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See your sheep in print!

Targhee Talk
Submissions for the October Edition are due October 1st.
Please send your great Targhee stories, pictures, and newsworthy items to ustargheesheep@gmail.com
or through the U.S. mail:
Targhee Talk
8111 Foothill Lodge
Las Vegas, Nevada 89131

And the 2014 USTSA Starter Flock Winners are . . .

Thanks to the hard work of the Starter Flock Committee, Jeff & Leslie Nevens, an excellent set of applicants, and the below USTSA members for their generous donations, we are able to award TWO start flocks this year.

Haylee Kilber from Ipswich, South Dakota

Haylee, 15 years old, is looking forward to raising her own sheep on the family farm. She knows what it’s like to raise cattle and bottle calves, but they have not had sheep until now. Thanks to the Beastrom family, Haylee has had the opportunity to lease animals in the past to show at their county and state fairs, but never her own. “There is a lot of great competition at the state fair that I hope to compete with in the following years.”

State Fair is not Haylee’s only focus though. “My goal in life is to improve the lives of others and to inform them of the many possibilities that are available to them... By starting our own Targhee ewe flock we could provide an opportunity for children to show a lamb. Having animals teaches responsibility and holds young children accountable. Responsibility is a key aspect of life.”

Haylee is no stranger to hard work with animals. Early morning bottle feedings, exercising her animals, and preparing them for show and sale are not easy, but she and her little brother and sister try to make it as fun as possible. And her parents, Scott and Bobbie, have promised their support in her project. Scott raised Southdowns and commercial crossbreds as a kid. And now in his position as a feed salesman, he will be an invaluable resource for Haylee to be sure she is feeding her animals correctly.

“I plan to sell the lambs that are produced out of the ewes and generate some revenue from them. The money I earn would then be put towards my college education. The sheep will also teach me work ethic and responsibility, which are both key things to live in today’s world. Opportunity is out there so go find it and capture it.” It sounds like there will be many opportunities in Haylee’s future!

Haylee will be receiving a ewe lamb from Dean & Charleen Von Krosigk (Riverton, Wyoming), a yearling ewe from the Lewis Family Ranch (Reed Point, Montana), and a brood ewe from Drs. Rod & Lana Kuenzi (Waukesha, Wisconsin).

Cover Photo Courtesy of Cindy Dallas
Wilsall, MT
Seth Schoon from White River, South Dakota

To say Seth, 10 years old, is a focused and dedicated young man would be an understatement. For his Starter Flock application essay, Seth hand wrote a seven-page paper documenting anything and everything that could relate to him winning this award! And his family members are no strangers to the livestock industry. Seth’s parents, Lealand and Jennifer, were raised in the business and they currently raise sheep, beef cattle and milk cows on their ranch in South Dakota.

The family flock consists of range ewes with a Rambouillet emphasis, aiming to have a fine quality fleece while producing a quality carcass. They have improved their flock by using Targhee rams in the past, so Seth has had the opportunity to see first hand what the Targhee breed can do. He currently owns 2 Rambouillet ewes and a ewe lamb he raised from his first ewe, and according to his parents, helps with overall lambing, shearing and pasture management. “Because of our grazing management, our lambs wean heavier than some other producers and have brought top price the day of the sale.”

Seth raised the money for his ewe purchases from his chicken business he started 3 years ago. “I own 30 Rhode Island Red laying hens. Every day, I go down to the coop and let them out. I make sure they have fresh water and grain.” And that is one way Seth has become active in his local 4-H club, presenting his demonstration titled “Egg Preparation.” Last year, he displayed one dozen uniform, clean eggs that brought him a purple ribbon.

Already looking forward to receiving his flock, Seth has a plan for his future as a Targhee producer. “My sheep may provide customers with quality wool for spinners to make yarn, bulk wool taken to the warehouse, and raw wool for projects. In addition my lamb will provide for a great eating experience.” Seth and his brothers will usually ask their parents for lamb to eat instead of the beef they raise. He has also made lamb jerky, which is an idea Seth wants to share with their current non-lamb consumers as a way to expand the family business.

“My parents have said that the Targhee breed has been using the National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP). I can tell that Targhee’s must be looking into the future as a result.” The USTSA is continuing to look into the future and is excited that youth like Seth are going to be a part of it!

Seth will be receiving a ewe lamb from the Jon & Theresa Beastrom family (Pierre, South Dakota), a yearling ewe from Desire Routier (Lake Benton, Minnesota — the 2011 USTSA Starter Flock Program award winner), and a yearling ewe from Amber Borchart (Watertown, Wisconsin — the 2013 Wisconsin Junior Targhee Sheep Association Starter Flock winner) and the Jeff & Leslie Nevens family (Lodi, Wisconsin).
2014 Wisconsin Junior Targhee Sheep Association
Starter Flock Winner...
Michael Krause - Stoddard, Wisconsin

The WJTSA is proud to announce the winner of its 2014 Starter Flock Program - Michael Krause of Stoddard, Wisconsin. Michael, 16 years old, lives on the 120-acre family farm in rural Vernon County where he and his family raise poultry, quarter horses, Suffolk sheep and market lambs. He has been a member of the Enterprise Eagles 4-H club for eight years, has been exhibiting his sheep at the Vernon County Fair for seven years, and exhibiting at the Wisconsin State Fair for two years.

Michael and his family are active in local youth programs, having provided sheep and equipment for local sheep shearing and showmanship clinics, including the regional Animal Science Days in 2012. He has also attended the UW-Madison Sheep Shearing School and now shears all his sheep. Michael plans on exhibiting his flock at the Wisconsin State Fair along with his county fair, and hopes to get other families interested in the breed. He also wishes to donate animals back into the WJTSA Starter Flock Program in the future.

The WJTSA would like to thank the sponsors of this years award: Todd & Lynette Taylor and the UW-Madison Sheep Unit of Arlington, Drs. Rodney and Lana Kuenzi of Waukesha, and Darcie Rodeback (the 2012 WJTSA Starter Flock Winner) of Iola/Stevens Point. Without their generosity, dedication, and support, this program would not be possible!

Please help welcome Michael and his parents, Forrest and Sue Ann, into the US Targhee Sheep Association! We are proud to have their family join ours!

L to R: Todd Taylor and Dr. Rodney Kuenzi present Michael Krause with one of his starter flock animals.
Update from 2013 Winner - Anna Hinchley

Wow! It is so hard to believe it has been a year already with my Targhee sheep! So many things happened over the last year starting with winning the 2013 Starter Flock and then meeting so many people who have passion about the Targhee breed. I was amazed at the generosity at the 2013 National Targhee Show and Sale at Arlington, Wisconsin. Being able to receive 4 beautiful ewes, and purchase 2 more, to bring home 6 as a flock to our farm only 40 miles away.

I was mentored continuously by Jeff and Leslie Nevens and Todd and Lynnette Taylor. They made it possible for me to be able to bring the new starter flock to the Wisconsin State Fair. What an incredible experience I had. I took home the Grand Reserve Champion award. All of the sheep did extremely well. I was finding my way and learning the ropes.

In September, I attended The Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival. It was the next stop in my showing adventure. All four sheep also placed well again. And I tried my hand at showmanship and a lead class, but discovered dressing in wool on a day that is over 85 degrees out can be grueling.

The sheep returned home after the show with a ram that was borrowed to us from the UW flock. He stayed with the ewes for the next two months. I learned about a breeding harness and the importance of using two colors of paint.

We had good success and had lambs in late February. Those of you that were out and about almost everywhere in the United States should be able to remember nationwide a cold spell that lasted for weeks. In Wisconsin, we had many nights under 40 below with extra wind chill. I wasn’t as prepared as I should have been and I lost the first born of our twin lambs from two of the ewes from the flock. That was very stressful and sad. All of the ewes did great and in the end I was so happy with 3 ewe lambs and 3 ram lambs.

It is spring again on our farm, seems like we waited forever for it to get here. Just weeks ago I attended the spring preview show with a yearling from my starter flock and also a ewe and ram spring lamb. I fitted all of the animals myself and worked at it for many hours to be certain I was ready on the day of the show. Walking and practicing to hold them. It was a fun time seeing all of the Targhee friends again, and I look forward to seeing the whole gang out in South Dakota in July. I can’t wait!

Letter to the USTSA

Where have the years gone? Five summers ago, Jamie and I were excited and tentative about traveling to Wisconsin not fully appreciating what he had “won” with his starter flock. We knew we would be bringing some sheep home that week; but we never expected to bring home the friendships, memories and life-changing experiences. Jamie has been blessed to have some of the best mentors in the country. No question he has ever had goes unanswered. He can call, email, text or Facebook any breeder a question and the answer is there. I don’t think we ever expected this kind of support when we made that first trip to U of W. Jamie, and I have made friends that will last a lifetime. He begins talking about the National Show and Sale with the birth of his first lamb.

As you can see in his senior picture; sheep are a cornerstone of his future. While one of my black-faced ewes wanted to steal the show, his Targhee ewes are peeking around him. Also, it should be noted that he sold my ram last fall and bred all of the ewes to the Targhee ram. 2014 will mark Jamie’s last year as a Junior exhibitor but not his last year as an exhibitor. After much consideration he has chosen to attend The Ohio State University’s Agricultural and Technical Institute where he will major in Animal production. That means I will be lambing the ewes for the next couple of years!!!

Part of the OSU ATI experience will be a summer internship and I am sure he would entertain an opportunity to “intern” with any member of his Targhee family. Talk to him in Brookings!

Special thanks for making my son a part of your Targhee family---Susie Skinner
### President’s Notes

Summer is here. Most of us are anticipating Brookings on the horizon with all of us striving to make it day by day. I would guess most of us took a beating this past winter. I trust the market is some encouragement. Two Starter Flocks this year and a sale with over 100 head is encouragement, you know we may not have the only breed of sheep, but we have a great breed. I have now seen lambs finished on grass only. They did well, looked great. I got $1.75 on my wool this year, $2200 plus in total. I believe I could have got $1 more from Roswell Wool. Hope to see you in Brookings, bring some ideas to help others succeed and if you’re a prayer warrior, pray for those that have been or are sick: Carolyn Green, Russ Allred and Charles Dwight.

Your President, Warren Nellis

### 2014 National Show & Sale - July 17th-19th

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<td>Pens will be available for early arrival Wednesday, July 16th. Contact Jon Beastrom at 605-280-8120.</td>
<td>We will have a cell phone available for phone bids on the morning of the sale. If you are interested in getting that number, contact Jon Beastrom at 605-280-8120.</td>
<td>Saw dust will be put down on the floors to give the sheep good footing. If you prefer straw on top of that, it will be available for purchase during the event. Contact Jon Beastrom at 605-280-8120.</td>
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### Reminder

**Products Labeled for Use on Sheep to Treat External Parasites:**

- Synergize Delice
- Ectiban Delice
- Atroban 11% EC
- Permethrin CDS

Members bringing sheep to the National Show & Sale are required to treat sheep for external parasites at least 10 & no more than 30 days prior to the event. Please use products labeled for sheep. Producers can apply the product themselves. Just bring a note with your signature stating the treatment date, product, and dilution rate. Veterinary application is NOT required.

### State Animal Health Regulations for South Dakota

All livestock entering South Dakota must have an Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued by a licensed and accredited Veterinarian within 30 days of animal entry at the U.S. Targhee National Show & Sale. The physical address for the show is:

South Dakota State Animal Science Arena  
1029 N Campus Dr.  
Brookings, South Dakota 57007

### Photo Contest Reminder

Whether photography is your passion, hobby, or just an occasional pastime, we invite you to participate in our National Photo Contest. The photo must involve Targhee sheep exhibiting visible breed characteristics and can be in black and white or colored. There is no entry fee or limit on number of photos submitted. This contest is open to anyone as long a Targhee is featured in the photo. Entries must be emailed to Mardy or a CD with image files. Each photo should be 8x10 and mounted on stiff backing. Name, address, phone number, and caption should be on the back side of the entry. Entries may be submitted electronically to Mardy at ustargheesheep@gmail.com no later than June 30th. There is a limit of two electronic entries. Electronic entries will be printed on photo paper and posted with regularly submitted photos. Entries can also be mailed to Marcia Stulken on later than June 30th at PO Box 187, Highmore, SD 57354.

All entries become property of the USTSA to be used in USTSA publications with credit given to photographer listed on entry. Photos will be judged by popular vote of viewers. Ballots and a ballot box will be placed near the Targhee display area. The voting period will be from 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 17th through 7:00 p.m. Friday, July 19th. Winners will be announce at the banquet.
2014 USTSA Annual Members Meeting

The Annual Members meeting will be held Friday, July 18th at 2 pm at the South Dakota Animal Science Arena. Warren Nellis and Elisha Lewis’s terms expire this year. The Board will be taking nominations up until the Members meeting for the East and Montana seats. Voting will commence at the meeting.

Can’t attend Nationals and the Annual Member’s meeting? But have a concern or suggestion to help make the Association run smoother, contact Mardy at 702-292-5715 or ustarghee@gmail.com or your local Board member to have it added to the meeting agenda.

Junior Association Organizational Meeting

Exciting news if you are a junior member! The first meeting of the United States Junior Targhee Sheep Association (USJTSA) will take place on Friday, July 18th at 3:00 p.m. at the national show venue. The board of directors is in the process of approving the formation of our junior association and set of bylaws that will allow junior members to formally conduct official junior Targhee business.

This is your chance to found an organization that will hopefully last for many generations. Bring YOUR ideas about what you would like our junior association become! Would you like to have social and educational events just for juniors? How about a philanthropy or an ambassador program? How can we assist the USTSA with the national show and sale? What do you think of the starter flock program and how can we improve it? What benefits should membership in the USJTSA include?

These are just a few examples of ideas to get you started thinking. We will also elect officers at this first meeting, so please consider if you would like to donate your time and efforts to this great leadership opportunity.

Think hard and see you in Brookings!

Benefit Auction Items

Consignees and members are encouraged to bring an item(s) for the Benefit Auction on Friday evening July 18th. Proceeds from the auction will help to defray the costs of the National Show and Sale, Junior Show, Youth Futurity and Starter Flock program. Members really enjoy the opportunity to bid on things from different parts of the United States. Foodstuffs with local flavor are always a hit. If you would like to bring/donate a door prize item, please bring with you to the banquet. If you are unable to attend but would like to donate an item, contact Mardy to make those arrangements. We will also be posting more pictures of auction items on Facebook as they come available. If you can’t attend Nationals but interested in placing a bid, please contact Mardy. Thanks in advance for making the Benefit Auction fun and interesting!

Benefit for Russell Allred

We are excited to offer a donation ewe at the beginning of the 2014 National Targhee Sale to benefit Russ Allred. Russ was elected to the board of directors for the Al-Large-West region in 2012. Unfortunately, Russ was diagnosed with leukemia last fall and it has been a long and difficult road for him, his wife Jenny, and their three daughters. Earlier this year, Russ was finally healthy enough to have a life saving bone marrow transplant. Since Russ became ill he has been in Salt Lake City and has to remain close to continue to go back in for checks up to monitor the transplant and his continued recovery.

USTSA is more than just a sheep association, we are a family. We are looking for company sponsors to donate to this cause. Anyone who wishes to help or to get sponsors please contact Elisha Lewis at 406-861-0082. Lets see what we can do to help this wonderful Targhee family!
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### Eastern & Mid-Western State Fairs

- **Ohio State Fair**
  - Columbus, Ohio
  - July 23 - August 3, 2014
  - [www.ohiostatefair.com](http://www.ohiostatefair.com) or 888-OHO-EXPO

- **Wisconsin State Fair**
  - West Allis, Wisconsin
  - July 31—August 10, 2014
  - [www.wisestatefair.com](http://www.wisestatefair.com) or 800-884-FAIR

- **Nebraska State Fair**
  - Grand Island, Nebraska
  - August 22—September 1, 2014
  - [www.statefair.org](http://www.statefair.org) or 308-382-1620

- **South Dakota State Fair**
  - Huron, South Dakota
  - August 28 - September 1, 2014
  - [www.sdstatefair.com](http://www.sdstatefair.com) or 800-529-0900

- **Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival**
  - Jefferson, Wisconsin
  - September 5-7, 2014
  - [www.wisconsinsheepandwoolfestival.com](http://www.wisconsinsheepandwoolfestival.com) or 920-674-7148

### Mid-Western & Western Sales

- **Center of the Nation NSIP Sale**
  - Spencer, Iowa
  - TBD, July 2014
  - [www.nsip.org](http://www.nsip.org) or wclones@fmctc.com

- **Choteau Sheep Expo**
  - Choteau, Montana
  - September 6, 2014
  - [www.choteausheepexpo.com](http://www.choteausheepexpo.com) or 406-859-3890

- **Wyoming Ram Sale**
  - Douglas, Wyoming
  - September 9, 2014
  - dianeic@wyowool.org or 307-265-5250

- **Montana Ram Sale**
  - Miles City, Montana
  - September 11, 2014
  - [www.mtsheep.org](http://www.mtsheep.org) or mwga@mtsheep.org or 406-442-1330

### Midwest Fiber & Folk Art Fair

- **Midwest Fiber & Folk Art Fair**
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  - September 5-9, 2014
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### U.S. Targhee Sheep Association Online Sheep Sale

- **U.S. Targhee Sheep Association Online Sheep Sale**
  - Members now have another way to advertise their Targhee sheep for sale through Facebook. Only current/active members are allowed to list sheep for sale but everyone can view the online group and postings. Visit Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/groups/139764529548606](http://www.facebook.com/groups/139764529548606)

### FSA Scam Alert

It has been brought to the attention of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) that a phone scam alleging association with USDA is being perpetrated on FSA customers.

The caller, who identifies themselves as a Farm Loan Services representative out of Washington, D.C., states that FSA “owes” you disaster assistance funds and proceeds to request your checking account information or requests a credit card number alleging that funds will be credited to these accounts.

Should you receive a similar call, do not under any circumstances provide personal or financial information to the caller. Questions or concerns can be directed to local FSA offices.