UNITED STATES TARGHEE SHEEP ASSOCIATION
Annual Meeting Minutes

The annual meeting of the U.S. Targhee Sheep Assoc. membership was called to order by President Jeff Nevens at 2:30 pm, at the Sweet Grass County Fairgrounds in Big Timber, Montana. All directors were present except Russell Allred and Todd Taylor.

The 2014 annual member’s meetings minutes were read. Scott Kilber moved to accept the minutes as read; Seth Schoon seconded; Passed.

The financial reports were presented consisting of a year-end comparison Profit and Loss and 2014 Year-end Balance Sheet. A registry report was also provided showing 2014 year-end figures in line with previous years. The Association financially is sitting in a very stable position. Chase Hibbard moved to accept; Clee Brakke seconded; Passed.

Jeff discussed the new updating the registration database had received earlier in the year. Ron Patterson had been hired on a recommendation from Todd Taylor for a mere $600. Ron was able to streamline the process of uploading registration requests from Excel spreadsheet and than automatically producing both individual and group registrations. This will end the double manual entry needed in the past and shorten the time needed considerably for completing registrations. It is still a work in progress and was asked if anyone had suggestions on how the new registrations were ordered and printed, please let Mardy know.

Each committee than gave an update.

NSIP Committee- Bob Padula reported there had been a lot of lively discussion via email over the past year. Trying to figure out how to encourage participation in NSIP. The more that are involved the better the databases will be. They weren’t able to come to an agreement on what traits should be judged at the show so kept everything the same this year. This is the waive of the future and needed to help keep the breed moving forward. Tracie Roeder recognized Judy Scanlan for spearheading getting an ad and article in the August edition of The Shepherd. Jeff reminded everyone the committees are always open to more volunteers, just let Mardy know if you’re interested in joining.

Junior Committee – Leslie Nevens reported as the committee chairperson and US Targhee Sheep Junior Assoc. Advisor. The Association has an exceptional group of juniors with great work ethics, proactive and really care about each other. She thanked Tina and Anna Hinchley for the games they had got on during Nationals; Hailee Kilber for making the Junior pen signs; Jamie Skinner for being the welcoming committee for the starter flock winners; and Desire Routier for donating a ewe to the starter flock this year. The Board had approved the proposal to explore creating an Ambassador program. Junior President Braedon Hinker had brainstormed the newly created Best Fleece Class that was started at this years Nationals.

Starter Flock Committee – Jeff Nevens reported both of this years winners had been present all day taking in all the activities. Visit the display in the barns for each winner. Carolyn Green will be the mentor for Dylan Laverall and Todd Taylor will mentor Zach Moret. He recognized all the donors and had received all donations very early in the year for 2 flocks. The cash donation had also reached the cap of each winner.

Youth Futurity Committee – Jon Beastrom reported this was the 2nd year for the program. Over $900 was available to be split all exhibitors this year from donations acquired from last years benefit auction and nomination fees. Steps were continuing to be made to help advance the program.

Sifting Committee – Darrell Deneke reported as a member of the sifting committee, he along with the vet, and local breeder had found nothing that needed to be sifted. He complimented everyone on the quality. Belly wool had not been discussed at all like it had been in previous years.

Show Committee – No updates to be given.
The need to set a floor price for the sale was then discussed. Clee Brakke moved to set at $300; Charlene Von Krosigk seconded; Passed. Members were reminded that they were free to set a higher price floor on their stock as well. Elisha reminded everyone they are allowed to set their own floor price, just give to the auctioneer prior to entering the sale ring. Commission will still be charged at the top bid if the reserve is not met.

Mardy gave a report on the website and newsletter. Not many changes had been made to either. She asked that members submit personal news, pictures, etc so the membership can better keep up with them and make it more personable.

Jeff discussed the site of the 2016 National Show and Sale. The normal order is to have it held in Wisconsin next. Todd, Lynette, Jeff and Leslie had already been discussing especially after seeing the growing size of entries the last 2 years. Arlington arena is not large enough to accommodate this size of Nationals. Todd had contacted the Polypay Association regarding the possibilities of having a joint Nationals to help split expenses to be able to afford a larger facility. This might also attract commercial buyers. Tracie Roeder and Jack McRae recounted a previous Nationals held in Springfield that had been a joint Nationals, only issue was was they ran out of food. Would need to better set up how to split everything. Charlene Von Krosigk noted Targhees are the best kept secret in the West. Would be good to show off the breed. Warren Nellis moved for a vote that the membership would be acceptable to the idea of a combined show. Scott Kilber seconded. Passed. Jeff said they would try their best to keep in Wisconsin and get back to everyone as soon as possible with more details.

2 board members were up for reelection – Russell Allred and Bridget Williams. Russell had agreed to run for the At Large West. Bridget Williams respectively declined after serving 6 years on the Board in light of her family’s decision to get out of the sheep business. The floor was opened for any other nominations. Paula Brakke moved to cast an unanimous ballet to reelect Russell; Jack McRae seconded; Passed. Randall Von Krosigk was nominated for the West seat and accepted the nomination. Warren Nellis moved to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot; Carl Nielsen seconded; Passed.

New business was then discussed starting with the Board’s decision to enforce the rule that no artificial color or paint be used on show animals. Targhees are a wool breed and that is a contamination to the wool that can not be scoured out. Jeff asked for the members thoughts/reactions on that decision. Clee Brakke moved to continue the enforcement of not being allowed to use any artificial coloring at Nationals; Tracie Roeder seconded; Passed.

Paula Brakke suggested bringing back the Carcass class at Nationals. Bob Padula wondered if that would be good for the Juniors. Darrell Deneke mentioned South Dakota had a carcass feature and was neat to see how they stacked up next to black faces. It was a decided a committee needed to be formed to put together a proposal for the Board and membership.

On Wednesday night Theresa Beastrom had barbequed some lamb for those that had arrived early. Made them wonder about having a cook-off on Thursday night. Cody Hemeke would be a contact to orchestrate that with the American Lamb Board. Warren Nellis suggested leaving it up to the hosting committee.

Wade Kopren than brought up having the metal registration tags in the right ear. For shearers this is extremely dangerous. Scrapie tags are only plastic, can association offer something like that or change to the left ear? Darrell Deneke also brought up that the tags are currently not required to be put in the years because in the east the metal causes a lot of infection. The association is about to reach registration #100,000. This is a problem for the current database to handle as well. Wade motioned to change the ear the registration tag is placed in to the left ear if the breeder elects to put the tag in the ear. The tattoo will still be required in the right ear. Clee Brakke seconded. Passed. The Board would start exploring what options were available once this batch of tags ran out. Dean Von Krosigk suggested starting over with the registration numbers with plastic tags and that wouldn’t cause any confusion. Lee Moret suggested adding a year number to the registration, but only tattoo the true registration number so there won’t be a problem with the database and duplicate registration numbers.

Carolyn Green thanked everyone for supporting the lunch program. Charlene Von Krosigk thanked the Montana Targhee Association for hosting a great Nationals and for Carolyn hosting.

Paula Brakke moved that the meeting adjourn; second by Leroy Pedersen; passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mardy Rutledge
Secretary
Want to be More Involved in USTSA?

Here’s your opportunity. If you would like to join any of the following committees or would like to nominate someone, please contact Mardy or one of the Board members.

The **NSIP committee**, consisting for Betty Sampsel, Bob Padula, Jeff Nevens, Darrell Deneke and Judy Scanlan, are responsible for establishing all rules for the NSIP classes at the National Show & Sale regarding deadlines, what EBV’s will be evaluated, judging criteria, etc. They will help keep the USTSA better in line with the changes in this arena and to help promote Targhee’s involvement in NSIP.

The **Junior Show/Membership committee**, consisting of Jennifer Vannest, Elisha Lewis and Leslie Nevens, help to manage our growing Junior membership and promoting to new junior members. It will also be responsible for such things as setting the rules for Nationals regarding eligible ages, who is allowed to participate, etc. Junior members are encouraged to volunteer to help represent their peers concerns and ideas as well.

The **Youth Futurity committee** consisting of Jon Beastrom and Todd Taylor have volunteered to spearhead the USTSA’s latest venture to help increase junior participation. They will be responsible for setting all rules and policies for this new program.

The **Show and Sale committee** consisting of Jon Beastrom, Elisha Lewis, Jennifer Vannest, and Charlene Von Krosigk. They will be responsible for setting all rules and policies for the National Show and Sale.

**President’s Notes**

This is a difficult message to write... Over the past few months, the Targhee Family has lost three great individuals – John Paugh, Charles Dwight, and Russ Allred. Along with the passing of Rudy Erickson last fall, these four individuals represent so much of what the USTSA has become, and where it is headed. They devoted their time, talents and leadership to take a great breed, and make it better. And on top of that, they were all tremendous human beings! We all owe a great deal of thanks to them and their families for their devotion and sacrifice to the USTSA. May God bless them and those they leave behind.

Fall has always been a time of reflection for me, about what has worked, what hasn’t, planning for the future, and remembering the great things that have taken place. Perhaps its because we don’t do any fall lambing and I don’t have lambs dropping left and right like many others I know. Overall, I think this has been a good year for the USTSA. There have been many good times with great friends, and there have been some contencious times. We have added some great new families, and unfortunately, we have lost some great families. I do believe that we have grown, grown closer and more unified, and have a fairly clear direction where we are heading. And I want to thank each and every member for all you have done to make that happen.

To quote the Northern Advocate, “There is no time when the human soul drinks in so fully the glory and beauty of nature... We do not understand the secret of this principle, yet we know that it is some law of the infinite mind.” May His blessings be with you all.
NSIP Marketplace: A new tool for members

A new platform has been created on Facebook to help connect NSIP producers and potential buyers. The new page, NSIP Marketplace, is free for all NSIP producers to post sheep they have for sale. Each post should contain the breed, sex, age and EBVs for each sheep for sale. Pictures and screenshots of PedigreeMaster output are welcome and encouraged. All posts will be moderated so that only sheep from NSIP or sheep with EBVs can be listed.

To post, simply visit the Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/NSIPMarketplace or search “NSIP Marketplace” in the Facebook search window. This new page has been created to help increase awareness of using EBVs in selection and to help you sell more sheep! Please, invite your customers and friends to like the page and to use it to search for new breeding stock. You, the NSIP Membership, are the biggest salesmen and women of the program and this can help you spread the word.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email info@nsip.org.

Thank you,
Rusty Burgett
NSIP Program Director

Looking for the perfect Christmas Gift?

USTSA offers a wide line of Targhee Wearable in a variety of sizes for adult and youth. Pictures of some of the products are on the website. Contact Mardy Rutledge for a full list of products and sizes and to place orders.

- Adult T-Shirts $10.00
- Adult Hoodies $20.00
- Youth T-Shirts $10.00
- Ball Caps $15.00
- Camouflage Beanies $15.00
- Gray or Pink Skull Caps $12.00
2016 National Show & Sale

The Wisconsin Targhee Association is excited to be hosting the 2016 USTSA National Show and Sale next July at the Arlington Public Events Center, Arlington, WI. The dates of the event will be Thursday, July 14th through Saturday, July 16th. As mentioned during the annual membership meeting in Big Timber, there was discussion of holding a joint event with the National Polypay Association, and possibly hosting it at a different location. Due to the Center of the Nation Sale being just a few weeks after our proposed date, the Polypay breeders decided on other options. Arlington has always been a preferred location to host the event, and we will continue to have it here as long as possible.

Due to the growth in numbers at our national event, we would like to ask for everyone’s assistance to ensure we have enough penning for everyone. If everyone that is attending can give us rough numbers and types of what they may be bringing as soon as you know, it will make the penning assignments much easier to prepare.

More information regarding specific items will be made available in later editions of Targhee Talk. We hope everyone is looking forward to coming to Wisconsin in 2016!

Deadlines to keep in mind
- May 31st entry and event forms due. Entry forms and packets will be available in the April newsletter as well as online.
- June 15th all registrations and information for catalog due.

2015 Western Regional Ram Sale Results

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Newell Ram Sale

The 70th annual Newell Ram Show & Sale was held September 17 & 18 in Newell, SD. There were 130 registered buyers from 7 different states and Alberta Canada.

Targhee
Reserve Supreme Champion Ewe: Jon Beastrom & Family, Pierre, SD
Champion Ram: Carl Nielsen Manderson, WY
Res. Champ. Ram: Jon Beastrom & Family, Pierre, SD
The Targhee averaged $652.88

Welcome New USTSA Members!

Bar M Livestock
Kurt Mitton
Wellsville, UT

Scott Kilber Family
Ipswich, SD

Justin & Amy Winston
Fairfield, MT

Jeffrey Keyser
Gilford, NH

Katelyn Dunnun
Westby, WI

Michael Capra
Boyes, MT

Southern Utah University Farm
Cedar City, UT

Dragseth Targhees
Tanner, ND

Dylan Lavarell
Big Timber, MT

Zach Moret
Barron, WI
Montana Ram Sale

The 90th Annual Montana Ram Sale started extremely strong and finished with some good prices for buyers. Overall average on 296 range rams was $1,162 across breeds minus stud rams. Caroline Green sold a Targhee ram to Heinrich Ortmann for $6,100 with range Targhees averaging $1,275.60 on 207 head. Montana State University bought a Rambouillet ram from Lehfeldt Rambouillet for $1,900 with 42 head averaging $901.19. Heart Lazy P sold a Suffolk ram to T. Gergen for $1,700 with 26 Suffolk ram lambs averaging $884.61 and 8 Hamp X Suffolk crosses bringing $825. Gene Langhus topped the Rambouillet crosses with a $2,300 ram to Flat Top Sheep Co. A big thank you to all the volunteers who make this sale run smoothly and all the buyers make it possible.

Unofficial average on the 2nd Annual Montana Ewe Sale was $287.94 on 1260 head of mostly yearling whiteface ewes in 27 lots. Strong demand for sheep with fine wool in both the ewe and ram sale.

Betty Sampsel of Hughes Newford donated a yearling ewe to send young Montana producers to the Young Entrepreneurs workshop at the next ASI Convention in Scottsdale, AZ in January. The ewe sold 8 times and raised $3,850!

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Wyoming Ram Sale

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From the Secretary’s Desk

The office will be closed from December 7th-31st. All registration requests, etc received during that time will be processed after the 1st of the year. Registration and other requests that were sent prior will be processed in the next couple of weeks. Rush requests can be accommodated on a case-by-case scenario. Please be sure to note as such on the outside of the envelop, email or leave me a message. I will continue to monitor the email and return calls.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and a safe New Year. Looking forward to what 2016 will bring!
South Dakota State Fair 4-H Breeding Sheep Champions

- Champion Targhee Ewe – Jon Beastrom & Family

- Reserve Targhee Ewe – Jon Beastrom & Family

Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival Open Wool Breeds Division

Targhee:
- Champion Ram: A&J Nevens Livestock
- Reserve Ram: Anna Hinchley
- Champion Ewe: A&J Nevens Livestock
- Reserve Ewe: UW-Madison

Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival Junior Breeding Sheep Show: Wool Breeds Divisions

Targhee:
- Champion Ram: Andy Nevens
- Reserve Ram: Anna Hinchley
- Champion Ewe: Andy Nevens (pictured below)
- Reserve Ewe: Andy Nevens

Todd Taylor family inducted into the Wisconsin State Fair Sheep Barn Hall of Fame!

State Fair Results

If you have other results you would like included, please submit to the USTSA office by December 15th for publication in the next newsletter.
Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival Wool Show Results

Junior Show Fleece Show Results
Division 1 – Commercial White
   1 - Andy Nevens

Open Fleece Show Results
Division 1 – Commercial White
   1 - A&J Nevens Livestock
   Commercial Division Winner

Wisconsin State Fair Results

Shephard's Award - A&J Nevens Livestock
Reserve Supreme Champion Ewe - A&J Nevens Livestock (pictured to right)
Premier Exhibitor - University of Wisconsin - Madison

- Champion Targhee Ram – University of Wisconsin - Madison
- Reserve Targhee Ram – University of Wisconsin - Madison
- Champion Targhee Ewe – A&J Nevens Livestock
- Reserve Targhee Ewe – University of Wisconsin - Madison
- Champion Junior Targhee Ram – Andy Nevens
- Reserve Junior Targhee Ram – Anna Hinchley
- Champion Junior Targhee Ewe – Andy Nevens
- Reserve Junior Targhee Ewe – Michael Krause

Thanksgiving Dinner Up a Tad, to Just Over $50

The American Farm Bureau Federation’s 30th annual informal price survey of classic items found on the Thanksgiving Day dinner table indicates the average cost of this year’s feast for 10 is $50.11, a 70-cent increase from last year’s average of $49.41. The big ticket item – a 16-pound turkey – came in at a total of $23.04 this year. That’s roughly $1.44 per pound, an increase of less than 9 cents per pound, or a total of $1.39 per whole turkey, compared to 2014.

“Retail prices seem to have stabilized quite a bit for turkey, which is the centerpiece of the meal in our market-basket,” AFBF Deputy Chief Economist John Anderson said.

The average cost of the dinner has remained around $49 since 2011. This year’s survey totaled over $50 for the first time. “America’s farmers and ranchers are able to provide a bounty of food for a classic Thanksgiving dinner that many of us look forward to all year,” Anderson said. “We are fortunate to be able to provide a special holiday meal for 10 people for just over $5 per serving.”
Two South Dakota Targhee families were named as the 2015 South Dakota Master Lamb Producers during the South Dakota Master Lamb Producers Association Awards program luncheon at the 2015 SD Sheep Growers Convention held in Rapid City September 25-27.

The Jon Beastrom family (Jon, Theresa, Jonalyn, Jacob, and Jacye) of Pierre, SD were recognized in the purebred producer category and the Mark and Phyllis Pates and Kevin and Courtney Pates families were recognized in the Lamb to Finish Producer category.

These families were selected based on excellence in sheep production practices and management skills. The awards program gives public recognition for their achievements and provides other producers new concepts and production efficiencies to consider for implementation.

Dr. Jeff Held, SDSU Extension Sheep Specialist presented the awards and the event was hosted by the SD Master Lamb Producers Association.

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Farmers wise to raise wool in Wisconsin

The State Journal was established as the Madison Express, a weekly newspaper, in 1839. This Madison Express editorial ran on Aug. 7, 1845:

There is not a country in the world more peculiarly adapted to the growing of wool than the Territory of Wisconsin. The sheep that have been brought or raised here thrive remarkably, and in shearing times turn out to their owners beautiful fleeces of superior quality.

How long will our farmers continue to buy their woolens from the merchants, while a little trouble and expense would enable them to manufacture their own? The raising of wool does not interfere with the raising of grain. A farmer may cultivate just as many acres, and keep a hundred sheep as he could without them.

Then comes its manufacture into domestic cloth, by the female part of the family, furnishing a healthful employment for the autumn days and winter evenings. As an article of export, our agriculturists could realize more clear money from wool growing, on the same capital, than from any other source.

A few hundred fine fleeces of wool, sold at the price which it will command, if our tariff is not repealed, would return into the pockets of the producer a sum of money which it would take a long time and much hard labor to bring from the products of the soil.
This fall we lost three important members of the USTSA. The USTSA has made a donation of $100 to the memorial selected by the family for each passing member. Our thoughts and prayer are with the families.

Russell Bryan Allen, age 39 of Fountain Green, Utah passed away at his home October 2, 2015 surrounded by his family, after a long illness. He was born October 30, 1975 in Nephi, Utah to Bryan Eugene and Susan Russell Allred. Married his high school sweetheart Jenny Lynn Anderson Allred, December 8, 1995. The marriage was later solemnized in the Manti Temple on December 9, 1998.

Russ loved hunting, fishing, and the outdoors, herding sheep on the mountain in his youth. He participated in high school rodeo, riding saddle bronc, qualifying for National Finals his senior year. He graduated from North Sanpete High School and attended UVSC in the journeyman lineman program. He apprenticed at Ephraim City Corp. and was hired on with Springville City Corp. as a journeyman lineman.

Russ was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He served in the Elders Quorum and with the eleven year old scouts. Russ had unconditional love for his three beautiful daughters. They were his greatest joy. He instilled his enthusiasm for life upon everyone he met.

He is survived by his wife, Jenny Lynn Allred; daughters, Brailie, Savannah, Cheznie Allred; parents; brother, Jed (Darci) Allred; sister, Amber (Travis) Emerick, all of Fountain Green. Survived by his mother-in-law JoEll Anderson, Moroni, and many nieces and nephews; his grandmother Afton (Glen) Wilcox, Orem. Preceded in death by his brother Joseph M. Allred; Father-in-law, Jack S. Anderson; Uncle, Larry Russell; grandparents, D. Euray and Madelyn Allred, and Calvin Russell.

Charles Dwight, 81, of Clyde died Thursday, Sept. 24, 2015, at Bellevue Hospital. He was born June 10, 1934, in Sandusky County, the son of Henry J. and Geraldine Elizabeth (Hartley) Dwight.

He is survived by his wife, Mary (Good), whom he married June 12, 1954, in Fremont; three sons, Herbert H. (Sandy) Dwight of Clyde, Brian P. Dwight of New London and Douglas C. Dwight of Clyde; two daughters, Mary Elizabeth Lengyel of Wakeman and Susan E. Benfer of Port Clinton; 11 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; one brother, Jerry Dwight of North Fairfield; and two sisters, Nancy (Roger) Jenkins of Bellevue and Barbara Shirey of Willard.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

On Pasture

Stockpiled Grass is Your Ranch’s Heavy Hitter
By Kathy Voth / November 16, 2015

Want to make a quick dollar? “Stockpile grass!” says Dave Scott of Montana Highland Lamb and ATTRA’s National Center for Appropriate Technology. It’s half the cost of hay, doesn’t require a tractor or fuel, and frees up a lot of your time. As an added bonus, stockpiling can improve soil health indicators related to nutrient cycling. In this short video in his series, Dave describes how he stockpiles his grass thanks to his use of intensive grazing management, showing you what he has for his sheep going into the winter.

If you have questions, Dave is an outstanding resource. He’s happy to answer questions, share ideas, and talk with you about ways you can use intensive grazing and stockpiling to reduce your workload and increase your profitability.

Give him a call or drop him a line!

Dave Scott
NCAT Livestock Specialist
saves@ncat.org
406-533-6642 (remember that he’s in Montana on Mountain Time)

You can also find help by calling the ATTRA helpline at: 800-346-9140.

- See more at: http://onpasture.com/2015/11/16/stockpiled-grass-is-your-ranches-heavy-hitter/ #sthash.S5oGrUK.dpuf
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Free Advertising Space for Targhee Events

Do you have a Targhee event you would like to see promoted in 2014? Please contact the USTSA office (ustargheesheep@gmail.com) to list your event for FREE!

John “Bud” C Paugh, 86, of Bozeman, MT, passed away September 8, 2015. He was born December 10, 1928, at Fort Benton, MT, the third son of John Charles and Dorothy Marion (Reed) Paugh. His family moved to the Gallatin Valley when he was three months old and started a dairy ranch where he worked until he graduated from college.

Bud attended Waterman School, Emerson School and graduated from Gallatin County High School in 1947. He received his Bachelor’s degree in Animal Science from Montana State College in 1951. Bud married Donna Mae Matson on June 13, 1952, in Bozeman. Their first two children, David John and Julie Ann, were born in Harlowton, MT. Shortly after, the family returned to the Bozeman area and had three more children, Gerald Wayne, Laurie Ellen and Richard Donald. All the children attended Belgrade schools.

Bud was a commercial cattle and sheep rancher and was an iconic figure in the business of agriculture. He was active in the U.S. Targhee Sheep Association, Gallatin Sheep Association, National Woolgrowers Association, and the Montana Woolgrowers Association where he was president from 1982 to 1983. Bud was a 4-H leader, member of the Belgrade School Board and Planning Board, Bracket Creek Grazing Association and the Ag Department of Montana State University.

As a result, Bud received many awards for his outstanding participation and hard work throughout the years. He received the Arrowhead Award, which recognized him for his contributions to MSU Extension programs throughout the State. Governor Marc Racicot and again, Governor Judy Martz appointed him as a representative for the sheep and cattle industries to the Montana Board of Livestock. He served from 1995 to 2007.

Bud was a steward of the land, and he made a lasting difference in the agriculture community.

However, Bud’s greatest accomplishment was having and raising a family. He is survived by his wife, Donna of 63 years and their children; son, David (Millie) Paugh of Ryegate, MT, and their children, Bryan Paugh of Austin, TX, and Stephanie Paugh of Bozeman, MT; daughter, Julie (David) Curd of Helena, MT, and their children, Melissa Curd of Helena, MT, Joe Curd of Cheonan, South Korea, and Christy Curd of Missoula, MT; son, Jerry (Thea) Paugh of Edgar, MT, and their four children, Nicole (Keith) Nelson of Huntley, MT, and two grandchildren, Chase and Shey; Jessica (Nate) Carr of Three Forks, MT, and three grandchildren, Jerzee, Kamden and Harper; John Paugh of Billings, MT, and Jaymin Paugh of MSU; daughter, Laurie (Chuck) Tate of Bozeman, MT, and her children, Hannah Heckel, Gabe Heckel and Chloe Heckel all of Bozeman, MT; son, Richard Paugh of Belgrade, MT, and companion, Judy Moats and her son, Lance; as well as nine nieces and one nephew along with their spouses and children.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Robert and George.

Memorials may be made in his name to Montana Woolgrowers Association Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 1693, Helena, MT 59624, or to a charity of your choice.
Finding Targhees

Looking for Targhees? Watch the website for a current listing of Fairs and Ram Sales where Targhees will be entered. If you would like to add any to the list, please contact Mardy at 702-292-5715 or ustargheesheep@gmail.com.

Upcoming Calendar of Events

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Protein is an important part of your plate because it can lower the blood sugar impact of meals. Lamb delivers, on average, 23 grams of protein per 3 oz. serving. This is approximately 50% of your daily protein needs!

AgriLife Extension Offers New Livestock Guardian Dog Publication

Personnel from Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in San Angelo have completed the publication Livestock Guardian Dogs.

“"This publication is a guide for sheep and goat farmers and ranchers who are looking at using livestock guardian dogs to protect their sheep and goats from predation," said Reid Redden, Ph.D., Agrilife Extension state sheep and goat specialist at the center.

Redden was joined in authoring the work by John Walker, Ph.D., AgriLife Research Center director and John Tomecek, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist.

"This publication is for producers interested in using guardian dogs for the first time," Redden said. "It's also for those who may have had some previous troubles with guardian dogs protecting their flocks and herds against predators. The information presented will help both audiences get started on the right foot and maybe resolve some issues that they've seen in the past."

The eight-page reference guide is available at http://sanangelo.tamu.edu under publications.