

# Targhee Talk

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Targhee Sheep Association*



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## 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 3:00 pm, at the Animal Science Arena in Arlington, Wisconsin. All directors were present except Elisha Lewis.

The 2015 annual member's meetings minutes were read. Wade Kopren moved to accept the minutes as read; Clee Brakke seconded; Passed.

Elections were then held as President Jeff Nevens term on the Board of Directors for the At Large East position was up. Darrell Deneke's term for Central Plains was also up and he had declined re-nomination after 16 years of service on the Board. The floor was opened up for nominations. Leroy Pedersen and Jon Beastro were both nominated and ballots were cast. After counting a tie was announced. The bylaws were reviewed and found there was nothing listed in them for ties. Todd moved the bylaws be amended that in the case of a tie, only the members in the region for that director will revote. Passed by 2/3 votes. This will be up for vote at the next annual meeting for final ratification. For this election, it was agreed a revote of all members would be cast. After the second count, Leroy Pedersen was elected. Then proceeded to elections for the At Large East position. Jeff Nevens stated he would seek re-election, but this would be his last term. Wade Kopren nominated Jon Beastro, seconded by George Mann. Ballots were cast with Jeff Nevens being elected.

The financial reports were presented consisting of a year-end comparison Profit and Loss and 2015 Year-end Balance Sheet. The Association financially is sitting in a very stable position. A registry report was also provided showing 2015 year-end lowered than previous years and year to date not showing we would make the recent averages. Charlene Von Krosigk asked why the registration numbers were down. Board had been discussing this. Looking at the report Montana was down from 70% of total registrations to only 40%. There was a long discussion on why that might be. That NSIP and ram sales don't require registrations was pointed as potentially one of the drawbacks. Wade Kopren moved to waive late registration fees for two years. George Mann seconded. Passed. This means any sheep up to 4 years old can be registered with no additional feed. A similar thing was done in 2005 when a similar amnesty program was offered to help producers catch up on registrations.

Each committee then gave an update.

NSIP Committee- No updates.

Junior Committee – Leslie Nevens reported as the committee chairperson and US Targhee Sheep Junior Assoc. Advisor. The committee had been very busy this year choosing the first Ambassador. Anna Hinchley had been selected to help promote Targhees and awarded with Targhee apparel and a belt buckle. Anna had prepared a presentation board as part of her duties already. The term will run for June to June each year. Anna then got up and presented her plan for the year. She was going to give judges our inspection manuals to help educate those not familiar with Targhees so they can better judge them. While at fairs and shows, she would be helpful and friendly with the other exhibitors around the barn to help open a discussion about Targhees. She was working on 4-H/FFA managerial project where kids would shadow her. Anna's goal for her term was to get 3 new members enrolled. The Junior Association had started a facebook page. At the junior meeting, elections had been held earlier that day. President- Haylee Kilber. Vice President- Jonalynn Beastro. Secretary- Anna Hinchley. Social- Logan Johnson. Historian- Emma Vannest. At their meeting the biggest topic was the possibility of sending junior members to the All American next year.

Starter Flock Committee – Jeff Nevens reported both of this year's winners had been present all day taking in all the activities. Visit the display in the barns for each winner. He recognized all the donors and had received all donations very early in the year for 2 flocks. 3 animals had been donated in memorial. A&J Nevens Livestock donated in memorial of Rudy Erickson. Their donation ewe had Rumar Farm bloodlines. Jamie Skinner donated in memorial of Charles Dwight. Jamie had purchased Charles' flock and had brought a ewe from that. Beastro family donated in memorial of James Elphick. Their donation ewe had UW bloodlines. The cash donation had also reached the cap of each winner.

## Annual Meeting Minutes, continued

Youth Futurity Committee – Jon Beaström reported there were 8 entries this year which was the largest yet. Steps were continuing to be made to help advance the program. All ewe lamb entries had been nominated for the futurity this year. Charlene Von Krosigk asked if Dylan Laverell’s ewe lamb that had to be replaced would have been eligible. It was discussed that would have still been considered a starter flock animal and those are eligible.

Sifting Committee – Bryan Allred 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.

Show Committee – No updates to be given.

The need to set a floor price for the sale was than discussed. Clee Brakke moved to set at \$300; Cal Ward seconded; Passed. Members were reminded that they were free to set a higher price floor on their stock as well, 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. The Directory was still in progress and will be out by end of year. Paula Brakke asked why members post were not showing up on the main Facebook page feed. Haylee Kilber offered to help manage the Association Facebook page.

Jeff than discussed the site of the 2017 National Show and Sale. The normal order is to have it held in South Dakota next. Jon Beaström expressed interest in trying to have it in Pierre. Carl Nielsen moved for DATA to host the 2017 National Show and Sale. George Mann seconded. Passed.

Jeff Nevens, Scott Kilber, and Leroy Pedersen had been working on the suggestion from last Nationals to bring back a carcass show. They hadn’t received back much interest so had tabled it for further discussion at this meeting. A lively discussion has held with the many questions that needed to be addressed. Would the entries have to be purebred, how would they be fitted, Nationals schedule is already packed where would it fit, Wild and Wooly had previously been offered that was similar and subsequently dropped due to lack of entries. Todd Taylor moved to send this to the junior association. Randall Von Krosigk seconded. Passed.

New business was than discussed starting with the All American Junior show to be held in Madison, Wisconsin next June. Todd Taylor spoke this promoted all breeds where each Association nominates exhibitors for \$750 fee. Last year there was 1600 hear from 390 exhibitors. The exhibitors not only showed their sheep but competed in skillathons, marketing and essays. Was more about learning to better promote yourself. The Juniors had discussed it at their meeting and were very interested. Bob Padula moved to allow the Board of Directors to decide if the Association should be involved. Paula Brakke seconded. Passed.

Jon Beaström moved to create a committee to help with promotion. George Mann seconded. Passed. Members are asked to volunteer for all committees. Charlene Von Krosigk asked about happened to the traveling presentation and picture board the association used to have. Does anyone remember or know what might have happened to it?

Darrell Deneke moved that the meeting adjourn; second by Warren Nellis; passed.

Respectfully submitted, Mardy Rutledge Secretary

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## President's Notes

This is a difficult message to write for a number of reasons... First, the USTSA has again suffered the loss of some its' finest members. Since the national show & sale back in July, we have had to ask for blessings for the Beastron family with the passing of Bud, and for the Pfister family with the passing of Leo. We also learned of the recent passing of Betty Persons of Ramblin' Vewe Farm. The history that we have lost over the past few years is almost numbing, and I would ask that you keep all those departed and their families in your prayers.

The other difficult subject to bring up is a continuing one that needs attention to hopefully be alleviated. As board members of the USTSA, we are frequently asked to look into various concerns or issues that arise from our members. And over the 6+ years that I have served, I have directly investigated or assisted in the investigation of many of those concerns and issues. But there is a growing theme in the dealing of these scenarios. That is, those who are supposedly directly affected are actually bringing very few issues to us. They are being brought to us via a third party. This is concerning because in a vast majority of the cases indirectly brought to us, the issue turns out not to be what was relayed, has already been resolved, or really wasn't a problem to begin with.

If you have every played "the telephone game" as a child, where something is whispered in the ear of someone else and the message is passed along verbally through many people, what reaches the last person rarely matches what was originally stated. So I would ask that any USTSA member who is having a concern or issue, please come directly to a board member or Mardy with your problem. It is our job to help you with your issue, and we will! I would also ask that if others hear of an issue, please encourage the affected person to contact us directly. It is the best and quickest way to get a resolution to the problem, and we will ask you to go back to that person and have them directly contact us. Please don't keep passing the concern down the line, because in a short amount of time, it won't actually represent the real issue any more. All it does is create drama, inaccurately represent the situation, and ultimately take more time to resolve.

To end on a brighter note, I want to congratulate Elisha Otis (Lewis) on her marriage to Dan, and the birth of Bill & Amanda Schaefer's son! Also would like to congratulate Chase Hibbard on his record-setting final Montana Ram Sale. What an amazing run! Wishing the best for you all as 2016 comes to an end.

Your President,  
Jeff Nevens

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### NSIP Insights with Dr. Lisa Surber (Targhee Breed Representative on the NSIP BOD)

With each Targhee Talk Newsletter, I intent to provide some timely news and tips for our growers. I look forward sharing the happenings from within National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP) and the sheep industry in general. As I traveled to the fall ram sales this month, I saw very strong interest in Targhee sheep. It was even more pleasing to see the new producers entering our industry and what was their breed of choice? TARGHEE! We need to continue to encourage these young entrepreneurs and keep them producing good Targhee sheep.

As most of you know, Chase and Emily Hibbard retired from the registered Targhee sheep business. They sold their last consignment of rams at the 91st Montana Ram Sale in Miles City in September. Sieben Livestock brought an outstanding set of rams and set the all-time, world record price for a yearling Targhee ram at \$14,000! Chase and Emily have always been very supportive of USTSA and NSIP. They have been particularly helpful to young sheep producers providing encouragement, advice, and starter breeding stock. I, personally, would like to thank them and congratulate them on their years of service to USTSA, NSIP and the US sheep industry.

About 4 months ago, NSIP launched its own YouTube channel. This is where producers and interested parties can find out more about NSIP through testimonials, tutorials and more. Some examples of the tutorial training available are: Generating ID Numbers, Pedigree Master (PM) Set-up, PM Data Input, PM Data Submission, and PM Data Download. Please check it out at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) search for National Sheep Improvement Program or <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxHLKizZE5INlImxPkSpwCw>.

For those of you who have never tried a spreadsheet upload into PM, there is an excellent new tutorial that Rusty Burgett (NSIP's Program Director) has published on the NSIP YouTube channel. Please take a moment to check it out. Remember to refer to your PM manual (Page 21). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xOidmwp6KA0>



That's all for now. Best of luck to our fall lambers!

Warm Regards, Lisa



## Welcome New USTSA Members!

Joan Beck  
Big Timber, MT

Sharon Redland  
Manderson, WY

Wade Kopren  
Bison, SD

Cindy and Aiden Fouhy  
Peerless, MT

Lisa Surber  
Bozeman, MT

Rachel Pruitt  
Bozeman, MT

Olivia Wolf  
Birnamwood, WI

Leah Hutchthausen  
Stoughton, WI

Joe Tuttle  
Drummond, WI

Josh Bucher  
Metropolis, IL

Brady & Brenna Ruff  
Forsyth, MT

B Silver Ranch  
Carl Brakke &  
Kellie Thomas  
Elkton, SD

Leroy & Rebecca  
Pedersen  
Lesterville, SD

Did you know?  
The USTSA is now on  
Facebook!

Mardy Rutledge, Secretary of the USTSA, has launched a Facebook page for the USTSA. Mardy reports, "This will be used namely as a forum for buyers and sellers to connect; posting news; pictures, etc."

## 2017 National Show & Sale

The Dakota Area Targhee Association is excited to be hosting the 2017 USTSA National Show and Sale July 13-15th in Pierre, South Dakota. Final details are being made at the committees next meeting on December 10th. Hotel information, schedule, etc will be in the January Targhee Talk.

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.

We hope everyone is looking forward to coming to South Dakota in 2017!

### 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.

## 2016 Western Regional Ram Sale Results

	Rambouillet	Columbia	Suffolk	Targhee
<b>Newell Ram Sale</b>	\$ 774.17	\$ 416.67	\$ 619.71	\$ 1578.57
<b>Montana Ram Sale</b>	\$ 670.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 778.26	\$ 1264.73
<b>Wyoming Ram Sale</b>	\$ 933.73	\$ 566.67	\$ 729.41	\$ 745.65

### Newell Ram Sale

The 71st annual Newell Ram Show & Sale was held September 15 & 16 in Newell, SD. There were 137 registered buyers from 8 different states.

#### Targhee Class Winners

Champion Ewe: Jon Beaström & Family,  
Pierre, SD

Reserve Champion Ewe: Jon Beaström &  
Family, Pierre, SD

Champion Ram: Jon Beaström & Family,  
Pierre, SD (pictured to right)

Res. Champ. Ram: Wade Kopren, Bison, SD  
The Targhee averaged \$1,578.57



## Montana Ram Sale

The 91st Annual Montana Ram Sale was highlighted with Chase Hibbard of Sieben Livestock being honored by Jack McRae, on behalf of the sheep industry. The Hibbard family has been consigning to the Montana Ram Sale for over 50 years and this being their last sale, people were eager to get the last of their rams. Sieben Livestock broke the sale record for the highest selling Targhee Stud Ram for \$7,750. They would go on to break the sale record for the highest selling range ram for \$11,250 purchased by Heinrich Ortmann, Sam Ortmann, and Hughes Newford Co., all of Montana. They later broke their own sale record by selling a ram for \$14,000 purchased by Judy Scanlan of Malin, Oregon.

The two day sale had a combined gross of \$378,875 and saw 120 registered bidders from Montana, South Dakota, Idaho, North Dakota, Colorado, Washington, Oregon, and Wyoming. While prices weren't as good as last year, the sale was still a very successful one! This sale wouldn't be possible without the many volunteers and generous donations from the Miles City Community. We'll see everyone next year with even more quality yearling ewes and rams at the 92nd Annual Montana Ram and 4th Annual Montana Ewe Sale in Miles City!

## Wyoming Ram Sale



**High Selling Targhees Lot 76A  
consigned by  
Von Krosigk Targhees  
sold to Brad Boner for \$1500  
and  
Lot 70 consigned by Ryan Boner  
sold to the University of WY  
for \$1500**



**High Selling Targhee that met  
the Certified Ram criteria,  
Lot 69 consigned by  
Wyatt Geis sold for \$900  
to the Meike Ranch**



## 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 notate 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 2017 will bring!

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Former Starter Flock winner Haylee Kilber and family fair highlights for the 2016 summer show season:

Edmunds County 4-H show – Tessa's Fall ewe lamb was Grand Champion Breeding Sheep.



South Dakota State Fair Haylee's Spring Ram lamb was Reserve Champion Targhee Ram in the 4-H Show



Kathryn's Spring Ewe Lamb was Grand Champion Targhee Ewe and 4th place Overall Breeds Ewe – 4-H Show, Champion Targhee Ewe and Reserve Champion Overall Ewe – Jr. Wool Classic



The Dam to these two lambs was the aged ewe donated by Rod Kunzei that Haylee received with her starter flock.



## Wisconsin State Fair Results

**Shepherd's Award** - Anna Hinchley and A&J Nevens Livestock



**Third Overall Champion Ewe** - University of Wisconsin - Madison

**Premier Exhibitor** - University of Wisconsin - Madison

- **Champion Targhee Ram** – University of Wisconsin - Madison
- **Reserve Targhee Ram** – Anna Hinchley
- **Champion Targhee Ewe** – University of Wisconsin - Madison
- **Reserve Targhee Ewe** – A&J Nevens Livestock



- **Champion Junior Targhee Ram** – Andy Nevens
- **Reserve Junior Targhee Ram** – Michael Krause
- **Champion Junior Targhee Ewe** – Andy Nevens
- **Reserve Junior Targhee Ewe** – Andy Nevens





# Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival Wool Show Results

## Open Fleece Show Results

Out of a total of 164 entries in Junior & Open:  
BEST IN SHOW - Travis Wright  
RESERVE - A&J Nevens Livestock

### Div I - Commercial Market

Best in Division - 81 A&J Nevens Livestock  
Reserve in Division - 84 A&J Nevens Livestock

Class I - Fine - 1. 81 A & J Nevens Livestock 2. A & J Nevens Livestock 3. 18 Wendy Tobiasz 4. 17 Wendy Tobiasz  
Class II - Medium - 1. A&J Nevens Livestock 2. 83 A&J Nevens Livestock 3. no other entries  
Class III - Coarse - 1. n/a 2. 51 Melissa Wubben



## Junior Show Fleece Show Results

Best Junior Fleece - Andy Nevens  
Reserve - Marissa Telderer

### Div I - Commercial White

1. Andy Nevens
2. Andy Nevens
3. Jackie Rosenbush
4. Andy Nevens

# Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival Breeding Sheep Show

## Open Wool Breeds Division

### Targhee:

Champion Ram: A&J Nevens Livestock  
Reserve Ram: A&J Nevens Livestock  
Champion Ewe: A&J Nevens Livestock  
Reserve Ewe: A&J Nevens Livestock



## Junior Wool Breeds Division

### Targhee:

Champion Ram: Andy Nevens  
Reserve Ram: Andy Nevens  
Champion Ewe: Leah Huchthausen  
Reserve Ewe: Leah Huchthausen



## 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.

Wyoming State Fair



Supreme Champion Ram  
Jon Beastrom & Family



Supreme Ram and Champion Ewe  
Jon Beastrom & Family

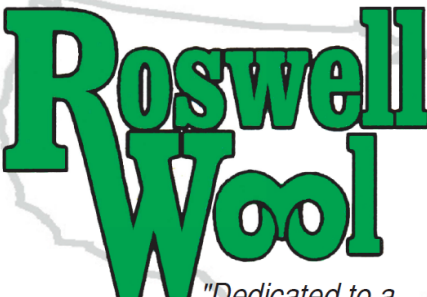


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## Upcoming Calendar of Events

<b>November</b>	
17-19	Western Central States Wool Growers Convention—Sun Valley, Idaho. Register at <a href="http://enevtgrid.com/Events/24841/west-central-states-wool-growers-convention">enevtgrid.com/Events/24841/west-central-states-wool-growers-convention</a>
19-21	North Dakota Shearing and Certified Wool Classing School. Hettinger, ND. <a href="http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/HettingerREC/sheep-shearing-school">www.ag.ndsu.edu/HettingerREC/sheep-shearing-school</a>
<b>December</b>	
1-3	Montana Woolgrowers Association Convention - Billings Hotel and Convention Center - <a href="http://www.mtsheep.org/convention.html">www.mtsheep.org/convention.html</a>
2-3	Minnesota Lamb and Wool Producers Shepherd's Holiday - Chaska - Jeremy Geske at <a href="mailto:Jeremy.geske@gmail.com">Jeremy.geske@gmail.com</a> or 612-756-1200
3-5	Oregon Sheep Growers Association Annual Convention and Pacific Northwest Lamb and Wool Symposium - Sunriver Resort - <a href="http://www.sheeporegon.com">www.sheeporegon.com</a>
3-4	Wisconsin Beginning Shearing School, Arlington, Wisconsin - <a href="mailto:toddtaylor@wisc.edu">toddtaylor@wisc.edu</a>
7-9	South Dakota Shearing Training - SDSU Sheep Unit, Brookings, SD - <a href="mailto:Jeffrey.Held@sdstate.edu">Jeffrey.Held@sdstate.edu</a> or 605-690-7033
9-10	Buckeye Shepherd's Symposium and OSIA Annual Meeting - Shisler Center, Wooster - <a href="mailto:rhigh@ofbf.org">rhigh@ofbf.org</a> or <a href="http://www.ohiosheep.org/symposium.html">www.ohiosheep.org/symposium.html</a>
10	Ohio Sheep Improvement Association Annual Meeting - Wooster - <a href="http://www.ohiosheep.org">www.ohiosheep.org</a> - Roger High, <a href="mailto:rhigh@ofbf.org">rhigh@ofbf.org</a>
13-14	Lamb 509 Program - Columbus, Ohio - <a href="http://www.ohiosheep.org">www.ohiosheep.org</a> - Roger High, <a href="mailto:rhigh@ofbf.org">rhigh@ofbf.org</a>
<b>January</b>	
3-5	San Angelo Shearing School and Certified Wool Classing School - <a href="mailto:reid.redden@ag.tamu.edu">reid.redden@ag.tamu.edu</a>
12-14	Utah State University Sheep Shearing School - Logan, USU Sheep Facility - Anthony Steinfeldt at <a href="mailto:apsteinfeldt@gmail.com">apsteinfeldt@gmail.com</a> or 435-813-2587
25-28	ASI Annual Convention. Denver, Colorado

### Do You Qualify for Live-stock Forage Program Assistance (LFP)

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Producers who suffered grazing losses in 2016 have until Jan. 30, 2017, to report their losses and enroll in LFP. Sheep and goats that have been or would have been grazing the eligible grazing land or pastureland are included as qualified livestock in this program.

A factsheet explaining the details of the program is available at [www.fsa.usda.gov/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/FactSheets/2016/2016\\_livestock\\_forage\\_disaster\\_program.pdf](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/FactSheets/2016/2016_livestock_forage_disaster_program.pdf). The Farm Service Agency also has a website to help determine if a producer qualifies for assistance at <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/fsa/Home.aspx>.

As with other assistance programs, producers should contact their local FSA office for complete details.

To have an event added, please contact Mardy at [ustargheesheep@gmail.com](mailto:ustargheesheep@gmail.com).

# Targhee Tails & Trails



## Update from 2015 Starter Flock Winner Dylan Laverell

Hi, I would say that I have had a pretty good year. The lambing season ended by having six surviving lambs out of my four Targhee ewes. The ewe from Greens had one ewe lamb and one ram lamb, the ewe from Willow Creek Targhee had one ewe lamb and one ram lamb, and the ewe from Von Krosigks had one lamb, but later died. My other Targhee ewe that lambled also had one ewe and one ram lamb. From this year's crop I am keeping two ram lambs, and three replacement ewe lambs. As many of you know I bought a ram from Kilbers at the national sale this year, he has been exposed to the ewes so they will lamb in January. I am very excited to see what the next crop will look like.

I showed four Targhees at my county fair this year. One ewe over 2, one yearling ewe, and two lambs. I did extremely well for being the only whiteface in the whole show. I won numerous awards, Top 4-H ewe lamb pair and top 4-H ewe over two. I also won the Emil Drivdal first year sheep project award. I was very ecstatic.

This year I enrolled into NSIP with the help of my mentor Carolyn Green. I also sent wool samples to MSU. It was a learning experience, I even learned that one of my ewes has a comfort factor of 100%.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped me through this endeavor. Especially Carolyn Green, Von Krosigk Family, and Jeff Nevins for going out of their way to help me this year.

Thanks,

Dylan Laverell





## 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.

NSIP committee 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.

Junior Show/Membership committee to manage our growing Junior membership and promoting to new junior members. Junior members are encouraged to volunteer to help represent their peers concerns and ideas as well.

Youth Futurity committee will be responsible for setting all rules and policies for this new program.

Show and Sale committee will be responsible for setting all rules and policies for the National Show and Sale.

Promotion committee to help design and implement promotional and marketing material for the Association.

I was going through some pictures and found this good old ewe. In 6 years she had 24 lambs born and reared 14. The figures of each year are on the second page (back of the picture). It has the year, lambs born and lambs reared. She was an amazing Targhee Ewe.

Annette Eddins  
Operations Supervisor  
University of Idaho  
U.S. Sheep Experiment Station



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Bonnie and Clyde are fall lambs from the UW yearling ewe purchased at the 2016 National Sale by Jamie Skinner. Born on October 9 both are strong and healthy and Momma is a milker.....what more could a Breeder ask for? Happy Fall from Ohio.

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**Bernard "Bud" Beastron**  
(March 21, 1926 - August 7, 2016)

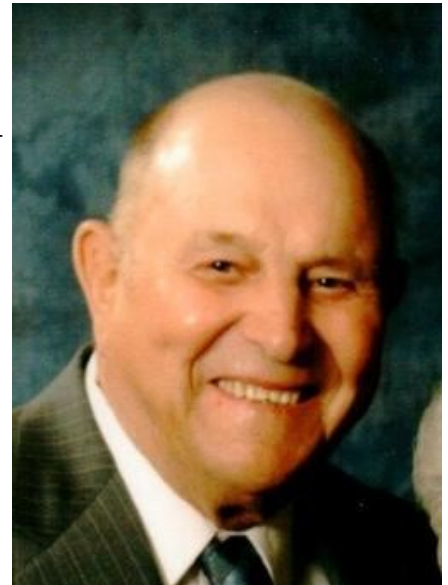
Funeral services for Bernard "Bud" Beastron, long-time Pierre area rancher and farmer, will be Friday, Aug. 12, at 10:00 am, CDT, at Community Bible Church, 1516 N. Harrison, Pierre. Burial will follow at Riverside Cemetery, Pierre. Visitation will be Thursday from 5-7:00 pm, with prayer services at 7:00 pm, also at the church. Memorial contributions may be made in Bud's name to Avera St. Mary's Hospital Oncology Dept., 801 E. Sioux Ave., Pierre, SD 57501. Bud entered glory on Aug. 7, 2016 from Mary House Nursing Home, Pierre. Bernard Merle Beastron, more commonly known as "Bud", was born March 21, 1926 in Sturgis, SD, to William and Hilda (Burki) Beastron. Bud grew up and was educated in the Highmore/Harold area, later graduating from Agie School at SDSU in Brookings. After graduation, Bud returned to farming in the Highmore area, marrying Thelma Charlson there on Nov. 24, 1946. They farmed/ranched there until moving to their current operation near Pierre in 1960. Bud and Thelma raised five children on the farm, Sharon, Jim, Betty, Terry and Jon.

Bud was a pioneer Gelbvieh breeder, and was in the American Gelbvieh Hall of Fame and was also on the National Gelbvieh Cattle Board. Bud also raised Targhee sheep and was a National Sheep Shearer's Winner and was in the Targhee Sheep Hall of Fame.

Bud was very active in the farming community in this area and around the country, being a part of numerous organizations and receiving awards including: SD State University Family of the Year, a 40 year 4-H leader, a member of the County Fair Board, the Buckeye School Board, former board member and past president of the Federal Land Bank and long-time mason and shiner. He and Thelma were long-time philanthropists, receiving the Pierre area Philanthropist's of the year award in 2014.

Bud enjoyed in his spare time, wood carving, cards, golf and traveling, but most of all Bud would want to be known as a devoted believer and follower of Jesus Christ. He is now enjoying eternity with his Saviour.

Those left to mourn his passing include his wife of 70 years, Thelma; his children, Sharon (Barry) Markl, Fountain Hills, AZ, Jim (Barb), Pierre, Betty (Dana) Stromberg, Peoria, AZ, Terry (Leonda), Pierre and Jon (Theresa), Pierre, along with 11 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren and special niece, Candy (Russell) Spaid.



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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!

This fall we lost two 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.



## Leo Pfister

Leo Edward Pfister, age 93, passed away Thursday, July 28 at Ponderosa Villa in Crawford.

Funeral mass will be Tuesday, August 2, at 10:30 a.m. at St John the Baptist Catholic Church in Crawford. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in Chadron at 1:00 p.m.

Leo was born January 21, 1923, on the Pfister homestead near Node, Wyoming, to Thomas and Francis (Seichter) Pfister. He attended country school in Node, Wyoming and graduated from Assumption Academy in Chadron. In 1952 he bought farm land north of Whitney, and on June 6, 1955 he married Edith Combs. Leo and Edith raised their two daughters and made the Whitney farm their home until moving to Ponderosa Villa together in 2010.



Leo raised registered Targhee sheep and was active in the breed. He was a founding member of the National Targhee Sheep Association and served in the Northwest Nebraska Sheep Improvement Association. As a longtime member of the Whitney community he served on the Whitney Irrigation District Board and helped establish Rural Water District #1. He was a kind, humble man of very deep faith.

He was preceded in death by his wife. He is survived by daughters Anne Hamar of Crawford, Cathy (Ron) Fuhs of Rochester, Minnesota, and grandsons Chris and Matt (Amy).

Memorials have been established for St John the Baptist Catholic Church and Crawford Fire and Rescue.

The USTSA office was just made aware of the passing of Betty Persons in 2014. We wanted to still share her information.

Betty Elaine Persons, 84, of 70 Boyd Hill Road, passed away at Forestview Manor, Meredith, on Sunday, Dec. 14, 2014. Betty was born Feb. 7, 1930, in Laconia, the daughter of the late Maxine (Wesley) and James E. Darling Sr., and was a longtime resident of Laconia. Betty and her husband, Dick, operated the Ramblin' Vewe Farm in Gilford. Betty was an avid skier and enjoyed skiing and traveling around the world with Dick. She loved golf, tennis, gardening, walking her wooded trails that she and her husband built for the community and also caring for her sheep. Survivors include her husband of 64 years, N. Richard Persons of Gilford; a son, Steven R. Persons of Westminster, Colo., and his former wife, Patty, of Colorado; two grandchildren, Renee M. Persons of Longmont, Colo., and Sara K. Persons of Los Angeles; three stepsisters, Judie Reeve, Bonita L. Huntoon and Marie Darling, all of Laconia; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Betty was predeceased by a brother, James D. Darling Jr..



**SERVICES:** There will be no calling hours. A memorial service will be held at a later date at the Gilford Community Church, Gilford. The date and time will be announced. Burial will be in family lot in Pine Grove Cemetery, Gilford. For those who wish, the family suggests that memorial donations be made to Ramblin' Vewe Farm Trust, P.O. Box 7354, Gilford, NH 03247 to help with the continued conservation of Ramblin' Vewe Sheep Farm and its trails. Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, is assisting the family with the arrangements. For more information and to view an online memorial, go to [www.wilkinsonbeane.com](http://www.wilkinsonbeane.com).

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