

# NTSRI NEWSLETTER...

## THE TUNIS MESSENGER



May 2017

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Dear Tunis Sheep

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### Presidents Message from Lynn Murry

Dear Tunis Sheep Breeders,

The Tunis breed is only getting better with all the online sales, National Show and Sale, and Midwest Stud Ram Show and Sale. We, as Tunis breeders are producing sheep that are great representatives of the breed and showing that the Red heads can compete in the sheep industry. As I have always say, "I'm proud to be a Tunis Breeder". If you have questions, concerns, or ideas feel free to contact any board member or even your region representative. As we continue on through this year I want to remind everyone the best way to market our breed is by continuing to be helpful and friendly. I know that our opinions differ sometime but in the end we are all working towards the same goal of marketing the best animal we can as Tunis Breeders.

### Reasons to buy RED at the 2017 National Tunis Show and Sale May 26, 27, 28, Wooster, Ohio!

**Red** increases enthusiasm....Tunis breeders are enthusiastic!

**Red** stimulates energy and can increase the blood pressure, respiration, heartbeat and pulse rate....**Buying Tunis is good for your health!**

**Red** provides a sense of protection from fears and anxiety...**Don't be afraid, go ahead and bid one more time!**

**Red** is the color that makes people hungry. **Red** instantly attracts attention, makes people excited, energetic and increases the heart rate...**You won't go hungry at the National Show and Sale!**  
**There will be Great Food, Great Times and your heart will race when you see the line up at the sale!**

By: Linda Whitenack

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## TUNIS ELECTION RESULTS 2017

### NTSRI 2017 Election for Directors Report , Region 1, 6, & 7

**In Region 1...**37 nomination letters were sent out. The list was revised and ineligible members were eliminated. 18 nomination letters were then sent out in the second round. One letter was returned and one was emailed. Jozi Best Lisa Knight were nominated for Director.

18 ballots were mailed out, five were returned: Jozi Best received the most votes and she will become the new Director of Region 1. Lisa Knight will continue as Alternate for the region.

**In Region 6...**28 nomination letters were sent out.

Three were returned; one for Kermit Hasselman, one for Tammy Westcott, and one for Jeff Munsey. Kermit Hasselman declined the nomination.



The nomination list was revised eliminating ineligible members. 21 ballots were sent out, ten were returned: Tammy Westcott received the most votes and will become the new Director for Region 6. Jeff Munsey will serve as alternate.

**Region 7...**34 nomination letters were sent out. Four were returned all for Lynn Murry. No ballots were mailed out due to the unanimous response for Lynn Murry. Lynn will serve as Director again and will appoint an alternate soon.

**Linda Casey, NTSRI Election Officer 2017**

*"Great Times, Great Friends, Great Sheep,"*

*"GREAT LAKES"*

### 2017 NATIONAL TUNIS SHOW AND SALE

The members of the Ohio Tunis Sheep Association are making plans to host the National Tunis Sheep Show and Sale, at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Wooster, Ohio over Memorial Day weekend, May 27-28, 2017 The show is held in conjunction with The Great Lakes Fiber Show.

OTSA will offer \$25.00 additional premium for any sheep purchased at the Great Lakes Show and Sale that go on to win their class at the Ohio State Fair. If that sheep then wins Champion Ewe or Champion Ram you will receive an additional \$50.00, which could mean a premium of up to \$75.00!

The National Tunis Sale weekend is packed full of activities from start to finish!

Check out the Agenda below:

#### **Friday, May 26**

6:00 pm	Barnyard BBQ Dinner (for all Tunis exhibitors)
6:30 pm	NTSRI Board of Directors meeting (dining hall)
7:00 pm	Fleece entries due

#### **Saturday, May 27**

9:00 am	Tunis Show
1:00 pm	NTSRI Members Mtg. ( to be held 1 hour after show)
2:00 pm	NTJA Mtg. ( to be held after general membership mtg.)
6:00 pm	NTSRI Breeders Banquet (Contact Kathy Niese for Reservations 419-969-0783, or email <a href="mailto:Kathy.niese@yahoo.com">Kathy.niese@yahoo.com</a> (held in the Dining Hall at the fairgrounds) Scholarship winners announced.
7:00 pm	OTSA and NTJA Auction

#### **Sunday, May 28**

8:00 am	Donuts and coffee (donated by the Darling Farm)
8:00 am	Enter to win one of the many youth sale credits.
10:00 am	Tunis Sale

**SEE YOU ALL AT THE NATIONAL TUNIS SHOW  
AND SALE!**

# 2017 NATIONAL TUNIS FLEECE SHOW & SALE GREAT LAKES SHEEP & FIBER SHOW - MAY 27-28 - WOOSTER, OHIO

**Entry fees are \$3 per fleece.**

**Goal:** The goal of the National Tunis Sheep & Wool Show & Sale is to make fleeces available to the hand-spinners and to provide a market for the fiber producers. Tunis producers are urged to be selective in the fleeces they enter and reasonable in the prices they set.

**Fleece Standards:** Fleeces must be shorn within the past year and represent no more than 15 months growth. Each fleece must be clean - free of hay, tags, and second cuts. They must be skirted and rolled up in a clear plastic bag for presentation.

**Entry Instructions:** In an envelope, include your entry fee and an index card with the following information for each entry: Name, Farm Name, address, phone number, how many month's growth, approximate weight of fleece, and Ram or Ewe class entry. Please include a selling price, if you wish for us to sell your fleece. You do not have to sell your fleece. Fleeces may be entered in person or mailed before the show to: Marianne Turcheck, 1574 Rostraver Road, Belle Vernon, PA 15012.

## Schedule

**Friday afternoon up until Saturday @ 8:45 am** - Enter Tunis wool fleeces at Rostraver Farm's vendor booth, Industrial Building 13, spaces 1-2. This is not part of the larger Border Leicester Fleece Show held under the Grandstand.

## **Saturday 9 am – Judging**

Fleeces will be available for sale after judging through the remainder of the Festival. We will make every effort to display and care for the entered fleeces, but we assume no responsibility for damaged or lost fleeces.

## Classes

<b>Ram Class 1</b>	<b>1st - \$15   2nd - \$10   3rd - \$5</b>
<b>Ewe Class 2</b>	<b>1st - \$15   2nd - \$10   3rd - \$5</b>

<b>Grand Champion</b>	<b>\$15</b>
<b>Reserve Champion</b>	<b>\$10</b>

Contact: [marianne@rostraverfarm.com](mailto:marianne@rostraverfarm.com)

## NTJA Update

### Wooster Activities:

There will be an NTJA membership meeting immediately following the general membership meeting on Saturday, May 27, at the National Show and Sale in Wooster. Youth and their parents are invited to attend.

- **NTJA Scavenger Hunt** – Pick up forms at the Tri-Star Stock Farm stall on Friday night and Saturday morning. Sale Credits will be awarded to the three junior members who find the most items on the scavenger hunt.

## AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!

Please bring donations for the NTJA benefit auction at the Tunis dinner on Saturday night. Call Peyton 901-568-3168 for questions about the auction.

## NTSRI Futurity

ANY ewe lamb sold through a public sale (Great Lakes, Mid West Stud Ram Sale, online sales, etc.) may be nominated for the futurity program. In order to be nominated, payment must be made and form must be submitted to Peyton Fair PRIOR to the sale date. Call Peyton (901) 568-3168 or email [Peyton.tristarstockfarm@gmail.com](mailto:Peyton.tristarstockfarm@gmail.com) with questions.

## 2017 Ohio State Fair entry information is online.

Junior Tunis show is August 3rd (along with the other breeds. Show starts at 8am with showmanship and breed shows start at 10am) Open Tunis show starts at 8am August 4th.

[http://www.ohiostatefair.com/.../livestock/2017/open\\_sheep.pdf](http://www.ohiostatefair.com/.../livestock/2017/open_sheep.pdf)

# National Tunis Sale

71 TUNIS OFFERED BY 21 BREEDERS FROM 6 STATES UNDER ONE ROOF

WAYNE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS-  
OFFERING GENETICS FROM A TO Z!

Barkley-Barnes-BFG-Big Time-Big Walnut-Brown-Brun-BWB-Clark-Craft-Darling-Garey-IHR-Jaso-Jet-Kelkenberg-Mathews-McCarty-McDonough-MJM-Riverwood-RQL-S&T-Schambow-Shadybrook-Sonshine Acres-Spilde-Swihart-Triangle-Uptown-Westcott -Westwind -Windsong -Wooley Hollow

1. **Woolly Hollow Farm Dana Gochenour** 971 Patmos Rd Woodstock, VA 22664 540/335-2210 dgochen@vt.edu  
[www.woollyhollowfarm.com](http://www.woollyhollowfarm.com)
2. **Barnes Farms Genetics Tim Barnes** 5707 Mooney Rd Radnor, OH 43066 740/494-2125 740/815-2402 troy-tongrn@gmail.com [www.barnesfarms.com](http://www.barnesfarms.com) Facebook.com/Barnes Farms
3. **Backyard Tunis Drew Ridgeway** 12017 Main Street PO Box 64 Libertytown, MD 21762 301/639-3915 [bridge-wa2009@gmail.com](mailto:bridge-wa2009@gmail.com)
4. **Swartz & Talley Tunis Justine Bielewicz** 9425 Creek Rd Hunt, NY 14846 716/474-0789 Facebook.com/S&T Tunis [swartzja92@yahoo.com](mailto:swartzja92@yahoo.com)
5. **Sonshine Acres Walter Clark** 20862 Ryan Rd Meadville, PA 16335 814/333-9251 814/807-4931 [wwclark@windstream.net](mailto:wwclark@windstream.net)
6. **Red Barn Farm Jenna & Gregory Loper** 9415 Chidsey Rd Nunda, NY 14517 585/734-6136 [jmloper@frontier.com](mailto:jmloper@frontier.com) Facebook.com/Loper's Red Barn Farm
7. **Shadybrook Farm Todd Brisco** 4954 Crawford Toms Run Rd Brookville, OH 45309 937/248-3130 937/248-8743 [teebrisk@gmail.com](mailto:teebrisk@gmail.com) [www.shadybrookfarm.us](http://www.shadybrookfarm.us)
8. **Creekside Tunis Dave & Rachel Joseph** 21315 River Road Circleville, OH 43113 740/412-3490 740/412-8394 [circlejoseph1@aol.com](mailto:circlejoseph1@aol.com)
9. **Tammy Westcott & Family** 2399 N 700 W Greenfield, IN 46140 317/894-7563 [gtwestcott@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gtwestcott@sbcglobal.net)
10. **Aubrey Gerhardt** 2525 Eldridge Rd East Aurora, NY 14052 716/687-1138 [dcdcbg@aol.com](mailto:dcdcbg@aol.com)
11. **Triangle Farms Tunis Linda Cook** 1725 W CR 450 N Muncie, IN 47303 765/729-0262 [ccmouse@juno.com](mailto:ccmouse@juno.com)
12. **Bruns Tunis John & Irene Bruns** 7808 St Rt 119 Maria Stein, OH 45860 419/925-4712 567/644-9444 [ji-bruns@roadrunner.com](mailto:ji-bruns@roadrunner.com)
13. **JET Tunis Dan Erwin** 14101 Boundary Rd Richwood, OH 43344 937/578-8303 937/578-3108 [dcer-win4@hardinnet.com](mailto:dcer-win4@hardinnet.com) [www.erwinfarms.com](http://www.erwinfarms.com)
14. **Big Walnut Livestock Neal Knapp** 13024 N CR 625 E Roachdale, IN 46172 765/376-0891 [naknapp@bu.edu](mailto:naknapp@bu.edu)
15. Riverwood Farms 1000 W Powell Rd Powell, OH 43065 Eric: 614/403-1436 [riverwood\\_farms@msn.com](mailto:riverwood_farms@msn.com) [www.riverwoodfarms.com](http://www.riverwoodfarms.com)
16. **MJM Family Farm Matthew Maag** 13757 Rd 12 Ottawa, OH 45875 419/538-6535 419/303-6059 [matches-maag@yahoo.com](mailto:matches-maag@yahoo.com)
17. **Swihart Moonlight Tunis Kristen Swihart** 25168 E Broadway Perrysburg, OH 43551 419/277-6711 [kriesswi-hart@gmail.com](mailto:kriesswi-hart@gmail.com)
18. **Inn at Honey Run Jason Nies** 6920 CR 203 Millersburg, OH 44654 330/674-0011 614/477-6164 [jwnies@innathoneyrun.com](mailto:jwnies@innathoneyrun.com) [www.innathoneyrun.com](http://www.innathoneyrun.com)
19. **Brown Family Tunis Olivia Brown** 145 E Jones St Millersburg, OH 44654 234/301-2338 234/301-9046 [lwhite-nack61@gmail.com](mailto:lwhite-nack61@gmail.com)
20. **Craft's Tunis Don Craft** 307 West Columbia St Flora, IN 46929 574/967-3091 765/490-6619 [www.craftstunis.com](http://www.craftstunis.com)
21. **Big Time Tunis Mike Niese** 8777 Rd I-7 Ottawa, OH 45875 419/523-3657 419/969-0782 [mi-chael.niese@hotmail.com](mailto:mi-chael.niese@hotmail.com)

## **PLAN TO ATTEND**

# **THE NATIONAL TUNIS SHEEP SHOW**

**August 15, 2017**

**Sedalia, Missouri – Missouri State Fair August 12 - 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Check-in by Sunday, August 13, 2:00 pm**

**ENTRY DEADLINE – July 1<sup>st</sup> Late entries with extra fee**

**Motel Headquarters** – American Best Knob Noster, MO 660-563-3000

Special Rate @ \$55 per night Reserve by 7/15 under “**Tunis Sheep**”

**Straw will be available for purchase and put into your pens!**

**Call Lynn Murry or David Rock for Assistance!**

Connie Murry and Sandra Rock report that there will be a hospitality for Tunis Breeders throughout the week, as well as several complimentary meals and social time for Tunis exhibitors.

Additional activities are open to any and all sheep friends at the Missouri State Fair....

- Saturday, August 12, 7:00 pm: Trimming contest – entries divided into age groups . \$25.00 will be given to the class winner in each group.
- Sunday, August 13, 8:00 am: Church service in the show ring
- Sunday, August 13, 1:00pm: Lead Line open to all! Anyone winning their age group while leading a Tunis sheep gets an extra \$25!
- Sunday, August 13, 7:00pm: Meet and Greet...please bring your favorite snack, (unless you need a “special” beverage) drinks will be provided.
- Monday, August 14, 8:00am: Cinnamon Rolls, Sponsored by: Murry Tunis and Dean and Grace Ostermeyer.
- Monday, August 14, 4:30pm: Complimentary Tunis Breeders Dinner/ hosted by Midwest and Beyond: Bring your chairs!
- Tuesday, August 15, 8:00am: Donuts and Coffee/ Sponsored by Darling Tunis
- Tuesday, August 15, 1:00am: Tunis Show/ Sheep released after the evening show
- Tuesday, August 15, 7:00pm: Tunis Gathering, Pizza and Drinks Provided

Check out all Missouri State Fair information at [www.mostatefair.com](http://www.mostatefair.com)

**These Tunis breeders from these states have stepped up to pay for the awards at the 2017  
National Tunis show in Missouri! THANKS!**

**ILLINOIS:**

Kermit & Karen Hassellman

Jayce Coers

**INDIANA:**

Triangle Farms Tunis – Linda Cook

Tammy Westcott & Family

**KENTUCKY:**

HBD Farm – Homer Day and Family

**MAINE:**

Boulder Creek Tunis – Troy and Tony Staples

**MASSACHUSETTS:**

Busy Corner Farm – Loux Brothers

**MINNESOTA:**

Corn Silk Hollow – Scott & Becky Odland

**MISSOURI:**

Brush Creek Farm – Jacob Long

DGO Farm – Dean and Grace Ostermeyer

E6 Farms – The Endicott Family

Murry Family Farms

RQL Farms – David & Sandra Rock

Stumpe Tunis – Kelly Stumpe Family

**NEW YORK:**

The Red Barn Farm – The Loper Family

**OHIO:**

Big Time Tunis – Mike & Kathy Niese

Brown Family Tunis – Linda Whitenack and family

Bruns Tunis – John & Irene Bruns

Creekside Tunis – The Josephs

Darling Tunis – Louise Dunham

Rivenoak Farms – Russ & Molly Johnson & Family

Shadybrook Farm – The Briscos

Swihart's Moonlight Tunis – Mark & Kris Swihart

**PENNSYLVANIA:**

Arduous Condition Farm - Katie Peterson

**TENNESSEE:**

Tabernacle Tunis – Tracey & Kelley Rice

Tristar Stock Farm – Jeremy & Peyton Fair

**WISCONSIN:**

Calico Ridge – Kim and Jeanine Radel

Cass Hollow Tunis – Richard Schambow Family

Rocky Creek Farm - Kent Knuth & Family

**TEXAS:**

HasliVal Farm – Stephanie Jeffers

Unicorn Farm – Bob & Debbi Brown

**VERMONT:** Valley Brook Farm – Angela Hooker

**Thinking of Tunis Friends**

by: Kathy Niese

Day to day we live our lives, going to work, school, taking care of our families and livestock. We are busy doing whatever it is that we do. I wanted to take a moment to remember our Tunis friends who are going through some tough times right now. I am not going to mention names because I know there are probably more friends than I know of who need extra thoughts and prayers.

Please take a moment to remember those in our extended Tunis family who have recently lost loved ones, or who are experiencing health or other problems. There are also many great milestones to celebrate, graduations, weddings, and births! So if you know of someone who could use a note of encouragement or congratulations, drop them a line to let them know you are thinking of them! A little support goes a long way!

## OHIO "JR. Tunis Spotlight Show"

The June 10th, 2017 Richwood Jr Breeding Sheep Show has been designated the "JR. Tunis Spotlight Show" for the 2017 show season.

Check in at the Richwood show is from 8 to 10 am & showmanship starts at 11 am.

This show will receive special ribbons and cash awards for all Tunis exhibitors to simply encourage extra participation in this particular event. These prizes are being privately funded and will be evaluated on a yearly basis.

All Ohio Sheep Improvement Association LEAD Council JR Breeding Sheep Rules will apply as to points, year end awards, entry fees along with the LEAD Council still selecting the judge and the show order. More information can be obtained at [www.ohiosheep.org](http://www.ohiosheep.org) under the heading of the "LEAD" program.

**Special ribbons** have been ordered and will be given for these classes:

**\*Fall Ram Lamb \*Spring Ram \*Yearling Ewe \*Fall Ewe Lamb \*Spring Ewe Lamb  
and Flock (3 animals of any age...one ram & two ewes)**

**Slick Shorn** animals may be shown in any of these classes but no separate class will be created.

**Reminder**...since this is early in the show season...a high degree of fitting is not required....halter broke and some rough cutting will do...unless you want to do more!

Extra **"Participation Pay"** cash will be given at the end of the show based upon the number of Tunis shown by the youth. \$10 will be given to any youth that shows one or two animals and \$25 will be given to any youth that shows 3 or more head of Tunis in this show.

To earn LEAD points for year end awards, youth or their family must be members of the OSIA...but to participate in this show or earn any of the "Spotlight Show" awards...there is NO membership requirement in any organization...Just own/lease and show those Tunis!!!!

For more details or questions...contact Louise Dunham [tunis@bright.net](mailto:tunis@bright.net) or 937-666-2046 or Russ & Molly Johnson at 330-345-1290 or [rivenoak@ssn.net](mailto:rivenoak@ssn.net)

## WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

AUGUST 3-13  Presented By U.S. Cellular

**SAVE THE DATE ...for a NEW SHOW FOR TUNIS SHEEP EXHIBITORS!!**

**The Wisconsin State Fair has added an Open Show for the Tunis Breed...**

The Wisconsin State Fair is offering for the first time an Open Class Tunis Show! Tunis sheep exhibitors will receive **full premiums** for all classes. Arlan Spilde, Stoughton, WI has been working hard with state fair officials to implement this show. The introduction of the Tunis breed will be on a 3 year probation. We must exhibit at least 30 head of Tunis to be eligible to install the breed into the regular show rotation. If you would like more information about the show , you can contact Arlan Spilde, 608-334-0259.

**ENTRY CLOSING DATE:** JUNE 14th (2nd Wednesday of June) - postmark for mailed in (paper) entries\* June 28 th (4th Wednesday of June) - online entry deadline\* or when barn capacity is reached. **ENTRY FEES:** Sheep: \$6 per head Group Classes: No entry fee. Enter upon arrival at Fair.

All Substitutions UNTIL July 28th: NO CHARGE Substitutions July 29th and after: \$12 per head

**Late Entry\*:** \$100 per exhibitor plus original class entry fees \*Anything postmarked after June 14th and after is considered late and late fees apply. Anything entered online after 7 pm central time June 28 th is considered late and late fees apply.

Tunis sheep will show in Rotation 2 Arrival of Tunis Sheep August 11, after 6:00 am

Tunis Sheep must be in place by Noon with check-in between 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm

Tunis sheep show on August 13, and will be released after the last show of the day.

Judge: Eric Bruns

## **2107 Ohio Tunis \_ Junior Expansion Project**

**Parents, Grand parents, Neighbors, 4-H advisers, do you know of any youth that would benefit by participating in this project?**

**PURPOSE** – To support, recognize and encourage kids in Ohio to take their Tunis sheep out of the barn and show them off to the world by giving financial support related to the number of sheep taken out for display or competition.

**ORGANIZED** in the memory of Jim Dunham.

**MONITORED** by the Ohio Tunis Sheep Organization.

**FINANCIALLY SUPPORTED** by the Dunham Family and Friends

**CHANGES FOR 2017 -**

- **MORE MONEY** - \$1,000 will be distributed to the kids that participate in 2017.
- Each kid that participates in this program will receive AT LEAST a \$25 gift card Thanks to a matching donation from Mike Hubbel in Jim's memory.
- **OHIO STATE FAIR** – Any kid showing in the junior show or open class Tunis show at the OSF will be allowed to enter those sheep into the end of the year drawing. TUNIS may be registered under the Family's Farm Name...no longer required to be in child's name. Family includes Grand parents' Farm also. "All Other Breed" class participation with the Tunis will be recognized also. Tunis market lambs projects are equally supported by this program. In addition to the \$25 participation gift card, a youth can win only 2 additional gift cards.

**GUIDELINES – 2017**

- Any youth participating must be old enough to lead the sheep into the ring, a halter is allowed and under the age of 21 years of age.
- The youth must be a resident of Ohio.
- The youth need not be a member of any Tunis organization.
- Only shows/festivals/activities in Ohio are eligible for this project. Preview shows, county fairs, Ohio State Fair, Farm Festivals, Wool Festivals, community activities, petting zoos, etc. are all included in this project.
- For each youth to have their participation entered into the drawing, a report must be submitted (either by mail or internet) by the ending deadline. There must be some type of support with an adult's signature or recognition on it to qualify.
- Each youth will be given one ticket per sheep per event for the drawing. The entries accumulate until the Fall meeting of the OTSA when the drawing for the additional awards will be conducted. All youth will receive, at least, a \$25 gift card for participation.

**OPERATING RULES – 2017**

- The drawing will be held at the fall meeting of the OTSA.
- All participation reports must be submitted 3 days prior to that meeting.
- The number of entries per youth is determined by the number of Tunis sheep the youth shown/displayed times the number of activities. For example – (3 sheep x 1 show = 3 entries) or (4 sheep x 3 sheep = 12 entries).
- All entries will be put into the final drawing and these prizes will be given: 2 - \$100 Walmart Gift Cards 4 - \$50 Walmart Gift Cards
- Any youth may win no more than two gift cards in the drawing.
- Any youth not winning a gift card will be given a \$25 gift card for their participation.
- The **RESPONSIBILITY** for submitting the entries is the youth and their family's.
- The needed information will be used to promote the kids' activities. The information needed is: name of show; date and location of shows; number of Tunis shown and the classes; and the show results for the Tunis.
- No entry deadline for this program but to receive the junior oriented newsletter....Louise needs to be informed of that youth's future participation as early as possible.

**QUESTIONS? Contact Louise Dunham at 937-666-2046 tunis@bright.net**

# Welcome

**NTSRI would like to welcome 3 new or returning members! Members represent 2 states, and 1 Canadian Provinces. 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!**

## **REGION 2**

1. **Debra and Douglas Dutcher**  
**Dutchayr Farm**  
410 Crawford RD  
Otego, NY 13825

## **REGION 4**

4. **Charis Bennett Walker**  
**Tarhillbilly Farm**  
7863 ST RT 378  
Willow Wood, OH 45696

## **REGION 8**

1. **Terry & Natalie Degerness**  
**Homegrown Acres**  
Box 189  
Wawanese, MB ROK 2G0

## **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](mailto:kathy.niese@yahoo.com)

She will update the website database each month so that you will have the most current information.

## Tunis 2017 Calendar

### May 2017

*Great Lakes Show and Sale* – May 26-28 ...Wooster, Ohio

Sheep arrive to barns Friday May 26<sup>th</sup> / *Tunis Show Saturday* May 27<sup>th</sup> at 9 am/ Used Equipment Sale @ 8am / *Tunis Sale @ 11am* Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup>.

### June 2017

*Midwest Jr Preview* – June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017...Sedalia Missouri

*Midwest Stud Ram* – June 19-24 2017... Sedalia Missouri / Tunis Show Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup>/ Sale Thursday June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*All American Jr Sheep Show* – June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017... Madison, Wisconsin

### July 2017

*Northeast Youth Show* – July 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 2017...West Springfield, Massachusetts

*All American Jr Sheep Show* – June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017... Madison, Wisconsin

*Ohio State Fair* - July 26<sup>th</sup> – August 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 ... Columbus, Ohio

### August 2017

*Indiana State Fair* - August 4 – 20<sup>th</sup> 2017...Indianapolis Indiana

*Missouri State Fair* - August 10 – 20<sup>th</sup> 201... Sedalia Missouri

*Wisconsin State Fair* August 11 -13 2017 ... West Allis, WI

*Kentucky State Fair* – August 17 – 27<sup>th</sup> ... Louisville Kentucky

### September 2017

*Eastern States THE BIG E* – September 15 – October 1<sup>st</sup> 2017...West Springfield, Massachusetts

*Keystone International Livestock Exposition* – TBD Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

### October 2017

*Keystone International Livestock Exposition* – TBD Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

### November 2017

*North American International Livestock Expo* – October 31 - November 16<sup>th</sup> 2017... Louisville Kentucky

... For a real redhead invisibility is impossible. She will always be noticed when she enters a room and people will always expect her to be outrageous and feisty. - Lucille Ball

***Tunis Sheep are noticed where ever they go!***

**DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR  
NATIONAL TUNIS SHEEP SCHOLARSHIPS IS  
MAY 19th**  
**APPLY NOW!**

**NTSRI Scholarship Rules:**

- NTSRI will award 2 scholarships. Two \$500.00 scholarships will be paid directly to the college after the completion of the first semester. The recipient must submit their first semester grades to the committee with a brief summary of the first semester. A minimum of a 2.5 GPA must be obtained to receive the scholarship.
- The scholarship is available to any member of NTSRI who is seeking post-secondary education in the fall of 2017. Students must begin college in the fall of 2017 to receive the award.
- The recipient may have won the scholarship before, provided that they present the scholarship committee with proof of grades during the time that they received the scholarship.
- The applicant or their parent must be a current member of NTSRI, and have been a member in 2016 and have their 2017 dues paid by the application deadline of May 19, 2017. In addition a member must have at least 2 sheep registered with the organization both years to be eligible to receive the scholarship.
- A copy of your resume should be included in the application.

**The application deadline is Friday, May 19, 2017 and will be considered late if received after this date.**

The Scholarship selection committee will review the applications and announce the winner(s) in Wooster, Ohio at the National Tunis Show and Sale Breeders and Buyers Dinner, May 27, 2017.

You can find the complete scholarship application on the NTSRI website [www.tunis Sheep.org](http://www.tunis Sheep.org) or you can email Kathy Niese at [kathy.niese@yahoo.com](mailto:kathy.niese@yahoo.com) to have the application sent to you.

**Tunis Christened Names--September 1 thru December 31, 2016**

Date	Member Name	Flock ID	Christened Name
3-21-2017	Troy and Toni Staples	Darling 1402	Jesse James

**The 2017 All-American Junior Sheep Show is going to be held at the Alliant Energy Center, Madison, Wisconsin from June 30-July 2, 2017.**

This will be the show's second visit to Wisconsin in its 24 year history and the first time to this modern show facility in Madison. The All-American is the premier and largest junior breeding sheep show in the country. Judges for this year's event will be Jeff Held, SD; Brian Schermerhorn, MN; and Alex Wolf, OH.

The National Junior Southdown Show and National Junior Tunis Show will be held in conjunction with the All American Junior show this year.

If you have never attended an All-American Junior Show please make plans to attend this very special event! It is much more than just a sheep show, as there are several activities for the whole family. The show features a **lamb camp** for the young sheep owners, a **3-on-3 basketball tourney** for the exhibitors, a **Saturday fun night**, a **sheep skil-a-thon competition** with new participation awards being sponsored, a **sheep judging contest**, **free pizza and BBQ dinners** for exhibitors and their families, a **team showmanship competition**, **wool show**, promotional contests for exhibitors that also features an **adult age photo division**, a **college scholarship program** for older exhibitors, and much more!

A BIG THANK-YOU to all of the sponsors and donators as without their assistance this show would not be possible! Our Wisconsin host committee is being organized by Richard & Judy Shambow and fellow Wisconsin sheep breeders. A big thank-you also goes to all of the Wisconsin sheep families involved in the local planning committee. Several local sheep breeders and youth supporters have stepped up to the plate to organize events and volunteer to help out. It is thanks to all of you that this show will be a special All American for our junior sheep exhibitors and their families.

Room blocks have been reserved at the following area hotels: Clarion Suites at The Alliant Energy Center Phone: (608)284-1234, \$124-134.00; Sheraton Madison Hotel Phone: (608) 251-2300, \$129.00; Comfort Inn Madison – Downtown Phone: (608)255-7400, \$115.00 and Holiday Inn Express & Suites Phone:(608) 709-5050, \$129.00. Cut off for group rate is 5/28/2107 and the group name is "All American Junior Show". We strongly encourage show attendees and guests to utilize these hotels because the more rooms we can fill the better the rate for our rental cost on the show venue. Camping is available on the Alliant Energy grounds for approximate cost of \$30.00 per night. It is all spot self-registration when you arrive at the show. Campground specifics can be found on the AAJS website.

**Entries close: MAY 25th, 2017. There will be a higher entry fee for any late entries submitted after the deadline date and post entries at the show. Check out the All-American Website: [www.allamericanjuniorshow.com](http://www.allamericanjuniorshow.com) for entry and further information.** Following is information on these activities and the show would certainly appreciate your support in these fundraising efforts:

#### **ALL-AMERICAN GIFT BASKET SILENT AUCTION**

Gift Baskets will be on display during the duration of the All-American Show for bidding. Bidding will close on Sunday, July 1st at noon. Basket donations would be greatly appreciated. Just bring them to the show in Madison!

#### **ALL-AMERICAN JUNIOR SHOW RAFFLE TICKETS**

Cost \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00 1st Prize: \$1000 Cash Prize 2nd Prize Sydell Hydraulic Trimming Stand (\$530 value) 3rd Prize: Kindle HD Fire 8 (\$150 value) Tickets are available at the Continental Dorset Club Office, P.O. Box 506, North Scituate, RI 02857. Many sponsoring breeds mail out raffle tickets with their office work and annual dues notices so when you see them PLEASE lend your support! Junior show exhibitors also have raffle tickets to sell and they will be trying to be top salesman in our new ticket incentive program so help them out by buying tickets from them! Final drawing will take place on Sunday, July 3rd. Need not to be present to win.

#### **ALL-AMERICAN JUNIOR SHOW BENEFIT AUCTIONS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2017**

(During the Midwest Stud Ram Sale Supreme Champion Show) EARLY EVENING, SWINE BARN MISSOURI STATE FAIR-GROUNDS, SEDALIA, MO Top-Con Agriculture has donated a Digi-Star Digital Scale System Profiles Show Supply has donated Premier Electric Shears Novel Designs has donated a ChampionDrive.com Home Page Announcement Ketcham Sheep Equipment has donated an A-line feeder Willoughby Livestock Sales has donated a commission free online sale Reproductive Specialty Group had donated 5 AI Services BIG OHIO MAY SALES, MAY 13, 2017 PREBLE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, EATON, OH Banner Publications has donated a one page color ad in "The Banner"

## NAILE 2017 UPDATE

By Susan B. Anderson

The 2017 NAILE Tunis Open Show will have more opportunities for Slick Shorn Tunis sheep. There will be a NEW Slick Shorn Yearling Ram class and additional placings for Slick Shorn Ram Lambs and Slick Shorn Ewe Lambs. Of course, these changes require money. At their February meeting, the NTSRI Board of Directors voted to put up \$437 for these changes. This leaves a shortfall of approximately \$438. I have proposed a fundraiser for the NAILE Tunis Premium Fund. Any money raised would be used this year or in the future for NAILE Tunis Open Show premiums.

**Here is an outline of the proposed fundraiser:**

### **Purposes:**

- To Celebrate Tunis at the National Tunis Sale in Wooster, Ohio
- To Promote Tunis Sheep
- To Create **“BUZZ”** about Tunis
- To Attempt to get More People, Especially Youth, Interested in Tunis
- To Raise Money for the Proposed Expanded Premium Schedule for the NAILE Tunis Open Show 2017

### **Proposal:**

- Raffle off 3 Tunis Ewe Lambs from Established Tunis Sheep Breeders

### **Specifics:**

- Obtain 3 Donated Ewe Lambs from 3 Established Tunis Breeders for the purpose of Raffling them off
- Print Raffle Tickets of 2 Different Colors (Example: Yellow and Pink)
- Sell Tickets (\$10.00 each) – Yellow for Adults, Pink for Youth
- Sell No More than 160 Tickets
- Hold Drawing in the Tunis Barn 30 Minutes Following the Conclusion of the Tunis Sale
- At Least 1 Ewe Lamb Must Go to a Youth (Pink Ticket)
- The First Ticket Drawn – Person Gets to Pick Which Ewe Lamb He/She Wants
- The Second Ticket Drawn – Person Gets to Pick Which of the 2 Remaining Ewe Lambs He/She Wants
- The Third Ticket Drawn – Person Gets Remaining Ewe Lamb
- If the First 2 Tickets Drawn are Yellow, the Third Ticket Drawn Must be Pink
- Ticket Holder or Their Representative Must be Present at Time of Drawing

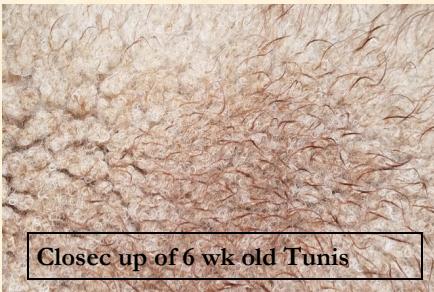
Thanks to the generosity of Tim Barnes of Barnes Farms Genetics, David and Sandra Rock, RQL Farm, and Matt and Jennifer Maag, MJM Farm for donating the ewe lambs for the raffle. Plan to join us in Wooster, Ohio for the National Tunis Show & Sale and purchase tickets to win the opportunity to win one of these ewe lambs in our raffle!

# Color Changing Lambs

By Kim Day from an article found at: <http://redropefarm.com/2017/04/26/color-changing-lambs>



I'm often asked about Tunis wool. Is it soft? What projects are it good for? Why do lambs have different colored wool than adults? Tunis wool is a fine to medium, down-type wool with lots of loft. If you're not familiar with wool or fiber terms this means Tunis wool is soft and bouncy and makes light and springy yarn which is great for a variety of projects. Explaining the lambs' coloring isn't as simple.



Tunis lambs are born with a short layer of cream-colored wool over their torsos and necks and light to dark cinnamon colored hair on their legs, heads and tails. Intermixed in the wool are longer kemp fibers (think guard hairs) that can sometimes completely hide the wool. The amount of kemp fibers can vary between lambs, just as the cinnamon shade can. To the left are twin lambs. Notice how one is much darker and also has more kemp fibers covering his wool.



Over their first few months lambs appear to change from cinnamon to the lighter cream color of their parents. Their color doesn't actually fade during this time. Their wool grows longer, though the kemp, but they also begin to shed much of those longer, darker kemp fibers.

You can see this in the photo of a 6 week old lamb. The kemp fibers are longer and becoming more sparse overall.



By the time Tunis lambs are 3-4 months old they have the typical coloring associated with the adults. As Tunis sheep age their wool does lighten slightly. Their first fleece is usually a beautiful cream color and each year it will become whiter, although Tunis wool doesn't ever become pure white.



You can see the differences in color in the photo to the left. The two shorn ewes are 5 years old in this photo, the smaller lambs are all up to 8 weeks old and the larger lamb on the far right is 4 months old.

And that is the not so simple explanation of why Tunis lambs seem to change color.

Hope you enjoyed it!

## 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
1/4 page	\$25	\$90
Business Card	\$15	\$50

### DISPLAY ADS Color (will only be available on the website)

Ad	Per	4 Issues
Size	Issue	Prepaid
1 page	\$150	\$550
1/2 page	\$90	\$320
1/4 page	\$50	\$180
Business Card	\$15	\$100

### WEBSITE CLASSIFIED ADS

Ads will run for 60 days, and can be renewed by resubmitting.

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

Text with two photos .....\$15.00

Please contact the website liaison, Sharon Kerns for this ad.

### NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Winter Issue .....January 15

Spring Issue.....March 15

Fall Issue.....September 15

### THE SPINNING WHEEL!

Do you sell wool, roving  
or other sheep related  
products?

**Your Ad could be  
here for \$15.00**

### “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**



### NTSRI Pride Photo

#### Contest needs HELP!

On behalf of the NTSRI Tunis Pride Photo Contest Committee, we would like to thank everyone who submitted photos to date. It is always a pleasure to see each and every photo submitted. This is a popular page on the website and the newsletter.

In order to continue the page we need a person to volunteer to receive the pictures, select the monthly photos, and submit the pictures to the website liaison, and the newsletter editor for publication.

If you have email and would be interested in doing this job, please contact Kathy Niese at [Kathy.niese@yahoo.com](mailto:Kathy.niese@yahoo.com).

To qualify members must send you the photo by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month and sign the photo release form located on the NTSRI website (one time only). Members then send photos by email.

Winners receive a free ad with two photos on the NTSRI website (Ad Section). Photos not chosen for the month submitted, may be re-nominate the photo for another month.

We prefer photos which reflect the month in which they are nominated. For instance, lambing season is upon us, and it would be a great time to select great photos of those precious little lambs.

As always we hope to keep the photos coming to the website and the newsletter, so keep those cameras, cell phones and iPods out and start clicking those Kodak moments!

This would be a great job for someone who loves taking pictures and promoting our beautiful red-heads!

**Tunis Pride Photo Contest Com-**

# LAMBCHOP CHATTER

BY: MICHAEL NIESE

I wanted to do something a little different with Lambchop Chatter in this newsletter. I cold called members who had never been highlighted before. Wow, did I talk to some interesting folks! We have an amazing brotherhood of people in this breed. I enjoyed talking to each of the people that I called. I hope you enjoy their comments!

From Canada:

**Mark and Bev**

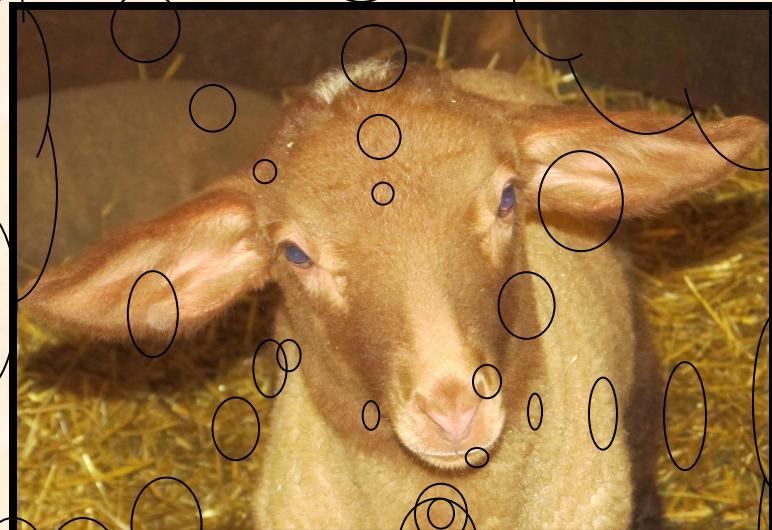
**Comfort's** daughter is getting married in August! Congratulations!

**RACHEL**

**SCHAMBOW** IS FINISHING HER FIRST YEAR OF VET SCHOOL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

**Dan and Lisa Spilde's** son, Cade was 6th in the Wisconsin State Wrestling Tournament! GREAT JOB!

In December, **Todd and Diana Brisco** welcomed grandbaby #2 Ava! Shadybrook Farm will be mentoring 2 young men this show season. Welcome, Matthew 11, and David 12, when you see this this summer!



**Lisa Knight...** has had 24 American Championships and 26 Canadian Championships with her English Springer Spaniels.

**Carolyn Hart...** says her husband is grumpy during spring planting season because her In-Laws are grumpy. (Sorry Carolyn, Grumpylane Farm name is already taken!)

**Chad Swart...** is having a BABY BOY! (I don't mean him personally) Congratulations!

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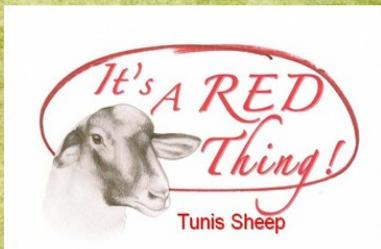
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black & white!  
Pick a "Red Head!"**

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