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THE TUNIS MESSENGER



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POSITIVES, NEGATIVES, AND SOLUTIONS

Sometimes it gets a little challenging separating my feelings about all things Tunis Sheep. As the President of the National Tunis Sheep Association, and Director of Region 4, I try to fairly represent the thoughts and desires of each group. After all, we are all part of the same group, with the same purpose, that being the promotion of the Tunis breed, through breeding, registering, promotion of the Tunis Breed, and supporting it's members.

There has been a request by some members of NTSRI for Tunis Sheep to be allowed to sell at the Big Ohio Sale in Eaton, Ohio. This sale is held Mother's Day weekend, and also meets the deadline that some states require their youth to have ownership of their lambs. For these folks Eaton is an opportunity to attend a live sale, to physically get their hands on the sheep, and possibly purchase a lamb that can be shown by their states deadline. Another reason that some members have asked to have Tunis sell at The Big Ohio Sale is that they raise multiple sheep breeds, and the other breed that they have sell at Eaton, so they could also load Tunis on the truck and sell them at one location. Both of these reasons are worthy of consideration, and would provide the opportunity to promote Tunis at an established sale that is well attended by many people looking to show, sell, and ship Tunis sheep to all parts of the country.

As you all know, The National Tunis Show and Sale has been held in Wooster, Ohio for several years. I have been able to track Tunis show and sale averages back to 2004. Entries are impressive, over the last 14 years, 962 sheep sold for a total \$488,699.00, this is a combined sale average of \$508.00.

The Great Lakes Sale continues to be a success in spite of changes that could have challenged the breed.

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Committees: Newsletter/ Admin/ Membership: Kathy Niese, Marianne Turcheck

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Youth Committee: Georgina Anderson, Molly Johnson, Matt Maag, Dawn Schakel,

Positives, Negatives, and Solutions cont'd.

One challenge the Great Lakes Sale has endured was the creation of a second Tunis Association, and with that came the implementation of the online Tunis Sale. It didn't take long for these sales to grow in number. I believe, in 2019, there are 5 individual online sales scheduled before the National Tunis Show and Sale, Memorial Day weekend. The second challenge the Great Lakes Tunis Sale has experienced was the trial rotation of the National Tunis Show and Sale between Wooster and Sedalia. In spite of these challenges the Wooster Sale continues to be a strong sale. In 2017, during the last National Tunis Show and Sale in Wooster, 21 consignors sold 73 sheep to 42 different buyers. Needless to say, the Tunis Sale at Wooster is a premier show and sale for breeders and buyers alike.

Through the years, the sale at Wooster, has drawn families from all 8 NTSRI Regions. Members of Ohio have been humbled to host the National Tunis Sheep Association Show and Sale, for most of that time. They have worked with NTSRI, and the Banner Magazine to provide a great weekend. Breeders and Buyers alike are welcomed with:

- ◆ Free Barnyard BBQ meal Friday night as they arrive on the fairgrounds.
- ◆ Many buyers credits for youth are given from the Ohio Association, and Ohio members memorials.
- ◆ Additional premiums for sheep purchased at Wooster who win classes at the Open Tunis Show at the Ohio State Fair.
- ◆ A picnic Saturday after the show and donuts, and coffee, are offered show day.
- ◆ The NTSRI BOD, General membership, and NTJA meetings, and professional member presentations about the livestock industry are also held at the show.
- ◆ More bidders than consignors are present at this sale. Consignors are not trading sheep.

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Not that BBQ dinners and donuts, are necessary to have a successful show and sale, I would argue that this kind of hospitality implemented by the Ohio Tunis Association has created a casual atmosphere of inclusion where lifelong friendships have been made.

As I recognize the success of the Tunis Show at the Great Lakes Sale, there is a need to look at other possible venues to sell Tunis. The request has been made to enable Tunis Sheep to be sold at the Big Ohio Sale in Eaton Ohio. In the year 2020, the fourth year of the trial rotation of the National Show and Sale, the sale will move back to Sedalia. With that being said, the NTSRI Show and Sale Committee will ask OTSA to consider support of the Eaton sale in 2020. It is not the intention of NTSRI to ask Ohio to take away the resources that make Wooster the premier Spring sale, but rather, to open the door for the National Association to sell sheep in a new venue.

Reported positives of showing in Eaton will be:

- ◆ To offer Tunis for sale in an new venue near the center of "Tunis Nation" as identified by Neal Knapp is a the February, 2018 Tunis Messenger.
- ◆ To allow breeders who show multiple breeds to also bring Tunis to sale.
- ◆ Tunis can easily be shipped to other parts of the country.
- ◆ Youth needing to purchase sheep by the early May deadline have the opportunity to select sheep from a live auction.

Reported negatives of showing at Eaton would be:

- ◆ A potential problem adding this sale to the spring roster is that there would be two shows held in Ohio within two weeks of each other.
- ◆ Selling Tunis at Eaton could pull sheep from Wooster and create 2 mediocre sales.
- ◆ The only way that Tunis can sell at the Big Ohio Sale is to have the support of the state of Ohio Tunis Association.

I recognize the passion shown by the parties who desire to sell sheep at Eaton, and those who want to protect the legacy of a very established sale in Wooster. I respect both points of view, in order to come to a conclusion about this issue, I will ask the Show and Sale committee to host a meeting at Wooster to share ideas and concerns if the Big Ohio Sale is implemented in 2020! Be on the lookout for meeting information.



Welcome back your 2019 National Tunis Sheep Queen, Kylie Schakel!

Kylie is currently a junior at Hamilton Heights High School and is heavily involved with FFA. She enjoys public speaking, livestock judging and helping others. Kylie's future plans include running for Indiana FFA State Office, judging livestock at a junior college and then transferring to Kansas State University to major in Ag Communications. She raises registered Tunis, Dorset and Natural Colored sheep and enjoys attending shows at the county, state and national level. Her favorite part about showing is being able to participate in showmanship. Kylie wishes everyone the best as they finish out lambing season and gear up for upcoming sales.

The National Tunis Junior Association is Undergoing Some Exciting Changes.

We thank Peyton Fair for her leadership of the NTJA, and welcome Georgina Anderson as the new NTJA facilitator. We're also looking forward to the support and input of Dawn Shakel, Matt Maag and Molly Johnson as mentors for NTJA youth.

The NTJA had a great turnout of Juniors at NAILE in Louisville this fall, with 29 youth exhibitors presenting 91 high-quality Tunis sheep! We welcome Kylie Schakel back as our returning Tunis Queen. Congratulations, Kylie! And we started what we hope will become a tradition—a Skill-a-thon competition for youth and “professional” Tunis breeders. Also, a big thanks to Don Craft for donating the Walking Taco lunch for all the juniors—it's always a favorite! Also, thank you to Judy and Richard Schambow for sponsoring prizes in the NAILE youth show—we truly appreciate it!

The NTJA will have a conference call on Monday, February 25th at 7:30 pm eastern time to discuss youth leadership opportunities in the NTJA, and plans for the National Sale in Wooster, OH, the All American Junior Show, the Ohio State Fair Regional Junior Tunis Show! ALL INTERESTED YOUTH ARE WELCOMED TO CALL IN AND SHARE THEIR INPUT!! Please send an email, call or text to Georgina, and she will provide all interested youth with call-in info. (ga2@email.sc.edu or 859-940-9704). Also, if you are a junior member and unable to be a part of that call, but would like to be involved in future Tunis Youth planning events, email, call or text Georgina to get Tunis Youth updates!



**DO YOU LOVE THE TUNIS BREED OR ARE
YOU CREATIVE? IF SO, YOU SHOULD
PARTICIPATE!**

National Tunis Queen, Kylie Schakel, loves the Tunis breed and knows you do too. All you have to do is make a 1 minute video promoting the breed! We want others to know how awesome the breed is and what better way to do so than creating a video. All ages are welcome to participate and there will be a prize to whoever wins. Your video will also be displayed on social media.

What am I doing?

Participants will be creating a promotional video showcasing the Tunis breed. The video can be filled with pictures, short clips, music, graphics, and more!

Rules



All videos should not exceed 1 minute. All participants can only submit one video and it should be appropriate. Videos should only showcase the Tunis breed. For any questions regarding the rules please contact Kylie Schakel @kylie.schakel@gmail.com

Tips



The video can be made with multiple applications such as: **IMovie**, Animaker, Renderforest.



Music and color adds a special touch!



Clear pictures and clips make the video more eye appealing

DUE DATE: July 1st 2019

SUBMIT TO: Kylie.Schakel@gmail.com



2018 NAILE TUNIS SHOW

By Susan B. Anderson

Through an informal conversation with Warren Beeler, North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) General Superintendent, he revealed to me that 7,600 sheep participated in the sheep shows at NAILE 2018. According to Mr. Beeler, this is a new record. Wow! That's a LOT of SHEEP! Mr. Beeler also said that the Exposition Center in Louisville is receiving \$13 million from Kentucky's tobacco settlement. He says some of that money will be used for new sheep pens. And I think we all can say – "IT'S ABOUT TIME!"

A total of 35 exhibitors brought 178 sheep to the 2018 NAILE Tunis Open Show. Although this is somewhat fewer Tunis sheep than the last two years, it is the third largest NAILE Tunis Open Show ever.

The Judge, John Mrozinski, Sr., of New Carlisle, Indiana, sorted through class after class of very impressive Tunis sheep. He kept the show moving and placed some remarkable Tunis at the top of their classes. The quality of Tunis sheep exhibited was extraordinary again this year. In addition, 25% of sheep in the NAILE Tunis Open Show were exhibited in the Slick Shorn Classes.

The 2018 NAILE Tunis Junior Show had 29 exhibitors showing 91 Tunis sheep. The Tunis sheep showcased in the NAILE Tunis Junior Show were equally impressive. And 19% of sheep in the NAILE Tunis Junior Show were exhibited in the Slick Shorn Classes.

A list of the top placings follows.

TUNIS OPEN SHOW

Open Tunis Ram Show

Sr. Champion Fitted Ram	Red Barn Farm 1721 (Fitted Yearling Ram) - Jenna & Gregory Loper
Reserve Senior Champion Fitted Ram	MacCauley 1801 (Fitted Fall Ram Lamb) – Kyle MacCauley
Jr Champion Fitted Ram	Spilde 374 (Fitted Jan. Ram Lamb) – Avery Spilde
Reserve Junior Champion Fitted Ram	Mumm 1816 (Fitted February Ram Lamb) – Beau Mumm
Grand Champion Fitted Ram	Spilde 374 (Fitted Junior Champion) – Avery Spilde
Res. Grand Champ. Fitted Ram	Red Barn Farm 1721 (Fitted Sr Champion) – Jenna & Gregory Loper
Grand Champion Slick Shorn Ram	Creekside Tunis 1850 (Slick Ram Lamb) – David & Rachel Joseph
Res Grand Champ Slick Shorn Ram	Triple M Ranch 0103 (Slick Shorn Yearling Ram) – Morgan Munsey
Overall Grand Champion Ram	Spilde 374 (Fitted Grand Champion Ram) – Avery Spilde
Overall Res Grand Champ Ram	Red Barn Farm 1721 (Fit Res Grand Champ Ram) – Jenna & Gregory Loper
Best Headed Ram	Swihart 1709 (2 nd Place Fitted Yearling Ram) – Kalyn Swihart

NAILE 2018 EWE RESULTS

Senior Champion Fitted Ewe	Schambow 560 (Fitted Late Yearling Ewe) – David, Tom & Rachel Schambow
Reserve Senior Champion Fitted Ewe	MacCauley 1710 (Fitted Intermediate Yearling Ewe) – Emma & Brooke Kyle
Junior Champion Fitted Ewe	J Coers 48 (Fitted Late January Ewe Lamb) – Clint Garey
Reserve Junior Champion Fitted Ewe	Spilde 392 (Fitted Early February Ewe Lamb) – Avery Spilde
Grand Champion Fitted Ewe	Schambow 560 (Fitted Senior Champion) – David, Tom & Rachel
Reserve Grand Champion Fitted Ewe	MacCauley 1710 (Fitted Reserve Senior Champion) – Emma & Brooke Kyle
Grand Champion Slick Shorn Ewe	JET 1756 (Slick Shorn Early Yearling Ewe) – Sarah Fuhrman
Reserve Grand Champion Slick Ewe	MacCauley 1802 (Slick Shorn Early Ewe Lamb) – Kyle MacCauley
Overall Grand Champion Tunis Ewe	Schambow 560 (Fitted Grand Champion Ewe) – David, Tom & Rachel Schambow
Overall Reserve Grand Champion Tunis Ewe	MacCauley 1710 (Fitted Reserve Grand Champion Ewe) – Emma & Brooke Kyle
Best Headed Ewe	S & T 1989 (2 nd Place Fitted Fall Ewe Lamb) – Swartz & Talley Tunis
Premiere Exhibitor	David, Tom & Rachel Schambow

2018 NAILE Junior Show Results

Grand Champion Ram	Spilde 411 (March Ram Lamb) – Avery Spilde
Reserve Grand Champion Ram	Spilde 374 (January Ram Lamb) – Avery Spilde
Senior Champion Ewe	MacCauley 1701 (1 st Place Early Yearling Ewe) – Kyle MacCauley
Reserve Senior Champion Ewe	Schakel 1654 (2 nd Place Early Yearling Ewe) – Kylie, Kaleb, Kassidy & Kaitlyn Schakel
Junior Champion Ewe	Spilde 392 (February Ewe Lamb) - Avery Spilde
Reserve Junior Champ Ewe	MacCauley 1807 (January Ewe Lamb) – Kyle MacCauley
Grand Champ Ewe	MacCauley 1701 (Sr Champion Ewe) – Kyle MacCauley
Reserve Grand Champion Ewe	Schakel 1654 (Reserve Senior Champion Ewe) – Kylie, Kaleb, Kassidy & Kait-

CONGRATULATIONS to ALL CHAMPIONS in both TUNIS SHOWS !

The selection of NAILE Tunis Open Show judge choices is now complete. The results are: Choice 1 – Alex Wolf of Upper Sandusky, Ohio; Choice 2 – Craig Beckmier of Morrisonville, Illinois; and Choice 3 – Travis Hoffman of Fargo, North Dakota. These names will be submitted to the staff in Louisville.

The success of the 2018 NAILE Tunis shows is due in part to the support received from NTSRI Tunis breeders and members. I would like to thank **EVERYONE** whose involvement and support contributed to the success of this event, and specifically: **Richard & Judy Schambow** for sponsoring prizes for the Tunis Junior Show; **Louise Dunham of Darling Tunis** for sponsoring the Tunis Open Show Get of Sire Class; **Laureen Howe of Old Glory Farm** for sponsoring the Best Headed Tunis Ram Class; **Georgina Anderson** for sponsoring the Best Headed Tunis Ewe Class; The **Don Craft Family of Craft's Tunis** for sponsoring lunch for the Junior Exhibitors and their families on Junior Show Day; **Georgina Anderson** for hosting the Tunis Sheep Skill-A-Thon and **Bill & Betsy MacCauley** for sponsoring Prizes for the Tunis Sheep Skill-A-Thon; **Neal and Adria Knapp of Big Walnut Livestock Company** for sponsoring Coffee for Open Show Exhibitors on Tuesday morning; and **Dave & Rachel Joseph of Creekside Tunis** for sponsoring Beverages for the Pizza Party on Tuesday afternoon. Thank you all so very much! Your efforts are truly appreciated! I hope everyone had a positive experience in Louisville 2018. The 2019 NAILE Tunis Open Show will be The National Tunis Show. I hope we have an impressive showing of Tunis at NAILE 2019. If you have any suggestions to make our 2019 National Tunis Show a truly special event, please call me at 606/346-3916. I'm looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you in Louisville in November !

TUNIS REGIONAL ELECTION 2019

Regional Elections are underway....

Nomination Ballots for Region 4 (Ohio, West Virginia) 5 (Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama) & 8 (Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Idaho, Utah, Arizona, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, California, Western Canada) have been prepared and will mail out January 28, 2019 to all paid members in good standing. They are to be returned to Tammy Westcott 2399N 700W Greenfield, Indiana 46140 postmarked no later than February 16, 2019. I would encourage everyone to give careful consideration to your nominations to have your voices heard in the National Tunis Sheep Association as the term is for the next three years. Once nominations have been made and accepted, voting ballots will be sent out the first full week in March and be completed by March 30, 2019. Thank you, Tammy

REPORT OF THE TREASURY

This is the balances of all NTSRI bank accounts as of January 26, 2019.

PAYPAL	\$4791.07
Bennington Bank	\$10,145.22
Huntington Bank	\$28,700.02
TOTAL BALANCE	\$43, 636.26

The NTSRI BOD is working to create the budget for 2019 Tunis operations, and NTJA programs. The new budget will be posted in the next newsletter.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Niese, Interim Treasurer.

Congratulations to the 2018 Futurity Winners and the Nominating Farms!

NTSRI would like to thank all of the NTSRI members that nominated lambs for the 2018 futurity program.

This years winners are:

1st Place	Beau Mumm, IL showing Splide 356	69 points
2nd Place	Jayce Coers showing Spilde 345	62 points
3rd Place	Mackenzie Maag showing Barnes Farm Genetics 8011	52 points
4th Place	Mattilyn Maag showing Bruns 1802	49 Points
5th Place	Beau Mumm showing Craft 18-6	49 points
6th Place	Skylar Lowery showing Stumpe 709	43 Points
7th Place	Jacoby Maag showing Old Glory Howe 1679	19 Points
8th Place	Beau Mumm showing Craft 18-12	9 Points

Thank you to all that participated in the 2018 Futurity program! Without your support this program would not be possible.

Barnes farm Genetics	Swarts and Talley Tunis
Wooley Hollow Farm	Swihart Moonlight Tunis
Jet Tunis	MJM Family Farm
Bruns Tunis	Craft Tunis
Old Glory Farms	Spilde Tunis
Garey Tunis	Stumpe Tunis
Schambow Tunis	Kyle MacCauley
Tri Star Tunis	



2018 Tunis Yearling Ewe Jackpot was held the evening of Tuesday, November 13th at NAILE. Congrats to all winners and participants! Here are your results...

2018 YEARLING EWE JACKPOT RESULTS

1st Place... 'Girl Crush' Schakel 1654 owned by Schakel Family, Atlanta, IN
Sire: Schakel 1510
Dam: Mathews 915

2nd Place... Big Time 1707 owned by Woolly Hollow Farm, Dana Gochenour, Woodstock, VA
Sire: Big Time 1519 "Magic Mike".
Dam: Uptown 1401

3rd Place... C Garey 739 owned by Porshe Kellems, Hillsboro, IN
Sire: Stumpe 567
Dam: C Garey 0479

4th Place... Westwind 302 owned by Westwind Farm, The Anderson Family, Hustonville, KY
Sire: BWL 15-12
Dam: Westwind 270

5th Place... Westwind 300 owned by Westwind Farm, The Anderson Family, Hustonville, KY
Sire: BWL 15-12
Dam: Westwind 254

UPCOMING SHOW DATES:

July 4 - July 7 All American Jr Sheep Show Hutchison, KS
NATIONAL TUNIS JR SHOW!

July 31 - Aug. 3rd Ohio State Fair
Columbus, OH

July 31st 1st Annual **BUCKEYE BLOWOUT YOUTH SHOW**

Aug 1 - Aug 18 Wisconsin State Fair

Aug. 2 - Aug 18 Indiana State Fair

Aug 8 - Aug 18 Illinois State Fair

Aug 8 - Aug 18 Missouri State Fair

Aug 15 - Aug 25 Kentucky State Fair

Aug 21 - Sept 2 New York State Fair

Aug 22 - Sept 2 Minnesota State Fair

Sept 13 - Sept 29 The Big E

Nov 16 - Nov 21 NAILE
NATIONAL TUNIS OPEN SHOW

Buckeye Blowout
Tunis Show
Regional Junior Tunis Show



Wednesday, July 31, 2019

at the Ohio State Fair in the sheep barn

Check in: 3:00pm Show: 5:00pm

For any junior that is 21 or younger (as of 1/1/19) and
able to get the sheep around the ring (even if they
need a little help)

**Entry Fee: \$5 per head but no cost for
showmanship**

Deadline to enter: July 10, 2019

****Ohio State Fair entries need to be made
separately through the OSF website*****

Ownership Deadline: July 1, 2019

Will start with Showmanship and will then move to breeding (fit
and slick classes), and will also have a Tunis Market lamb class.

Ribbons, Banners and money will be given out



questions please email tunis@bright.net



Region 6 Director Thoughts-Tammy Westcott

Hello to all. Hoping your lambing is underway and going well in less than ideal weather conditions!

Indiana breeders if you are interested in connecting with other breeders in the state, there is a new Facebook page called **Hoosier Tunis Connection**. I am hoping to use it to better organize us and promote the redheads as well as keep one another informed on shows, sales, wool events, etc. I am not a real techy so bear with me as we begin this new communication. Anyone is welcome to connect to the page.

2018 was certainly a challenging year for the NTSRI board. Sadly the association as a whole is still very much divided in spite of the merger. One thing after another seemed to occur that caused problems somewhere. Hopefully most of that is ironed out. There are many opportunities to serve in the NTSRI at the moment so please give consideration to where you can lend your talents. I would hope that we can figure out how to come together to make a stronger association that works toward a common goal of promoting and selling whatever style of Tunis sheep you like to go out and look at in the barn. We are fortunate to have a breed that is as diversified as it is.

A particularly hot topic for this year has involved trying to get a Tunis allowed for the Big Ohio sale at Eaton, Ohio which would fall during Mother's day weekend. I expect that to remain a topic for a while. I am going to put my thoughts out here I represent Illinois, Indiana and Michigan. I have been checking into when 4-H youth must own their animals. For Indiana Illinois and Kentucky ownership requirement by May 15th and there are other states that have the same issue I am told but have been unable to confirm at time of this submission. Big Ohio sale at Eaton is timely for those individuals. Wooster is too late. I personally live in a county that continually has the largest 4-H sheep show in the Indiana with most breeds represented in the EWE Show and a sizeable market show as well. Our county has allowed animals purchased at Eaton to come in and be nose-printed/retinal scanned for fair as long as you have the bill of sale for them. Unfortunately, we cannot buy Tunis there.

Several years ago now, bringing Tunis to Eaton was attempted but because the Ohio Tunis Association refused to agree to support it we were not accepted. Something I have been working to get going is an earlier live sale date where kids can actually touch the animal and accommodate kids who live in states that require an earlier ownership deadline than the Wooster, Ohio sale (during Memorial Day weekend) allows. One argument I continually hear is there are online sales that would work for that and that is true. There are still people who are skeptical of buying sheep on line and truthfully I am one of those people. I will not buy a sheep I have not handled. I have talked to several folks who did buy online and would hesitate to do it again for various reasons. Even at live sales, I have been amazed by the people who don't touch the sheep prior to purchase. Wool hides a lot in the hands of a talented trimmer and online pictures can sometimes be deceiving. There is also the possibility of buying off the farm but that doesn't allow kids who might want to participate in the futurity to do so. Those animals must be purchased in a venue that allows anyone to buy them.

Dale Huhnke of Indiana first attempted to have a sale in coordination with Shropshires and Southdowns In Tipton Indiana. Limited advertising I believe hindered the success of that sale and even though I did sell 3 of the 4 I took, it took way too long to get my money. Forward to 2014 we attempted the inaugural Indiana Premier Sale in Greenfield which offered low entry and commission. We even had a grant from local tourism to help us in advertising The Banner Magazine. I do understand that you need "brand name" to draw buyers so I called all the prominent nearby breeders I could think of twice. Once to tell them what we were trying to do and then to ask them if they wouldn't bring sheep to at least show up and give us some support. That fell on deaf ears. We did have three Indiana breeders come but not near enough buyers. I then went to Ohio Tunis FALL Meeting and addressed the issue personally. At that time the National sale was not rotating and I asked how we could ever get another possible venue when we don't try other sales to meet the SOP's required to have National Sale at a location. Ohio was not happy with the decision to try rotating to Midwest either. I asked for Ohio to consider letting us into Eaton and was told I had failed to get something going elsewhere so why did I think that Eaton would work. Eaton is a DESTINATION sale; one of the largest sheep sale venues in the country drawing sheep people from all over the United States including people from Regions 7 & 8 where we would like to grow the interest in the breed. Even if they don't have Tunis currently, they might be interested in starting with a few if they are easily attainable at a sale they are already coming too. I think we need to address the fact that we have some top breeders that will not be coming to Wooster because it is always Memorial Day weekend but they would be open to supporting Eaton location. Tunis are generally the largest breed to sell at Wooster and it seems to be geared to a more Eastern influence as well as a wool breed sale while the Eaton sales are predominately what I would consider meat breeds.

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There are many folks in Ohio I enjoy and respect and they do a wonderful job of hospitality at Wooster which is a perk but is not necessary at Eaton or really any other sale I have attended in conjunction with other breeds. If people in the Ohio Association do not want to bring sheep, I am sure we can come up with enough breeders who don't usually participate at Wooster to get the necessary sheep for the sale. All we need is to be allowed to take sheep. If the show were on the other foot, they would not appreciate that either. The decision made to block that is not good for the promotion of Tunis in the long run.

I will say we tried the All- Breed sale in Bloomington, Illinois in 2017 and considered it successful as all the sheep sold, brought decent money and we did not have to buy each other's! We all agreed to try again in 2018 and a few more breeders came on board too. The sale is early in the season and fall ewe lambs or Yearlings worked best. Unfortunately, the combination of change of venue to Springfield, poor conditions in weather and facilities did not work in our favor for 2018. I want to personally thank those breeders who were willing to come and give at least one of these sales a try over the years: Matt Maag, David and Sandra Rock, Dale and Linda Cook, Don Craft, Jeff Munsey, Clint Garey and the Stumpe families . Thanks as well to those who supported us from the bidder's bench.

Neal Knapp recently wrote an article for the new Tunis magazine Chasing purple, he mentioned "I found the geographical center of all the breeders in the United States is near the Ohio-Indiana border" and the Eaton Ohio sale location would fill that bill. I would encourage you to review the sale catalogs from both Great Lakes and Big Ohio last year on the Banner Sheep Magazine archives. Many more head at Eaton. The Board did inquire again this past fall about having Tunis allowed into the Big Ohio Sale at Eaton. We were told either the local association or the national association could request that breed be allowed in. We have grown tremendously as a breed since our first attempt to get into Eaton. It is a sale that most all major breeds are represented at and we are not. I believe we have potential to get a larger, more diverse audience at Eaton. We have a group of breeders that currently do not bring sheep to Wooster but would support Eaton. It is most likely that we would have to show on Thursday and sell Friday if we do get into Eaton location so something to consider in planning. STILL the Ohio Association I must agree to support apparently to be allowed in so once again we have been denied as they claim they cannot support two sales that close together and especially since 2019 National Sale is Wooster. It seems they fear two mediocre sales so the can has been kicked down the road for another year at least. I personally think I should be able to take sheep to both locations. I have been able to manage two sales the past two Springs and have fewer head than many breeders. You can get sheep into and out of Eaton fairly easily just like Midwest Stud Ram sale. We won't know what can happen until we try but I know it is a destination sale...people come to Eaton to buy sheep. I invite all persons to get more involved in what is happening in your association. I find allowing one region to dictate what the other seven can do rather alarming. Perhaps we have become too comfortable which generally means we are in a rut. Contact the people on our show and sale committee to voice your opinions either way. As always, I am glad to visit with you if you would like at gwestcott@sbcglobal.net or 317-894-7653.

Respectfully submitted -Tammy

UPCOMING TUNIS SALE DATES:

April 14th - Sunday Spilde's Annual Sale in WI @wlivestock.com

April 15th - Monday Team Schakel in IN @wlivestock.com

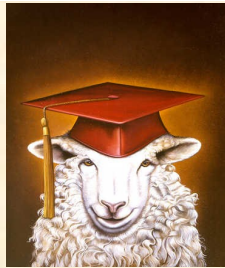
April 18th - Thursday Garey's Tunis in IL @wlivestock.com

April 28th - Sunday MacCauley's Annual Sale in PA @wlivestock.com

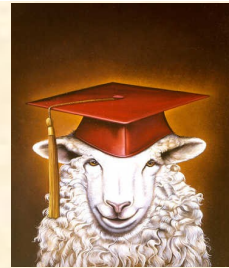
May 2nd - Thursday Woolly Hollow Tunis in VA @wlivestock.com

May 25th - 26th Great Lakes Sale Wooster, OH National Tunis Sale

June 26th - 28th Midwest Stud Ram Sale Sedalia, OH



REMINDER!!!
2019 COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS!!!
THE DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR
THE NATIONAL TUNIS SHEEP
ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS IS
MAY 17, 2019



NTSRI Scholarship Rules:

- NTSRI will award at least 2 scholarships. The scholarships valued at \$500.00 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 2019. Students must begin college in the fall of 2019 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 2018 and have their 2019 dues paid by the application deadline of May 17, 2019. 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 17, 2019 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 prior to the **NATIONAL RED HOT TUNIS SALE**.

You can find the complete scholarship application on the NTSRI website www.tunissheep.org or you can email Kathy Niese at kathy.niese@yahoo.com to have the application sent to you.



Clint Garey, of the new **Chasing Purple Magazine**, is seen here presenting one of two checks that the magazine donated to the winner of Champion Ram and Champion Ewe in the Junior Tunis show at NAILE. Avery Spilde won Champion Ram and Kyle MacCauley won Champion Ewe. **Chasing Purple magazine really does give back!**

Welcome

NTSRI would like to welcome 7 new or returning members! Members represent 5 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 1

William Meeraker Sr Member
Meerbridge Farm
11442 Oak Valley RD
Inkerman, ON K0E 1J0

Johanna Polsenberg Sr. Member
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REGION 3

Kaitlin Williams JR membeship
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REGION 4

Dan, Cynthy, and Molly Kleman
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419-235-3096

Debbie Grimm Sr Membership
32 Pine Hill Campground DR
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pinehill-
campground@gmail.com
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REGION 8

David Hinkins SR. Member
Braxton Hurdsmen JR. Member
Black Dragon Ranch LLC.
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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** She will update the web-site database each month so that you will have the most current Information.

Greetings from Region 3!

With such a burst of cold and snowy weather upon us, I hope everyone's sheep are safely tucked away in cozy, warm barns. It makes it all worthwhile to trudge out to the barn through the cold, when we hear that unmistakable cry of new lambs and the ewe "talking" to them. That's when I forget all about the cold and am glad I did that one last barn check.

I travelled to NAILE in Louisville, Kentucky in early November to represent Region 3 at the Board and General Membership Meetings. Much thanks to everyone who had a part in making our National Open and Junior shows a success. It's always nice to see our youth all working together with their sheep and hanging out afterwards. Congratulations to all the participants for bringing such quality Tunis Sheep to the ring.

There is much talk of trying to add the sale of Tunis sheep at the Big Ohio Sale in Eaton, Ohio, which is annually held Mothers Day Weekend. Our National Show rotates this year back to the Great Lakes Sheep Show in Wooster, Ohio over Memorial Day Weekend. It's been a hot topic and we are hoping to stay united and work together on this proposal for 2020. We could use everyone's positive reinforcement, ideas and help, as we work through the many setbacks that we have encountered.

Plans are underway for the National Tunis Wool Show at Wooster. When you are shearing this spring, why not set aside a nice fleece or two to enter and sell to the handspinner crowd in Wooster? They are always looking for nice, clean, crimpy, long-stapled Tunis fleeces there. Contact me for more information Marianne@rostraverfarm.com

Marianne Turcheck Vice President, Director-Region 3

NTSRI MEMBERS HAVE MANY INTERESTS, CHECK OUT A FEW OF OUR EXCEPTIONAL MEMBERS!



Tunis Breeder, Debbie Brown Unicorner Farm, Axtel, TX. also spends time as an Allbreed judge in The International Cat Association and judges cat shows all around the world.



Ben Stumpe is enjoying his time in the spotlight performing standup comedy in numerous comedy shows seen here in a January performance at the Eastside Tavern's "AS YET UN-NAMED COMEDY SHOW"! (Above)

Ben has also appeared as many characters theater productions of Alice in Wonderland, The Wizard of Oz, and Beauty and the Beast, (photo right) just to name a few of the amazing characters he has played!



Many weekends for the Spidle family are spent in the gym participating, rooting, and coaching Stoughton High School wrestling!



2019 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 Size	Per Issue	4 Issues 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 Size	Per Issue	4 Issues 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 IssueJanuary 15

Spring Issue.....March 15

Fall Issue.....September 15



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.

To qualify members must send you the photo by the 10th 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-

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

LAMBCHOP CHATTER FROM OHIO!

YOU HAVE HEARD OF SNOWBABIES, BUT OHIO IS BLESSED WITH FUTURE SHOWBABIES!

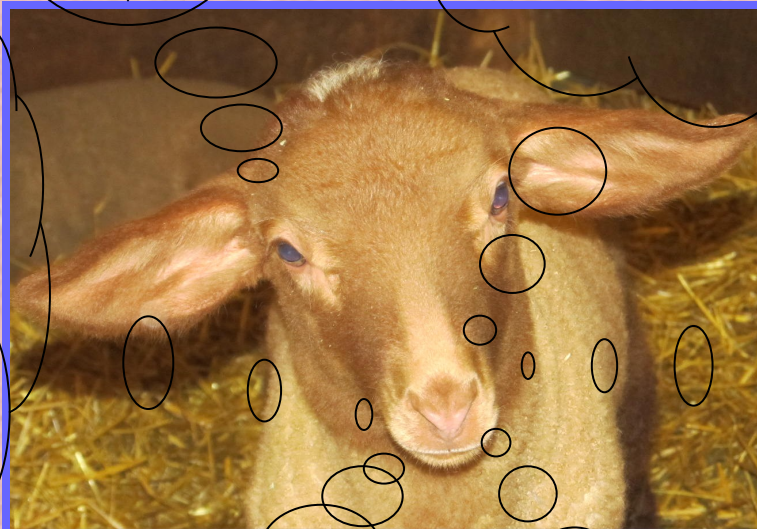


MEET DUSTY AND JACCI SMITH'S NEW LITTLE FLOCK ADDITION...Parker Robert Smith born January 29, 2019 7lbs. 15.5oz. 20 in!



Meet Matt and Jennifer Maag's new daughter Macie Renee Maag. Born at 9:15 PM on 8/8/18. 7 lbs 13 oz 19.5 in bundle of joy!!

CONGRATS TO ALL THE NEW MOMS, DADS, GRANDMAS AND GRANDPAS, AUNTIE'S AND UNCLES OF THESE NEW BABIES!



We have some "WOOLY" Cute kids in the buckeye state!



MEET JACE MICHAEL BROWN... Lane Brown and Kristian McLaughin's new little bundle! Born January 24, 2019 weighing in at 9 lbs 3 oz. 21" long!

Olivia Brown and Andy House welcome, Joseph Oliver House made his entrance into the world on September 7, 2018, 8lbs 14 oz, 21" long!



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**Not everything in the sheep industry is
black & white!
Pick a "Red Head!"**

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