriculture?

PETA, environmentalists, and wildlife predators.

5. Are you married? Do you have children? How many? Is anyone else in your family involved in the sheep industry?

We celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary - May 3, 2009. We had four children: Pamela, deceased; Roger and his wife, Holly, and their son Adam have a flock of Dorset sheep. Roger is the Executive Director of the Ohio Sheep Improvement Association. David and his wife, Jodi, and their children Trevor and Darby have a flock of Shropshire sheep. David is a teacher in Southern Ohio. Wanda, and her husband David Berk and their children Rachel and Rebecca live in Columbus. Wanda works for Nationwide Insurance in Columbus.

6. Do you have an occupation other than farming or ranching? What is it?

Glenn is retired from General Motors after thirty-five years. He was also a Township Trustee for 28 years. Joan was Secretary at their church for twenty years. She is retired from most of the farming, but still helps out on some of the tractor driving or anything when she is needed. Our biggest enjoyment is watching the grandchildren play sports.

7. Other than raising sheep, what are some of your hobbies and talents? Do you volunteer your time for any religious or civic organizations?

We were 4-H advisors for many years. Glenn is on the Morrow County Farm Bureau Board and a Church Trustee. Joan is on the Church Parsonage Committee. Joan is also on the Church Dart Ball team. We are active in the Order of Eastern Stars and Masonic Lodge.

8. What is your favorite book?

Sheep magazines - trying to increase my knowledge or seeing how many fools are in the sheep industry.

9. What is your favorite food?

We both like steak, roast lamb, and sea food. But, Glenn likes his cherry pie and ice cream.

10. The one thing people would be surprised to know about me is:

When Glenn was in the Army serving in Alaska he worked evenings in the Officers' Club as a food server and the tips sure helped with Army pay. Joann graduated from the National School of Aeronautics in Kansas City, Missouri!



2009

Great Places to Visit
in Wisconsin!

Wisconsin Dells

"Waterpark Capitol of the World" . About a 45 minute drive from Arlington on I-90/94 towards LaCrosse/Minneapolis. Also the home of champion golf courses, award winning restaurants, and unique Wisconsin shopping. Ho-Chunk casino is also in the general area.



Milwaukee

About a 90 minute drive from Arlington. Home of the Milwaukee Brewers and Bucks, Summerfest (the largest music festival in the world), and Harley Davidson to mention a few. Charter fishing on Lake Michigan for trout and salmon is available.

Very Nice!

Thanks to great thinking by Carolyn Green, neither Chase or Jack knew the other was going to be inducted into the U.S. Targhee Sheep Association Hall of Fame. In order to make sure both fellows attended, we asked each to present the other their award. Accordingly, both have written articles marking highlights in their Targhee and sheep industry careers. How wonderful it was to have lifelong friends inducted by one another.

2009 Targhee Hall of Fame Recipient

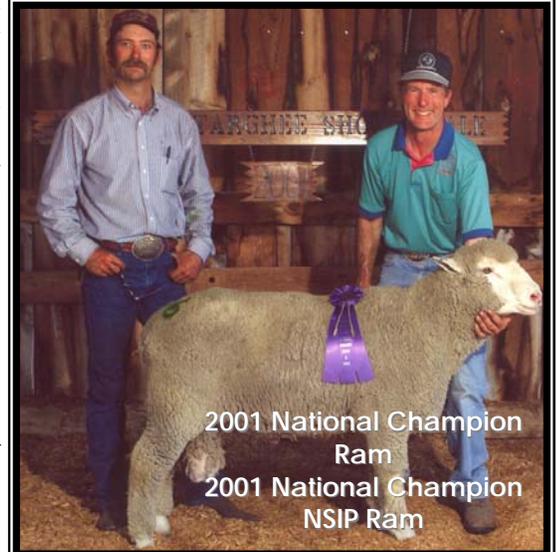
Chase Hibbard - Adel, Montana

by Jack McRae

Chase's father, Henry Hibbard, developed the Sieben Live Stock Targhees. This was started in 1948 by selecting 1000 ewes for "Targhee type" from 12,000 Rambouillet commercial ewes. These ewes were then top crossed with Targhee rams from the Sheep Experiment Station at Dubois, Idaho, and Henry Yoppe of Eureka, Montana.

Henry Hibbard chaired the meeting that founded the U.S. Targhee Association in 1951 and was vice-president of the Association for a number of years. He continued to raise Targhee sheep and sell rams at the Montana Ram Sale, however his interest in registered Targhees began to decline over the years.

When Chase took over management of the Sieben sheep after his father's death in 1976 he re-established the registered herd from those ewes still in the band whose pedigree could be traced, and purchases of ewes from other breeders with a strong Sieben influence.



2001 National Champion Ram
2001 National Champion NSIP Ram

Over the past thirty years the Sieben Live Stock Targhees have become one of the dominant names in Targhee sheep. Chase has shown national champion sheep and fleeces and has been the high selling consignor at the Montana Ram Sale numerous years. Since 1976 he has sold over 1450 rams at the Miles City sale. Chase was an early supporter of NSIP, has served on its national board and on the U.S. Targhee board, as well as president of the U.S. Targhee Sheep Association.

When the going gets tough the sheep industry calls on Chase. He has served as president of the Montana Wool Growers, has led the effort for the sheep check off, and is currently chairman of the American Sheep and Goat Center.



Jack

Chase

2009 Targhee Hall of Fame Recipient

Jack McRae - Jordan, Montana

by Chase Hibbard

10 Year USTSA Registration Summary

Year	Number
2009	1,010
2008	1,076
2007	1,064
2006	1,441
2005	1,618
2004	922
2003	1,258
2002	994
2001	836
2000	1,570

The McRae family involvement with sheep traces back several generations to Scotland. Jack's Grandfather "Jack" got started in the sheep business in the Jordan, Montana area by trading ewe-lambs for yearlings (3:2) in about 1916. Jack's father Charlie raised sheep all of his life. In the McRae family sheep are a vocation, an avocation, a livelihood, and a way of life.

Jack got his start in the Targhee business by purchasing 32 head of ewes from the Boggio Partnership for \$36 each (A good thrifty Scott) and a ram from R. O. Burch in the 1970's. In the early 80's, several additions were made from the JRP Reinemer flock from Circle, and from MSU and Ralph Dryer. The flock has grown and prospered over the years and has become one of the breed's premier flocks. Jack sells quality Targhees at the Montana Ram Sale, the National Targhee Show and Sale, and is a reliable source of breeding stock for numerous growers throughout the US and Canada.

There are few who have given as much to the sheep industry as has Jack. Starting at home, he and wife Kath have raised a family equally committed to continuing the family tradition of raising quality sheep. McRae Brothers Targhees (Jack and Kath) annually donate registered yearling ewes to deserving youth in the community.

Jack has served his industry in multiple capacities-- as President of the Montana Wool Growers Association, as a Director of Center of the Nation Wool, The Montana Targhee Sheep



1984/85 Montana Central
Ram Test High Gaining
Ram

Association, NSIP, The World Sheep Breeders Council and The American Sheep Industry Association. He served as Executive Secretary of the US Targhee Sheep Association for four years and is known to have registered 80 head of yearling ewes for a fellow breeder by name rather than number—starting with Adiah and ending with Zandra. He also served on the Association's Board of Directors for five years, and was later elected to serve again and is presently in that capacity. The Mon-

tana Wool Growers recently lost its Executive Secretary, and Jack stepped up to the plate to fill that position.

Jack's involvement starts with his heritage, extends to his livelihood, his family, his community, the state, the nation, and the world. He is a man of ability, dedication, wisdom, and has a sense of humor. Jack is truly a deserving recipient of the US Targhee Hall of Fame award.

2009 Targhee Hall of Fame Recipients

Whiteside Ranch - Montana

by Jack McRae

The Targhee was developed at the Sheep Experiment Station at Dubois beginning with crosses made in 1926. In 1929 Henry Yoppe of Eureka, Montana made the same crosses and began to raise Targhees. By 1938 he was ready to sell Targhees at the Montana Ram Sale and these first rams were purchased by Carl Whiteside who lived about sixty miles north of Miles City.

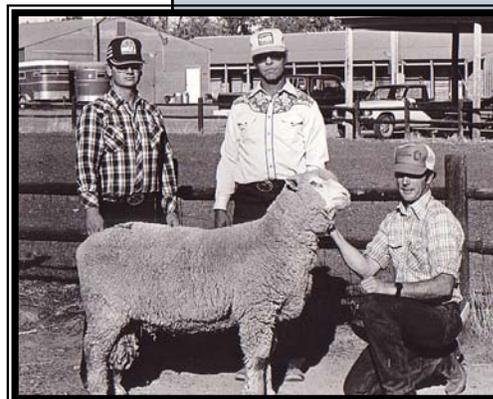
Carl had come to Montana from North Carolina to homestead about 1910. Carl outlasted most of the neighboring homesteaders and purchased their homestead until he had a nice size ranch by the 1930s. Those who knew him would say that part of his success was his ability to not spend money. He liked to find a "good deal" and Henry Yoppe's Targhees, being a new breed in the sale, were cheap. The next fall when Carl shipped his lambs the others at the stock yards gave him a bad time about his smaller lambs, however when they were weighed they were as heavy as any of the lambs.

Carl continued to buy Targhees his whole life and following his death in 1981 his two sons, Charles and Jim, took over the ranch. They have since split the ranch into separate ranches but both still use Targhee rams making them second only to Dubois for the number of years as Targhee breeders.



Jim

Charles



Who won the bid?

Photo from the USTSA archives. Pictured from left to right are: Jack McRae, Heinrich Ortman, and Chase Hibbard - Miles City, Montana.

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Richard "Dick" Everett - Stevensville, Montana

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be sent to:

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Stevensville, MT
59870

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@centric.net

Memorial Services were held on Saturday, March 20, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. for Dick Everett, former MWGA president, at the Whitesitt Funeral Home in Stevensville with Pastor Henry Littlehales officiating. Military Honors will be presented.

Richard (Dick) Michael Everett, 64 of Stevensville passed away on Monday, March 15, 2010 at his home following an extended illness. Dick was born September 30, 1945 in Anaconda to Paul and Flora Everett. Dick was education in Anaconda Public Schools, graduating from high school in 1963. He spent the school year in Anaconda and his summers with his grandparents, Mike and Daisy Thoft on their ranch in the Bitterroot Valley. This was his initial exposure to ranch life and raising livestock.

Following high school he attended Montana State College for a short time, worked for Clorox in California and then enlisted in the US Navy in December, 1966. He was honorably discharged in December, 1972 after serving as an electronics technician (ETN2) in various locations including San Diego, San Francisco and the Panama. His favorite assignment was the year he spent wintering in Antarctica, 1970-1971. He was most proud of his association with the Beach Jumper Unit One. Dick received numerous commendations; e.g. Sailor of the Quarter, Sailor of the Month and two recognitions for his work with the Beach Jumper Unit.

After serving in the Navy he returned to Montana State University and completed a B. S. in Agricultural Business. Dick was proud to be a "Bob Cat" in "Grizzly Country". He started ranching

in his Bitterroot Valley, buying his own ranch in 1975. Dick became a "sheep man" and worked tirelessly and successfully to develop a line of Targhee-Merino Sheep, noted for both their fine wool and long staple. These rams became the foundation for the wool that became blankets for The Montana Shepherds Market. He and Marie were 2 of the original owners. He also bred registered Targhee Sheep. Raising sheep was his profession and passion. It was his life. He was very proud of having the 2005 Grand National "Champion Targhee Yearling Ram. Dick also was a consignor at the the Miles City Ram sale.

Dick was active in the community: He spent nine years on the board of the Montana Wool Growers, serving one year as president; spent fourteen years on the ditch commission for the Sunset Irrigation District, served as president of Concerned About Grizzlies, was a lifetime member of the Old Antarctic Explorers Association, judged 4-H market lambs at the fair, in

both Ravalli County and Missoula to name a few.

After two previous marriages and birth of his daughter Bess, he married his best friend, Marie Fox on January 29, 1995 (Super Bowl Sunday). In addition to being a surgical nurse, Marie learned to be a "shepherdess". She loved being married to her "handsome sheepman". They also enjoyed bowling and hunting together, two of Dick's favorite pastimes. He also had a passion for archery, recently making arrows and gifting them to all members of his family. He was also a wonderful cook and baker; Thanksgiving turkey with all the fixings, pumpkin pie and oatmeal raisin cookies were his specialties. Dick and

Bess had many contests over who made the best pie crust. Marie didn't try. Dick usually won.

Dick's daughter Bess was the light of his life. He spent as much time as possible with her. He taught her to bowl and to shoot a bow and arrow. He was so proud of her and her accomplishments, most recently her graduation with a Master's degree in International Management from Portland State University, December, 2009.

Dick was a consummate teacher and friend. One could not have a conversation with Dick without learning something about sheep or how to train a Border Collie. He spent hours training his dogs. Dick never met a dog that didn't like him, well maybe one. He could irrigate any piece of ground and spent hours trying to teach Marie. His friends were most important to him and he would do most anything to help them. He never had a bad word to say about anyone. He did say bad things about spinach, though. He was honest as the day is long. He was a "nice guy".

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Flora. Dick is survived by his best friend and wife, Marie of Stevensville, daughter Bess Everett, Portland, a sister and brother-in-law, Paulie and Barry Mills, Farmington, WA a brother and sister-in-law Mike and Martha Everett, Tacoma, WA; nephews, Paul and Nathan of Tacoma, 3 aunts, an uncle and numerous Everett and Thoft cousins, Jesse, Doc, Bud, special Lass and Gabbi. The family suggests memorials to the Parkinson's Foundation.



*Marie & Dick Everett
with their
2005 National
Champion
Targhee Ram*



Targhee Tails & Trails

This letter missed being printed in the last newsletter - apologies to the Von Krosigks!

Dear Montana Targhee Breeders Association & U.S. Targhee Sheep Association,

Hi! Just a short note to thank you for the great Sale & Show that you hosted in Miles City. It was a great Sale for everyone. We are proud to wear the Montana Silver-smith's belt buckles. May God Bless the future for Targhee Sheep breeders.

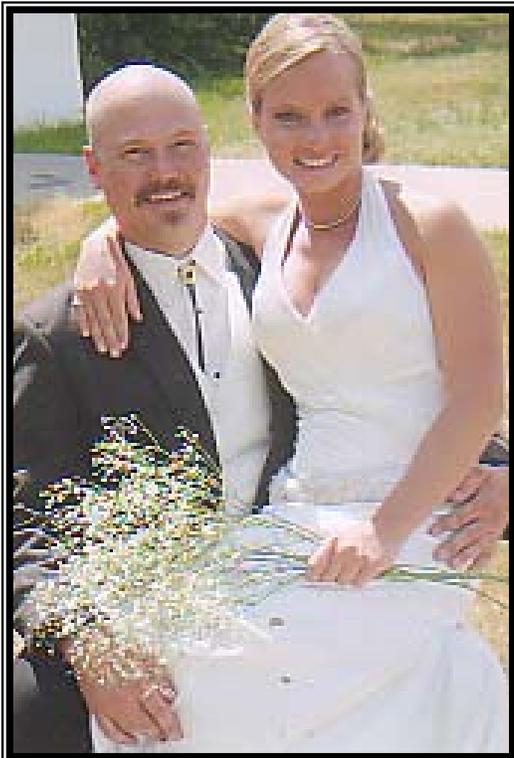
Sincerely, Randell & Wendell - Dean & Charleen



Congratulations !!!

Bridget Kukowski & Nathan Williams who will be married May 30th at the Golden Willow Ranch Wyoming

Cord Bieber & Kristin McRae Bieber



Best wishes! - Married June 27, 2009
Photo Courtesy of Kathy McRae

News from Lesterville, South Dakota . . . Caleb Pedersen 2009 USTSA Starter Flock Winner

Caleb is really enjoying his sheep. He probably spends too much time with them. They are a very nice bunch to work with. Out of 7 ewes he has 11 lambs. When we sheared on Jan 1 we sold the wool to a lady for making yarn and she paid \$2.50 lb raw weight she said "your wool makes very soft, fine yarn!"

Submitted by Leroy Pedersen

Blake Reppert Commended By Nebraska FFA for Targhee Sheep Projects

I thought it would interest the Targhee association that Blake has been rewarded well for representing the breed. He won the FFA District 3 Top Gold as well as a Gold on his Sheep Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award based on his Targhee flock for Sheep production. He also will be representing the State of Nebraska at the National 4-H Convention in Atlanta, Georgia over next Thanksgiving. He won the right to attend based on his Animal Science Record books at the State level which is largely based on showing his purebred as well as commercial sheep for 4-H. We wanted to share the good news with you.

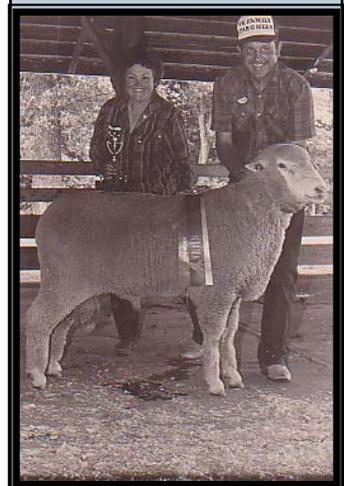
Thanks Lisa Reppert and family

Dust off the Photo Albums!

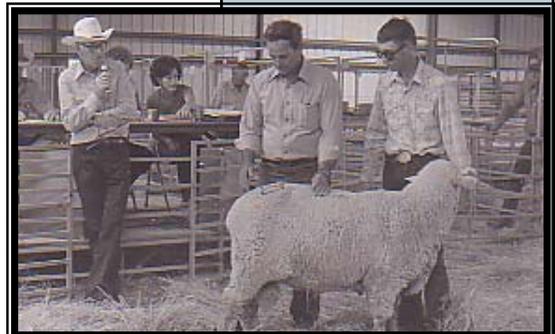
Jeff & Leslie Nevens would like to make the 2010 National Show & Sale a reunion for USTSA members. They have it on good authority many long time members will be in attendance. They would like to request members send in favorite Targhee pictures of their sheep and themselves for a historic and fun slide show in Arlington. Can you help them accomplish their goal? Please send photos or scans of photos to the Jeff & Leslie (AandJNevens Livestock@verizon.net) or the USTSA office (www.ustargheesheep.org)



Janice Elphick - 1973 Wisconsin Targhee Princess



Charlene & Dean Von Krosigk - 1986



Demonstrating Targhee Qualities - (l to r) Leo Pfister, John Paugh, & Terry Mueller

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