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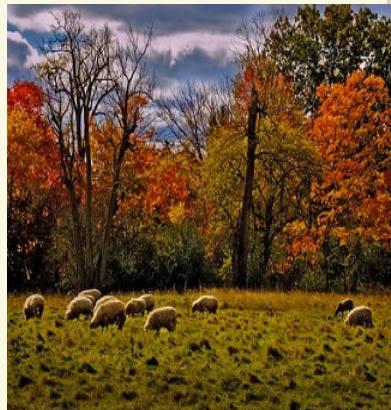
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Know the true value of time;
snatch seize, enjoy, every moment of it.

No idleness, no laziness,
no procrastination:

Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today!

By Phillip Stanhope, 4th Earl of Chesterfield

The biggest challenge of preparing the newsletter is collecting the information to share with the members. I depend on many people to provide news from the Tunis regions across the country. I wish I could travel to every state fair, county fair, regional sheep show, family Tunis farm, and farmers market, ...especially the Farmers Markets(as my husband knows, this is one of my favorite things to do!) On a recent trip to southern Ohio to pick up our new little Corgi puppy, we passed a big sign with a Tunis Sheep on it! I told Mike to hit the brakes there is a Tunis on that sign, we have to go back and see who lives there. It was Taylor Tunis! We pulled into the driveway, and found a great little farm stand with home grown vegetables, fresh eggs, and a freezer full of Tunis lamb! We had a nice visit and left with a bag full of veggies, peaches, and some maple flavored breakfast sausage. Story continued on page 7.

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NTJA Youth Committees: Peyton Fair Liaison: Ladies of Tunis

Message from the NTJA Advisor

Peyton Fair

NTSRI members,

Jeremy and I are very excited to be serving as your new advisors for the National Tunis Junior Association. This program provides opportunities for junior members across the country to develop and grow as leaders in the livestock industry and we are looking forward to working with our Tunis youth to help them accomplish their goals for the program. We have both been involved in the livestock industry our entire lives – Jeremy grew up on a cow/calf operation with both a registered Red Angus and commercial herd and I was raised on my family's registered Hereford cattle operation. In 2015, we chose to add sheep to our livestock operation, Tri-Star Stock Farm in southwest Tennessee. After much research, we determined that the Tunis breed would be the best opportunity for us. The members of the NTSRI were so welcoming and helpful that we instantly knew we made the correct decision.



Our desire to lead the NTJA comes from our passion for working with youth in agriculture. We were both actively involved in FFA, 4-H and our respective junior breed associations and understand the important impact that these opportunities made in our development. Jeremy is a high school agriculture teacher at a program with over 400 FFA members. The program raises sheep and has 15 students exhibiting nearly 50 head of breeding sheep across the southeast each year. I work with Farm Credit Mid-America's young and beginning farmer program and continue to volunteer with FFA at the state and national level. We hope to bring our experiences to assist and guide these young people in making the NTJA one of the best junior breed associations in the country.

With that being said, 2017 will bring about many changes for the NTJA. We currently do not have a junior board in place so our first priority will be electing junior members to fill the board positions. This election will take place at NAILE this fall. Applications are due November 1 and we will begin phone interviews for juniors who will not be attending NAILE the week prior to the show. The remaining interviews will take place in Louisville with the announcement of the junior board at the junior meeting immediately after the Junior Tunis Show. Junior directors will serve until the National Sale at Wooster in 2018 when we will resume our regular election schedule. Once the junior board is selected, we will focus on planning activities for the 2017 show season. We hope to have something fun and enriching at each of the major shows for Tunis juniors to engage in. These ideas will come directly from the youth and will be executed with the help of local NTSRI members as well as the Ladies of Tunis. We cannot physically be at every show, so it will take all of our membership pulling together in support of the youth to make the NTJA program of activities a success.

Speaking of support, we cannot operate the NTJA without financial resources. Therefore, we will be doing several fundraisers throughout the year to help support junior programs. The first of these is our t-shirt sales. We have a really nice looking t-shirt design and they are on sale now. We will also have some available at NAILE for purchase. Please consider purchasing a t-shirt (whether you're a junior or not) and supporting our Tunis youth.

Each NTSRI member should receive an email with more information about the NTJA and encouraging junior members to apply for the junior board, the Tunis Queen, and the upcoming contests.

If you have questions, suggestions or comments please email us at tunisjuniors@gmail.com. I can also be reached directly at 901-568-3168. We will keep the membership updated on upcoming events via Facebook www.facebook.com/nationaltunisjuniorassociation so please go "Like" our page.

Once again, thank you for your support of the NTJA. We look forward to working with the NTSRI and the Tunis youth to grow this program to new heights!

Sincerely,

Peyton Fair

NTJA Advisor, NTSRI Director Region V

NEWS FROM REGION 4

by: Kathy Niese

As summer officially comes to an end, I look back at the shows and sales we have hosted here in the Buckeye State! Beginning in May with the National Tunis Show and Sale in Wooster, numerous county fairs, and the Ohio State Fair, Tunis breeders have been busy!

The National Show and Sale held each Memorial Day Weekend, was well attended with 53 lots were sold for a total sale amount of \$32,225.00 and the average per sheep sale was \$608.02.

The Sr. Champion Ram, was a Yearling Ram exhibited by Riverwood Farms, and sold for \$2,200.00 to Mark Elliot Vermillion, Alberta CANADA.

The Reserve Sr. Champion Ram, was also a Yearling from Brown Family Tunis, and sold for \$950.00 to Megan Long, Greenback, TN.

The Sr. Champion Ewe and Reserve Champion Ewe both from the Early Yearling class were exhibited by Riverwood Farm and sold for \$1,400.00 each. Both Ewes were sold to Jenna & Gregory Loper, Nunda, NY.

The Ohio State Fair Open Tunis show was another great show in Ohio. Mike Niese, Big Time Tunis, of Ottawa, OH exhibited the Grand Champion Ram and Colten Brown, of Oxford, OH had the reserve Champion Ram. The Grand Champion Ewe was shown by Riverwood Farm, Powell OH and the Reserve Champion Ewe was shown by The Schakel Kids, Atlanta, IN. Riverwood Farm, Powell, Ohio was the premier exhibitor.

Ohio members were out showing Tunis at many county fairs



throughout the state!

Congratulations to all who entered their Tunis sheep at the Wayne County Fair in Wooster; this was the first time that I have been to this great fair. It was fun to see the Johnson Family, showing not only Tunis, but beef and chickens as well. The Berry's, from Twin Maple Farm were blown away (literally) to be at the fair, they recently survived a tornado at their farm and were recovering from the storm, as their display shows! Congratulations to Brown Family Tunis, they had Grand Champion Ram and Ewe at the fair.



Hope Mann Exhibited the Grand Champion Ram at the Mercer County Fair!

FALL OTSA MEETING

The Ohio Tunis Sheep Association fall meeting will be held at 1:00 pm Sunday, October 16, 2016. Todd and Dianna Brisco will host the meeting. Please bring a side or dessert to help with the meal. Brisco's address is 4954 Crawford Tom's RD, Brookville, OH You can call 937-248-3130 or email at teebrisk@gmail.com for directions.



The Maag Family exhibited the GR CH Ewe at Van Wert Fair! The Swihart Family had CH Ram.

NATIONAL TUNIS JUNIOR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS, DO YOU LOVE TO SCRAPBOOK?

The NTJA Scrapbook Competition is Under Way!

NTJA members' scrapbooks should reflect their activities with Tunis Sheep from January through November 2016. There will be 3 \$25.00 prizes awarded for the winner in each of three age classes,

4th Grade and under

5th to 8th Grade

9th Grade and over

Points will be awarded for positive presentation of Tunis Sheep throughout the scrapbook in a creative, attractive way. Title page should include the NTJA members name and location of farm. Photos taken by the NTJA member and/or of the NTJA member working on Tunis project are encouraged. The majority of pages should include insightful journaling, giving details about the NTJA member's project. Each event shown in scrapbook should be dated and labeled with a location. Include artifacts relevant to your Tunis project in a logical way. Artifacts may include, but are not limited to, ribbons, entry forms, feed tags, sale orders, arm bands, wool or yarn samples, etc.

Good Luck and Happy Scrapbooking!!!

2016 NTSRI Scrapbook Contest Rules

Purpose of the Contest: To encourage involvement of all youth in Tunis activities and promote Tunis Sheep.

- Contestants will be divided into three age categories: o 4 th Grade (in May 2015) and younger o 5 th Grade (in May 2015) to 8th Grade (in May 2015) o 9 th Grade (in May 2015) and over o Youth completing 12th grade in 2015 shall be the oldest competitors, and will compete in the 9th Grade and over category.
- Participating youth should have a current NTSRI youth membership at the time of judging (November 2015) OR should be associated with a farm, individual or family that has a current NTSRI membership at the time of judging. **Length of Contest**
- Scrapbook pages included in competition may depict Tunis events that occur on or after January 1, 2016 through the deadline for submission (information on when and where scrapbooks will be submitted for judging will be provided in October, 2016).
- Participants are encouraged to document all their Tunis activities throughout the summer and fall. Judging
- Scrapbooks will be judged at NAILE 2016 in Louisville, KY using the Rubric from the NTJA section of the NTSRI website www.tunisseep.org.
- Scrapbooks are required to be on display at the NTSRI Board of Directors meeting and the General Membership meeting. Participants will receive information about when and where to bring their scrapbooks or have their scrapbooks delivered in October, 2016.
- Youth DO NOT need to be present in NAILE to participate! Youth may arrange for their scrapbook to be transported with another exhibitor or may mail their scrapbook to Georgina Anderson/Sue Anderson for transport to NAILE. Please make these arrangements well in advance!
- Gift cards will be presented to the winners of each category by the Ladies of Tunis. **Other Rules:**
- Youth scrapbooks DO NOT have to depict sheep show events, though they certainly may.
- A minimum of 4 pages after the title page must be included to participate in the judging. Though the number of pages (after the minimum is accomplished) is not a direct factor in scoring, including more items in a scrapbook will give participants more opportunities to show off their Tunis project and creativity!
- All work in the scrapbook should be completed by the youth whose name appears on the title page of the scrapbook. Adults are prohibited from assisting youth in their scrapbooks.

JR CHAMPIONS

2016 Ohio State Fair (Junior Show)

Champion Ram - Sydnee Payer - West Liberty, OH
Reserve Champion Ram - Morgan Johnson - Wooster, OH
Champion Ewe - Megan Hollar - West Liberty, OH
Reserve Champion Ewe - Taylor Dunlap - Prospect, OH

2016 Northeast Youth Sheep Show

Champion Ram - Senior Ram Lamb, Kyle MacCauley, Atglen, PA
Reserve Champion Ram - Early Junior Ram Lamb, Drew Ridgeway, Libertytown, MD
Champion Ewe - Late Yearling Ewe, Drew Ridgeway, Libertytown, MD
Reserve Champion Ewe - Early Yearling Ewe, Kyle MacCauley, Atglen, PA

2016 All American Junior Sheep Show

Champion Ram - Kyle MacCauley - Atglen, PA
Reserve Champion - Kaleb Schakel - Atlanta, IN
Champion Ewe - Rachel Schambow - Janesville, WI
Reserve Ewe - Sarah Fuhrman - Roachdale, IN



PLEASE TAKE SOME TIME TO WELCOME
 THESE NEW JUNIOR MEMBERS TO THE
 NATIONAL TUNIS JUNIOR ASSOCIATION!

Region 1

Jamie Quackenbush
 Bridgeville, DE

Region 2

Meghan F Oswald
 Penn Yan, NY

Colin Anderson
 West Charlton, NY

Kathryn Gelser
 Nunda, NY

Region 3

Frank Irvine
 Edinburg, PA

Region 4

Justin Powell
 Forest, Ohio

Mallory Johnson
 Wooster, OH

Region 5

Holden Lovelace
 Brownsville, TN

Region 6

Katie Muir
 Sheridan, IN

Casey Huhnke
 Rolling Prairie, IN

Region 7

Addison Shipp
 Double Creek Farm
 Keytesville, MO

Libby Hasheider
 Coyote Valley Farm
 Sauk City, WI

Family Friendly Sheep & Wool Event in Wisconsin

Submitted by Jason Connor

The Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival held the Weekend after Labor Day each year at the Jefferson County Fair Grounds in South Central Wisconsin, is a full on sheep experience from the word 'Go'. There is something for everyone at this Thursday - Sunday Event, whether you know the first thing about sheep or the fiber arts or not.

There are beginning Shepherd's classes, marketing classes, butchering & shearing classes, wool judging education & competition, craft market place, livestock exchange, dog trials, and fiber art classes, used equipment auction, lamb dinner not to mention a junior and open sheep show. Many breeds are represented from Dorpers to Texel, from Tunis to Natural Colored and from Dorset to Shetland. They also showcase a hall of breeds where some rare sheep breeds can be seen and their owners can answer questions about the breed characteristics.

This year I took a class on a braided shepherd's rug and I was impressed with myself! I have taken some basic and advanced sheep husbandry classes here in the past and was very happy.

I also took 2 lambs with me and we did well. I think this is a very nice late season show and I would be glad to see more Tunis breeders there.

Please check out this event at <http://www.wisconsinsheepandwoolfestival.com/> or contact Alan Thorson for information on the shows at (920)344-1235.

PRESS RELEASE:

2016 ALL-AMERICAN JUNIOR SHOW AT MSU LIVESTOCK PAVILION LARGEST ONE YET!

By Deb Hopkins, Show Chairman

The 23rd Annual All-American Junior Show was recently held at the MSU Livestock Pavilion in East Lansing, MI from July 1st-3rd. It was the largest All American yet! The 2016 All American had 372 exhibitors from 25 states actually exhibiting 1667 head of the over 1900 head entered. The MSU Facility was filled to the brim and it was a long and great weekend of showing sheep!

The total numbers shown by breed are as follows: Southdowns 304; Polled Dorsets 160; Hampshires 256; Shropshires 183; Tunis 106; Natural Coloreds 57; Oxfords 127; Cheviots 58; Montadale 48; Shetlands 43; Border Leicesters 30; Horned Dorsets 15; Romneys 29; Lincolns 78; Cotswolds 24; Dorset Advantage 40; Corriedales 25 and Dorpers 58 head. The quality was exceptional once again and what a great bunch of kids to work with! All the detailed show results and pictures are up at: www.allamericanjuniorshow.com for your viewing purposes.

The 2016 All American had 299 Promotional Contest entries; 196 exhibitors participating in the Judging Contest; 206 kids going thru the Skil-A-Thons stations; 298 exhibitors participating in the Showmanship Classes and 158 fleeces entered in the Wool Show.

The All-American Show is a sheep show where the major focus is on the exhibitors and their families. Even though many awards are given out over the course of the weekend the show is designed for our junior exhibitors and their families. The exhibitors participated in many events besides the breeding sheep and market lambs shows including the 3-on 3 basketball tournament, pizza party, skil-a-thon, judging contest, pie & ice cream social, lamb camp, wool show, Saturday night BBQ and funhouses, promotional contests, full course breakfasts, individual and team showmanship competitions and scholarship programs.

This show would not have been possible without the help of the many volunteers that helped us out during and prior to the show. A **BIG THANK-YOU** goes out to all the following people:

-Show Volunteers:

Judges: Lacie Hoffman, Gary Saylor, Mike Bishop

Ring Stewards: Jo Bernard, Jared Gillmore, Dennis Beckmeier, breed reps

Judging Contest: Dan Kiesling, Julie Thelen

Skil-A-Thon: Pat & Sam Wiford and their many station overseers

Welcome Table: Michigan Sheep Breeders

Opening Ceremonies Singer: Caitlin Henne

Basketball Tournament: Lee Ann Hall & the volunteer refs

Photographer: Kendra Fleck

Vets: Richard Schambow, Heather Ludlam

Show Clerks: Carrie Kelly, Judy & Rachel Schambow, Deb Hopkins

Social Media: Nancy Miniter

Lamb Camp: Karen Scovill

Show Ring Set-Up & Maintenance: Judy Moore, Scramlin Family, Jo Bernard, MSU Pavilion Staff

Promotional Contests: Nancy Miniter, Lisa Reiff, Donna Averill

National Breed Executive Secretaries: Becky Peterson, Jeff Ebert, Deb Hopkins, Dave Trotter

Wool Show: Melanie Hall, Letty Klein

Gift Basket Coordinators: Sarina Rincker

Promotion Salespersons: Marie Gillett, Harry Blome

Scholarship Judges: Michigan Sheep Breeders

Market Lamb Weighers & Classifiers: Mark Chapman & Matt Scramlin

Announcer: Dave Trotter

Executive Committee: Carrie Kelly, Kary Claghorn, Jeff Ebert, Jo Bernard, Barb Bishop, Dave Trotter, Deb Hopkins, Judy Moore & Karen Scovill: Michigan Representatives

A BIG thank-you also goes out to MSU Pavilion Staff for being at our beck and call responding to all of our bedding needs and on-site preparations, especially Scott Rancour. They had a big horse show just before our event and did a great job of preparing the facility for our arrival!

The All-American Committee would once again like to thank all of the National Breed Associations who supported their breed's show through their show sponsorships. A big thank-you to all of the following special show and event sponsors for 2016: Purina Honor Show Chows; Weaver Leather, LLC; Kalmbach Feeds; Kalmbach "Formula of Champions" Show Feeds; Sydell; Tractor Supply; Hopkins Southdowns; American Lamb Board; Finder Hampshires; Banner Publications; Novel Designs; Ketchum Livestock Equipment; Premier 1 Fencing Supplies; Garges & Sons Welding; Willoughby Livestock; Mid-States Wool Growers; Profiles Livestock Show Supply & Embroidery; Michigan Sheep Breeders; MSU Animal Science Dept.; MSU Veterinary Medical Center; Nationwide Mutual Insurance; Sanders Insurance Agency - Mr. & Mrs. Randy Sanders; Michigan Cherry Marketing Institute; MI Apple Committee; American Farm Mortgage; Mud Creek Farm - Mr. & Mrs. Ron Dingerson; Grand Traverse Pie Company; Carbon Green Bio-Energy, LLC; Willowcreek Farm Dorpers - Mr. & Mrs. James Averill; Rinckers Southdowns - Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Rincker; Wolverine Packing; Jiffy Mix; Pioneer Sugar; Angels Hampshires- Drs. Doug & Molly Angel & Family; AgroLiquid; and MI Farm News

2016/ 2017 National Tunis Sheep Queen / Regional Ambassador Application

The position of Tunis Queen is to promote Tunis sheep at major Tunis Shows across the country. The Queen and Ambassadors should attend as many shows as possible each year, meet Tunis breeders and exhibitors at each show that they attend and pass out awards at these shows and fairs.

If you are interested in becoming the Tunis Queen or Regional Ambassador, please complete the following application and return it to: Kathy Niese, 8777 Road 17, Ottawa, Ohio 45875 or email the application to Kathy.niese@yahoo.com The deadline to apply is November 8, 2016.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Birthday: _____

Parent's Names: _____

Farm Name: _____

Official Rules of the National Tunis Sheep Association

Applicants must be between the ages of 15-21.

Applicant **MUST** be present at the 2016 North American International Livestock Exposition Junior Tunis Show, for an interview with the selection committee. The interview will be held on Friday, before the Junior Tunis Show. The winner will be announced after all candidates have been interviewed. The Tunis Queen/ Ambassador are expected to dress professional and always look presentable when in crown and sash. The Tunis Queen/ Ambassador should be at as many shows as possible. The Tunis Queen/ Ambassador should be someone social who can communicate with people if approached by fair goers or other Tunis breeders.

If chosen as National Tunis Queen, I understand I am expected to represent and promote the Tunis breed as a positive role model during my reign. If chosen; I agree to attend as many shows and sales as possible to support Tunis and the NTJA.

During my reign, I agree to refrain from any use of illegal drugs, alcohol and will not be commit any crime.

Name (Print) _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

National Tunis Sheep Queen Application
(Please type your answers)

1. Why would you like to be the National Tunis Queen?
2. List all Extracurricular Activities and Positions (if applicable)
3. Mark all of the Shows you will be able to attend in 2017.

National Show and Sale (Wooster, Ohio)
 National Show
 All American Junior Sheep Show
 New England Youth Show (West Springfield, Massachusetts)
 KILE (Harrisburg, Pennsylvania)
 NAILE (Louisville, Kentucky)

4. Essay Question, Maximum 250 Words:
Please answer the question,
Tunis Sheep have?

Parent Approval: I have read and approved of all of the guidelines required for my daughter if selected the 2015-2016 Tunis Sheep Queen or Ambassador.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Also, many individual donors and sheep breeders across the country supported the show in one way or another by sponsoring classes, selling ewe lambs, buying raffle tickets, donating gift baskets, and supporting all of these fund raising activities by bidding and buying items. It was truly an organized cooperative effort and **THANK-YOU** to you all!

Plans are under way for next year's show, which will be taking place at the Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI from June 30-July 2, 2017. The welcome mat and local organization is being put forth by a group of interested, supportive Wisconsin sheep breeders. The Schambow Family is spear heading organizational efforts and needs a lot of Wisconsin volunteers. We already had an organizational meeting at this year's All American Show but will need more help moving forward. If you would like to volunteer please contact the All American Junior Sheep Show at the email listed below. Please keep an eye out on the All American Junior Show website at: www.allamericanjuniorshow.com during the upcoming months on news for next year's show. If anyone is interested in helping out with the show in any way or has any ideas please feel free to contact Deb Hopkins (401)647-4676, email: cdcorset@cox.net . As you can see it takes a lot of willing people to assist and we welcome all. Look forward to seeing everyone next year in Wisconsin!

Cont'd from pg 1. As editor of the Tunis Messenger, I would like to ask all of you to share your stories with me. Send me an article, picture, show results, family milestones and more! I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who took the **time** to submit articles and information for the newsletter.

To the Regional Directors, who took the **time** to send news of the members in your region, Thank you! Neal Knapp, Thank you for taking **time** to send your article each issue. Sue Anderson, for always being on **time** with your information. Louise Dunham for taking **time** to work with Ohio youth programs and sharing the news. Bill Kerns, thank you for the **time** you spend each Sunday working on the Treasury. Finally, to all the people who volunteer their **time** to promote the Tunis breed in so many ways,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!

HAPPY FALL EWE ALL!!!! Hard to believe summer is over and the leaves are beginning to turn colors.

What a tremendous year for Tunis sheep in New York State!! The second regional Tunis show was held in conjunction with the Empire Youth Classic show at the Genesee Co fair. It was a strong quality competition with increased numbers. The youth show more than tripled in the number of exhibitors from 2015. Training clinics were held, friendships formed and memories made. It was truly a super educational, fun week for all. Thank you everyone for your donations and support.

Tunis were in the limelight at America's Fair in Hamburg, NY, when Brittany Woodard exhibited and won the Supreme Champion Ewe with her Tunis yearling ewe. Congratulations Brittany!!

Tunis were the featured breed at the New York State Fair. Hats off to all the breeders that exhibited!! Over 70 head were shown being the largest breed represented.

Champion Ram--Double Trouble Farm

Reserve Ram--S&T Farm

Champion Ewe--Jenna Loper

Reserve Ewe--Old Glory Farms

Best headed--S&T Farm

Premier Breeder Exhibitor-- Old Glory Farms

The quality of the Tunis this year was second to none and carried through to the last animal in the line up. WOW it was a super show!!!! Congratulations to everyone and thank you to those exhibitors that had NEVER owned a Tunis before but chose to purchase one just to participate in the featured breed this year. How awesome is that????

The Canadian Royal Fair runs from November 4th -13th. It is an exciting show and a huge tribute to agriculture in general. If you have never been..... think about going. Tunis sheep have been growing in numbers there and dominating the show ring at times also. We wish our Canadian fellow breeders well!!!

Best Regards,
Laureen Howe

Greetings from Region 3 Director, Marianne Turcheck.

Hello from Region 3!

With most county fairs winding down, barns filled with hay for winter, and the weather finally starting to cool down, it's time to think of some other upcoming Tunis events.

The Keystone International Livestock Exposition will be held at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, PA, Saturday September 30th through Sunday October 9th, 2016. This is one of the largest indoor livestock shows in the Eastern United States. The Open Tunis Show will be held on Saturday, October 8th at 9:00 AM. For more information, visit the website at www.keystoneinternational.state.pa.us .

Plans are also underway for the National Tunis Show at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky, November 1-17. Check the website for the schedule and information: www.livestockexpo.org.

Marianne Turcheck
Region 3 Director

Treasurer Corner

Bill Kerns Treasurer, NTSRI



A NEW WAY TO PAY!

In collaboration with Associated Registries (AR), we now have the ability to use charge cards at AR for those who cannot use PayPal online via the web site. There is no cost or impact to NTSRI for this service; the user will pay the transaction fees. Please work directly with AR if you want to charge services of any kind.

Our account balances totaled \$28,624 on 19 September 2016; all outstanding invoices have been paid as of this date.

The NTJA balance stands at \$2170.

Tunis Christened Names -- 01 January thru 31 August 2016

ID#	Member	Christened Name	Registration
1767	Diane Faas	Sully	36804
1321	Nike Niese / Big Time Tunis	RRed Butler	36412
2309	Avery Spilde	Treasure	36058
1921	Brian Guilman	Bolt of Lightning	37315
1921	Brian Guilman	Lightning Strike	36970

**Please visit NTSRI website to view the complete Christened Names listed since inception.*

The Ohio Junior Tunis Expansion Project is working!

The purpose of the project was to recognize youth in Ohio that in some way promoted Tunis sheep.

This project, monitored by the Ohio Tunis Sheep Association, runs from March 1st until October 15th. Any youth living in Ohio (under the age of 21) could enter into this drawing without any membership being required...the kids simply need to report how many Tunis they took with them and where they went!

For each Tunis and event, the youth got one raffle entry into the drawing to be held at the Ohio Tunis Sheep meeting on October 16th.

This privately funded project will give two \$100 Wal-Mart gift cards and six \$50 Wal-Mart gift cards away besides giving every youth entered a \$10 gift card.

Ohio State Fair entries were not allowed but entries were allowed from the two LEAD (jackpot shows for breeding sheep) shows and all county fairs in Ohio...and, of course, service projects.

To date:

- 21 kids have submitted reports!
- 10 County Fairs have had Tunis Shown by these kids!
- 2 LEAD Preview Shows where Tunis were shown and they were the largest breed shown!
- 3 Service Projects have had Tunis on display!
- AND NOT ALL OF THE REPORTS ARE IN YET!

Remember that these totals don't include the 47 head of Tunis shown in the Ohio State Fair Junior Show where the Tunis were the 3rd largest breed shown in both youth sessions....and in the 2nd session....A Tunis ram was named "Supreme Champion Ram" over 7 other breeds!

So the OHIO KIDS and the Tunis are on the move!

By Louise Dunham

Reflections on the Evaluation of Sheep

By Neal Knapp, Big Walnut Livestock Company

As many of you know, in addition to raising sheep, my wife and I also conduct research. In my field of study, I have the unique opportunity to review agricultural policy between the Spanish-American War and WWII. Many times when I begin working through old agricultural journals, I get lost in reading the published comments of livestock judges. I am drawn in by the old voices of judges who ranked cattle, sheep, and swine at world's fairs or the Chicago International; their words are a sort of time capsule for those interested in animal husbandry. Beyond the nostalgic motivations behind my intrigue, these published comments demonstrate different perspectives that challenge, in many ways, how we approach the show ring or our breeding programs. And then, these retrospective pieces also illuminate similarities to our times. For example, the conflict between the needs of the commercial producer and the seemingly arbitrary aesthetic preferences of the show existed a century ago as well. With that being said, I am going to provide a few of my own observations from judging fairs this past summer as we look forward to Louisville and lambing season.

For us in the Tunis world, we have always had lively and important conversations about the direction of our breed, and we debate what observable traits a good Tunis should possess. But it is undeniable that the sheep industry, especially in the show ring, is in the middle of a shift. Slick-shorn, market-lamb-style sheep are leading the way right now and, at county fairs in my region in particular, are dominating in number. These types of sheep are winning not only on the market lamb side, but they are also winning in higher rates in the breeding stock portion of shows. This is not a complaint from my point of view but merely an observation, and a trend that if read properly can shed light on the advantages and disadvantages of the show ring.

First, these moderate-framed sheep with more pronounced muscle expression and a leveler hip structure is certainly a trend and a fad that will eventually swing in a new direction. But there is something to be learned from it because this fad is a response to the excessively tall breeding sheep at shows of my childhood that lacked depth, width, and structural correctness. The rush for height created limits on breeding longevity, general health, and practical productivity in terms of feed conversion efficiency. In many ways, the style of sheep becoming more desirable is a response to frame sheep—a trend that prioritizes muscle volume and correctness, not extreme heights. This fad can provide some guidance toward the production of a better type of sheep; however, in my opinion, breeders should approach this fad with caution and introduce these qualities into their flock with moderation.

Second, I think it is critical to learn from fads while simultaneously avoiding the temptation to endorse fads without regard to the unintended consequences of the production of “extreme” sheep. From my point of view, this is the real limitation and flaw of the show ring. Judges, the show ring, and expositions, with no intention to do so, incentivize breeders to procreate extreme animals, or what I call “superlative animals.” Superlative animals are animals with the most or best qualities like the tallest ram, the thickest ewe, or the heaviest muscled market lamb. It is a regrettable mistake to approach animal husbandry by breeding superlative animals or extreme animals. This approach pushes breeders to reproduce sheep for the sole purpose of created physiological aberrations and, as fads shift from tall sheep to a shorter, more compact animal, we see sheep that are improved at first. But eventually the pendulum will swing past functionality, and producers will be breeding sheep of excessive width or depth to such extremes that we will create a new set of problems.

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This phenomenon is centuries old and is no fault of the breeder but is a product of the show ring. To win a class, a sheep, from the perspective of many judges, needs to possess the most of something whether it is height, muscle, length, etc. This incentivizes breeders to create animals that are aberrations and, by this inherent logic, they are impossible to reproduce because when breeders recreate those qualities in large numbers, they become the mean or average, and the judge will start selecting the “most” of another quality. Thus, by prioritizing the “most” of a certain set of qualities, the show ring creates a continual moving target that is fundamentally unproductive for the improvement of agriculture more broadly, which ironically is the expressed purpose of livestock expositions.

This problem does not mean that I think shows are bad but that they can be better. In this regard, when judging, I try, to the best of my ability, to select sheep without extreme traits. Whether they are tall or moderate sized, I prefer a sheep that possesses an adequate and balanced proportion of other physiological traits—traits and styles that are desirable to be replicated throughout an entire flock. And, because the show ring sets these standards, it is important that judges do not overlook bad feet, poorly set mouths, or overly-conditioned animals; these qualities to me, whether in a breeding show or market show, are very important to emphasize so that they reverberate throughout the sheep industry.

When I judge market lambs, I receive some pushback because of my insistence that market animals also be structurally sound. I would agree in theory with my critics if market lambs are simply culls from a breeding or commercial operation being thrown into the market lamb show because they are undesirable to keep as breeding animals, but they are not. As every reader knows, many breeders produce sheep with the sole purpose of raising market lambs for the show ring. Therefore, judges have the obligation to set standards for those breeding operations in order to improve the sheep industry as a whole. If structural flaws and deformities are overlooked at shows, then breeders will also overlook them. The show ring is an educational institution without classrooms that sets the standards and molds the tastes of young showman and breeders and, thus, judges are tasked with holding animals to a standard of general health, productivity, and probable efficiency based on the observable physiological traits of the animals being presented.

With that being said, I have a couple of take away points:

It is in my opinion that “superlative sheep,” “extreme sheep,” or sheep with freakish qualities are undesirable.

Despite whether one raises market lambs or breeding stock for show or commercial production, physiological traits that demonstrate probable productivity should be prioritized.

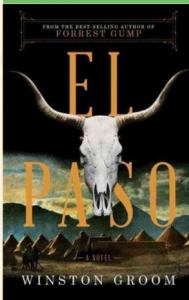
Traits that give observers a sense that a sheep will do well with feed conversion, carcass yield, milk production, lambing ease, or general health and longevity should be selected.

In this regard, whether one raises commercial-dairy sheep or purebred-show sheep, there are certain traits that we can look at to get a sense of an animal’s general utility, which to me means avoiding extreme sheep with potential structural or general health problems.

These are my observations about fads in the show ring and extreme animals. I think the Tunis breed should be diverse and adaptable, and we have seen these fads impact many breeders’ decision to select for better hips and tops while adding more muscle dimension, which I believe has made a positive impact on the breed. But it is also important, in my opinion, to add these traits without giving up the innate benefits of the Tunis breed, like maternal ability, feed conversion efficiency, durability, and longevity.



THE BOOK NOOK



El Paso

A Novel

By: Winston Groom

W. W. Norton & Company

A GOOD READ!

Recommended by Neal Knapp

Three decades after the first publication of *Forrest Gump*, Winston Groom returns to fiction with this sweeping American epic.

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Replete with gunfights, daring escapes, and an unforgettable bullfight, *El Paso*, with its textured blend of history and legend, becomes an indelible portrait of the American Southwest in the waning days of the frontier.

"IT'S A RED THING!" YEARLING EWE JACKPOT

The final nomination form for the 2016 "Ladies of Tunis" Yearling Ewe Jackpot was due July 1st. Tunis breeders have narrowed down their nominations and have moved forward their best ewes for the prestigious show.

We are happy to report that ten Tunis breeders still have 14 of the best Tunis ewes nominated for the Jackpot Show this year.

The Jackpot show will take place approximately one hour after the Open Tunis Show. The show will be in the same ring as the Open Show. Remember "IT'S A RED THING" so be sure to wear red as you walk the red carpet runway for the show!

FARM NAME: NUMBER:

Westwind Farm	2
Matt Maag/ MJM Farm	2
Don Craft Tunis	1
Mike Niese/ Big Time Tunis	1
Garey Tunis	2
Richard Schambow	1
Todd Brisco	1
Kyle Mac Cauley	2
Avery Spilde	1
Brown Family	1

NTSRI Tunis Pride Photo Contest

When you have an opportunity, please visit NTSRI website www.tunissheep.org to see the new Tunis Pride Photos on display as well as those from the past year.

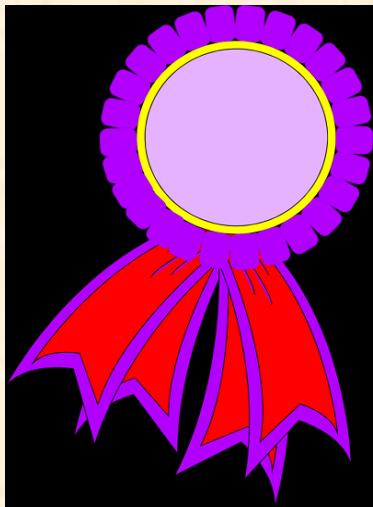
Thanks to everyone who submitted photos they are some of the best that I have seen!

To qualify for each month you need to send the photo by the 10th of the month to Kris Mann at k68horses@hotmail.com If you send an entry, please fill in and sign the photo release form located on the NTSRI website (one time only). Winners will receive a free ad with two photos on the NTSRI website (Ad Section). If your photo is not chosen for the month submitted, we may re-nominate the photo for another month.

We prefer photos which reflect the month in which they are nominated. A few suggestions....The show seasons at the county and state fairs across the US and Canada are rapidly coming to an end, I am sure lots of great photos were taken and fall is upon us. Love to see those "red heads" grazing in the pastures among the fall foliage.

As always.....keep those cameras, cell phones and iPods out and start clicking those Kodak moments! Thanks.

Tunis Pride Photo Contest Committee



AND
THE
SUMMER
WINNERS
WERE...

2016 Indiana State Fair

Grand Champion Ram: Don Craft - Flora, IN

Reserve Champion Ram: Mike and Kathy Niese - Ottawa, OH

Grand Champion Ewe: Seth and Sarah Fuhrman - Roachdale, IN

Reserve Champion Ewe: Mike and Kathy Niese - Ottawa, OH

2016 Missouri State Fair

Grand Champion Ram: Mitch Schmidt - Centralia, MO

Reserve Champion Ram: Jayce Coers - New Holland, IL

Grand Champion Ewe: Jayce Coers - New Holland, IL

Reserve Champion Ewe: Peyton Fair - Burlison, TN

2016 Wisconsin State Fair

Grand Champion Ram - Avery Spilde - Stoughton, WI

Reserve Champion Ram - Avery Spilde - Stoughton, WI

Grand Champion Ewe - Avery Spilde - Stoughton, WI

Reserve Champion Ewe - Avery Spilde - Stoughton, WI

2016 Ohio State Fair

Champion Ram - Mike Niese - Ottawa, OH

Reserve Champion Ram - Colter Brown - Oxford, OH

Champion Ewe - Riverwood Farms - Powell, OH

Reserve Champion Ewe - Kylie, Kaleb, Kassidy Schakel - Atlanta, IN

2016 Midwest Stud Ram Sale

Grand Champion Ram: Spilde Tunis - Stoughton, WI

Reserve Grand Champion Ram: Craft Tunis - Flora, IN

Grand Champion Ewe: Spilde Tunis - Stoughton, WI

Reserve Grand Champion Ewe: Stumpe Farms - Leslie, MO

2016 National Tunis Show & Sale

Grand Champion Ram - Riverwood Farms - Powell, OH

Reserve Grand Champion Ram - Brown Family Tunis - Creston, OH

Grand Champion Ewe - Riverwood Farms - Powell, OH

Reserve Grand Champion Ewe - Riverwood Farms - Powell, OH

Fleece Competitions

Grand Champion Fleece - Marianne Turcheck

Rostraver Farm, Belle Vernon, PA

Reserve Champion Fleece - Joyce McCarty -

J & J Suffolk's & Tunis, Orangeville, PA





UPDATE FOR NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL TUNIS SHOW

Co-Superintendents: Susan B. Anderson & Dr. Richard Schambow, Jr.

ATR Representative: David Rock

Entries Close: October 8, 2016

Arrival of Sheep: November 9, 8:00 a.m. thru November 11, 6:00 p.m.

Judging Date: November 13, 4:00 p.m.

Release Date: November 17, Following the Sale of Champions

Judge - Travis Hoffman

\$5,485.00 IN PREMIUMS The National Tunis Sheep Registry, Inc. (NTSRI) (www.countrylovin.com/NTSRI) offers \$840.00 in premiums in the following classes. The American Tunis Registry (ATR) (americanntunis.com) offers \$500.00. The NAILE Tunis premium fund offers \$2,070.00. The North American International Livestock Exposition offers \$1,975.00. Darling Tunis offers \$100.00. The premiums shown below will be paid from the Stock Show office.

SPECIAL RULES

1. Sheep will be mouthed by the judge.
2. Age break of lambs: Fall born: Sept. 1, 2015 - Dec. 31, 2015

3. Slick Shorn Classes are offered for Spring Ram Lambs, Yearling Ewes, and Spring Ewe Lambs. Only Sheep entered in Slick Shorn Classes will be eligible to participate in Slick Shorn Champion Classes.

4. *In addition to the regular North American International Livestock Exposition \$15.00 per head entry fee an \$8.00 per head additional charge, non-refundable fee.. Make checks payable to the NAILE Tunis Premium Fund and send to: Susan B. Anderson, 515 Carpenter Creek Rd, Hustonville, KY 40437 (phone 606-346-3916). This fee is due November 1, 2016. After November 1, 2015, a late fee of \$20.00 will be charged . If not paid by 8:00 p.m. the night before the show the exhibitor will not be allowed to show. This rule will be strictly enforced.*

Schedule for NAILE 2016

This is a preliminary schedule of events for NAILE 2016. Hopefully other activities will be added as NAILE get closer.

Arrival of Sheep Tunis Junior Show – Nov. 9th 8:00 AM thru Nov. 11th 12:00 Noon

Arrival Tunis Open Show – Nov. 9th 8:00 AM thru Nov. 11th 6:00 PM

Tunis Junior Show -Saturday, Nov. 12th

Lunch for Junior Exhibitors and Families – Sponsored by Don Craft Saturday, Nov. 12th - Immediately Following Tunis Junior Show

Tunis Junior Association Meeting Saturday, Nov. 12th 1:00 PM – Room C106

NTSRI Board of Directors Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 12th 2:30 PM – Room C106

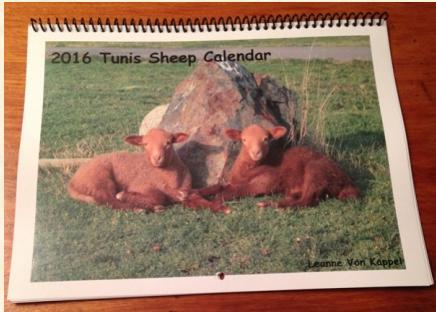
NTSRI General Membership Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 12th 4:30 PM – Room C106

Complimentary Coffee and Donuts and Muffins, Sunday, Nov. 13th 8:00 AM Sponsored by Spilde Family

Complimentary Pizza Lunch, Sunday, Nov. 13th 1:00 PM Drinks sponsored by Missouri Tunis Association and Desserts sponsored by the Ohio Tunis Sheep Association.

Open Tunis Show – Judge: Travis Hoffman , Sunday, Nov. 13th 4:00 PM

Tunis Yearling Ewe Jackpot Show, Sunday, Nov. 13th Following the Tunis Open Show Judges are: Tim Barnes, Radnor, Ohio JR Zinner, Kentucky, Wayne O'Brien, West Union, Iowa

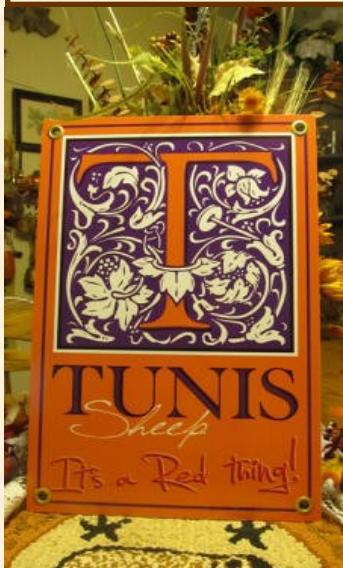


ACT NOW!

Ads for the upcoming 2017 Tunis calendar are available for \$25.00.

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Also: calendars are available at the pre-order price of \$10.00 each. After October 21 they will be \$15.00 each. The calendars will be available for delivery at NAILE. If you need to have your calendar(s) mailed to you there will be shipping added to the price. Payments for calendars can also be mailed to Kris Mann at the above address, **please make payment to NTSRI.**



TUNIS SHEEP BARN SIGN **ORDER NOW!**

The Tunis Barn signs are once again being offered! The price will be \$30.00 each. The signs are printed on both sides and measure 12" x 18". Signs will be delivered to NAILE or can be shipped for the cost of shipping to your area. Make Checks payable to Ladies of Tunis.

Tunis Sheep Barn Sign - (12" x 18") \$30.00 Contact Kathy Niese, 419-969-0783 or kathy.niese@yahoo.com

Deadline to order is October 21, 2016

NOW TAKING ORDERS!

National Tunis Junior Association fundraiser t-shirts.

Short sleeve sizes S-XL \$15 extended sizes \$18. Long sleeve S-XL \$20 extended sizes \$22. Youth sizes also available!

Email orders to tunisjuniors@gmail.com.

Shipping is available as well as delivery to NAILE.

The top design is on the back of the T-shirt and the bottom design is on the front of the t-shirt.

100% of the proceeds will benefit Tunis Youth Programs!

Please support our youth!





2017 TUNIS YEARLING EWE JACKPOT SHOW

The Tunis Yearling Ewe Jackpot Show provides Tunis breeders the opportunity to nominate bred and owned ewe lambs with the hope that they will mature into the ewe that will win the National Yearling Ewe Jackpot Show in the following year. The show will be an annual event to be held each year at North American International Livestock Exhibition (NAILE); any Tunis breeder may enter with registered Tunis Sheep. A special Yearling Ewe Class at NAILE will determine the winners. Ewe lambs nominated in 2015 will be shown at NAILE 2016 as yearlings and so on year after year.

What is a Jackpot Show?

- Breeders invest a fee to nominate several lambs, sustain their entries over a year and finally enter the best animals in the show. Cash awards will be paid back to the top 5 individuals in the show. The total purse is dependent on breeder participation and vendor support.
- Additional financial support will be solicited from the agribusiness and the sheep industry.
- This will be a show case event at the NAILE each year and separate from youth and open shows that will be running in parallel.

Goals of the Show

- Provide a showcase event for the Tunis Breed
- Provide monetary incentive for youth to choose the Tunis breed for 4-H and FFA
- Promote increased interest in Tunis sheep
- Create a high value contest for Tunis Breeders

Rules of Entry and Eligibility

- The event will be sponsored and managed by the "National Tunis Sheep Association, Show and Sale Committee".
- Any changes or additions to these rules require approval by the "NTSRI Show and Sale Committee"
- Ewe lambs shall be born between the inclusive dates of 1 September, 2015 and 1 May, 2016 of the period (18 to 26 months) previous to the show
- The four tooth rule applies and will be enforced
- Participant must own the Dam(s) of the Show nominee(s) at the time of birth
- The eligibility of any properly nominated and sustained ewe may be transferred to a new owner, provided the new owner stays current on all payments and abides by the rules; the new owner can show and receive all prizes

All entry fees are to be submitted to Kathy Niese, NTSRI Show and Sale Committee.

- Nominated animals whose sustaining payments are not received by the due dates will be disqualified; monies paid will not be reimbursed
- Ewes that are eligible for the event can be shown in both the open fair classes and the Jackpot Show
- The animal's pedigree, breeder and owner may be introduced as they enter the ring
- Ewes must be registered for the NAILE Show in order to gain entry to the grounds for the Jackpot Event

Nomination Process

- Nominate as many ewe lambs as you like prior to October 15, 2016 (Nomination Form); one or all of these lambs can be shown in the Yearling Jackpot Show the following year if all fees are paid; normally as time progresses you will nominate fewer lambs with each payment
- You may cease to continue nominations at any time; no money is refunded and the ewe is not eligible to re-enter the contest
- All fees must be paid on time; reminders will be sent by email prior to due dates
- Ewes cannot be shown if fees are delinquent
- Forward completed forms to "Ladies of Tunis" (address below); 2nd, 3rd and 4th round entries need to be accompanied by a check with the nominees identified on the attached **Sustaining Entry Form**

Payment Dates ("NTSRI Show and Sale Committee" will send out reminders by email only, for sustaining entries)

- 15 November 2016 \$5.00/entry
- 15 January 2017 \$5.00/entry
- 1 April 2017 \$10.00/entry
- 1 July 2017 \$30.00/entry

Payout

- 100% of entry fees and donor support, less costs, prizes will be distributed to the first 5 places in the Jackpot Show
- 1st place-50%; 2nd place-20%, 3rd place-15%, 4th place-10%, 5th place-5%

Sponsor: • "NTSRI Show and Sale Committee" is the sole sponsor of the Yearling Ewe Jackpot Show; NAILE is not a sponsor

Breeder's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Current Owner: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Ewe Tag #: _____ **Registration #:** _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Sire: _____ Sire Reg. #: _____

Dam: _____ Dam Reg. #: _____

Ewe Tag #: _____ **Registration #:** _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Sire: _____ Sire Reg. #: _____

Dam: _____ Dam Reg. #: _____

Agreement: I hereby certify that I have received a copy of the rules governing the Tunis Yearling Ewe Jackpot Show and will follow said rules for nomination, sustaining entries and showing animals. I will hold safe from any action the "**NTSRI Show and Sale Committee**" and the Director of the Jackpot Show.

Signature : _____ Date _____

2017 TUNIS MESSENGER AD RATE CHART

Get your website advertising for **FREE!** MEMBERS WHO PLACE A 1/4 PAGE AD OR LARGER WILL RECEIVE A **FREE** AD ON THE NTSRI WEBSITE!

CONTACT KATHY NIESE AT KATHY.NIESE@YAHOO.COM.

DISPLAY ADS Black and White

Ad	Per	4 Issues
Size	Issue	Prepaid
1 page	\$75	\$275
1/2 page	\$45	\$160
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Business Card	\$15	\$50

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Ad	Per	4 Issues
Size	Issue	Prepaid
1 page	\$150	\$550
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1/4 page	\$50	\$180
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Ads will run for 60 days, and can be renewed by resubmitting.

Text with one photo.....\$10.00

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Winter IssueJanuary 15

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INGREDIENTS: Tunis Sheep Milk, Coconut Oil, Olive Oil, Herbal, Tea, Lye and Fragrance oils. Will deliver to Wooster, Indiana and Ohio State Fairs, and NAILE!

Call Kathy Niese for fragrance selections and prices:
419-969-0783

"THE BUTCHER BLOCK!"

Do you sell Tunis lamb products for the freezer, to restaurants, or at Farmers Markets?

Your Ad could be here for \$15.00

CLASSIFIED ADS

PRE ORDER THE 2017 CALENDAR

Pre-order your 2017 Tunis Calendar for \$10 by October 21, 2016. After October 21st, the price increases to \$15. Required postage is extra. Calendars will be available for pick-up at NAILE.

Contact Kris Mann for information k68horses@hotmail.com. Please include 'Tunis Calendar' in subject line.



Ohio State Fair Scenes



Welcome

NTSRI would like to welcome our new or returning members! If you see a member from your state or region, take some time to give them a call or send them a note to welcome them as members of the National Tunis Sheep Association!

KEEP IN TOUCH!

Please keep your contact information updated. If you move or change your address, email or phone number, contact Kathy Niese at kathy.niese@yahoo.com

Region 1

Maria and Izzy Hoffman
Hoffman Farm
 20 Havens RD
 Westerly, RI 02891

Region 2

Michaela and Meredith Bugman
 1672 St Rt 70
 Dalton, NY 14836

Region 3

Amanda Ruark
Lazy Acres Farm
 512 Briar Ridge Road
 Meshoppen, PA 18630

Region 5

Karl and Leanne Lovelace
 4564 Poplar Corner Rd
 Brownsville, TN 38012
 Steve and Beth Warner
Sheepcote Farm
 181 Coley Davis RD
 Danielsville, GA 30633

Francoise Saverot
Three Sheep Farm
 6400 Fredricksburg RD
 Barbourville, VA 22923

Region 6

Jason and Florence Conner
Timbers Edge Farm
 9806 North 1170th Street
 Martinsville, IL 62442
 Anthony Lemke and
 Patricia Neu
The Lazy Fern Farm
 162 Kohon RD
 Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Region 8

Mike and Judy Graham
 Shadow Valley
 321112 HWY 2
 Newport, WA 99156



2016 All American Jr. Show, Michigan State University. 1st Place March Ewe Lamb, Schakel 1617, exhibited by [Kassidy Schakel](#), Atlanta IN



Supreme Champion Ewe, Erie County Open Show in New York on Uptown 1505 shown by Brittany Woodard.



Champion Tunis Ewe at Midwest Junior Preview Show, June 2016. Way to go Libby Endicott and E6 Farms! Ewe is "Uptown 1511". — with [Corey Endicott](#)

LAMBCHOP CHATTER

BY: MICHAEL NIESE



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Be sure to Congratulate
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PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

TUNIS SIGN	QUANTITY	PRICE \$30.00	TOTAL

Make Checks payable to: Ladies of Tunis Mail to: Kathy Niese, 8777 Rd I 7, Ottawa, OH 45875

Call for price for shipping your sign. Free delivery to NAILE. Order by October 21, 2016

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Tunis Calendar		PRICE \$10.00	

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Junior T Shirt	QUANTITY	PRICE \$20.00 small	TOTAL
		PRICE \$22.00	

Email orders to tunisjuniors@gmail.com. Contact Peyton Fair for payment info.

Shipping is available as well as delivery to NAILE

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