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Romney Ramblings

Newsletter of the American
Romney Breeders Association



President's Message

by Chris Posbergh

First, I want to thank Al Schwider and everyone involved with planning the National Show & Sale for a successful weekend at Clark County Fair back in August. Thank you to outgoing president Ron Andress for the past four years of leadership. Thanks are also due to outgoing board members Hilary Chapin, John Shelton, Al Schwider, and Jane Caulfield.

The February issue of *The Shepherd* magazine will have Romneys as the featured breed! We are currently working on an article to showcase our breed as well as looking for photos that show all the qualities we love about our Romneys. Feel free to send your ideas, photos, and suggestions to any of the board members for inclusion.

Also, moving forward is a plan for an amnesty period for ARBA members. This will allow ARBA members with back-logged paperwork to regis-

ter without late fees. This will take effect on December 1, 2015, and last until June 30, 2016. Each registration will be \$6, as long as the necessary information is submitted. More information on this will be coming out in a membership mailing soon. We hope you all take advantage of this opportunity, if you have fallen behind on paperwork.

Another topic to cover is the National Sheep Improvement Program. There is interest among some ARBA breeders to join and begin using Estimated Breeding Values to make genetic progress, in addition to their current selection practices. This group is currently working on a how-to manual to help explain the science behind NSIP, how to use it, and how it can benefit Romney breeders. If you are interested in learning more please contact me.

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Results from the Southern Adirondack Romney Show

Exhibitors from New York and Vermont brought over 30 white and natural colored Romneys to the first sheep show held in the seven years of the Southern Adirondack Fiber Festival.

Ron Andress, immediate past-president of ARBA, judged the show. The show offered open and junior competitions.

In addition to the sheep show, the Fiber Shows offered three awards. Best Romney fleece went to Devlin Kennedy, Ensign Brook Farm; Best Romney hand spun yarn was awarded to Lucy June; and Best Use of Romney Wool in a Fiber Article went to Norma Johnson-Glacy.

The following sheep show winners received hand-painted trophies with an original illustration by Karin Kennedy and made from locally mined slate:

- Champion Open and Junior White Ram, Faith Thompson
- Reserve Champion Open White Ram, Tom Graves
- Champion Open and Junior White Ewe, Devin Lacko
- Reserve Champion Open White Ewe, Tom Graves
- Champion Open and Junior Natural Colored Ram, Gabrielle Ochs
- Reserve Champion Open Natural Colored Ram and Ewe, Devlin Kennedy
- Champion Open Natural Colored Ewe, Norma Johnson
- Champion Junior Natural Colored Ewe, Devlin Kennedy
- Best Fleece White, Josh Neumann
- Best Fleece Natural Colored, Gabrielle Ochs
- Junior Showmanship, Devlin Kennedy
- Novice Showmanship, Emma

Lacko

- Best Head White, Faith Thompson
- Best Head Natural Colored, Emma Lacko

To read about the 2016 show, visit <http://adkfiber.com>

Guard Dog info sought

Kyle Brisendine, a student at the Royal Agricultural University, U.K., is gathering information for his dissertation on the Efficacy of Guard Dogs Against Coyote Predation in Sheep. He is seeking sheep producers who use guard dogs and who would be willing to provide him with information.

If you have information that applies to Kyle's research, you may contact him via email at khbrisendine@gmail.com

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Successful season for Jr Romney breeders

By Charlene Carlisle

Procrastination (and deadlines) is the mother of inventions. Actually, necessity is the mother of invention, but in my case, procrastination seems to be necessary before I can put things in order on paper. I enjoy writing, but am always busy. So when the editor gives me a deadline, that of course is when I make myself find the time to finally write about the summer shows and events.

What I thought was an already busy show season proved me wrong, yet again, as this one was busier than previous ones. Maybe the fact that I am older has something to do with it, because I am exhausted. Hopefully this recap will not leave anyone out, and I apologize ahead of time for any omissions and/or errors.

Stars and Stripes Livestock Show is the first youth show in which I am involved every year. Held the last Sunday in June in Moorestown, NJ, it is a multi-species livestock show that encourages youth of all ages to par-

ticipate. It is a low key, low stress show with prizes for all the kids. This year there were 21 kids from four states involved in the sheep show, ages from three to 20. We provide educational material to the public and it is well attended. Our judges provide positive feedback to the youth to alleviate the fear that can be associated with the show ring. For the ninth year we are tear free with smiles abounding. If you want a fun show to start your year off, bring the kids next year. All breeds (and crosses) are accepted, and youth helpers are allowed in the show ring. Sheep, cattle (beef and dairy), goats, poultry, and small animals make it the perfect one day show. Easy parking, in a nice area make it a nice family day.

The next show, just 5 days later, was in Springfield, MA, for the All American Jr Show. This show is held over 4th of July weekend every year. The location changes annually and will be in Michigan in 2016. Romney youth showed up,

eager to start the weekend and all the extra fun things that this show provides to the exhibitor and their families. There were 23 Romney youth with 75 head of sheep. The competition was stiff, and some classes were large. The yearling ewe class had 18 head and the NC Jr ewe lamb class had 14. Great, much coveted, prizes were offered by the All American Jr Show Committee. Check in was Friday and the last show was on Sunday, with much activity, food and laughter filling those days. Usually Sunday afternoon folks load up to head home. But this year, because the NEYSS was held at this same location, many families stayed over to participate in both shows. Knowing that many families would be staying, the Romney youth committee planned some activities for them. A trip to Boston was scheduled where families explored Faneuil Hall and the surrounding area, had lunch, and then went on a Duck Tour. The next day saw an educational presentation, by

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Romney Ramblings

The Romney Ramblings is the newsletter of the American Romney Breeders Association. The purpose of the Ramblings is to provide sheep industry news, highlight the efforts of ARBA, announce events and activities, provide an outlet for promotion of your sheep and wool products and recognize the accomplishments of the membership.

Advertising in the Ramblings

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Deadlines for Article Submissions & Advertising

Romney Ramblings is published in the spring, summer and fall. Deadlines for submissions of articles and advertising is the 15th of the month of publication—March 15, July 15 and November 15 (subject to change). Articles may be emailed or mailed to the editor—contact information above. Photo submissions of Romney events, awards and sales are encouraged; publication is subject to available space and quality of image.

From the Secretary's Desk

by JoAnn Mast

Another year of activity is about to come to a close, and a new level of opportunities will become available to ARBA members. Regional events will be planned for Romney breeders in districts two, four and six; the planned amnesty program will allow sheep to be entered in the registry at a reduced cost; memberships will increase as renewals are processed and new sheep owners join us; there will be increased use of services as members learn more about what ARBA membership includes.

Have you checked the website recently? There you will find the board members and directors, have access to the classified ads, see pictures of Romney sheep from all regions of the country, see show and sale reports, notice upcoming events, and submit information to share with others. Items that you would like included on the website should be sent to me for submission to the web manager. Send to secretary@americanromney.org

I have assumed the treasurer job, in addition to the tasks of the secretary. I hope this makes it easier to determine where to send information and payments for all business, other than animal registrations and transfers. Member-

ship, advertising, items for website, donations for awards, reservations for association dinners and programs, and promotional items can all be sent to the following address: 58221 Lee Valley Road, Coquille, OR 97423.

A mailing will be going out soon to provide a membership form, details regarding registration of sheep, and events planned for 2016. Please take time to complete and return membership forms and stay up-to-date on what is taking place around the country. Romney registrations remain strong and sales held in 2015 indicate interest is still active when top quality animals are made available.

The National Show and Sale was held during the Clark County Fair in Ridgefield, WA, in August. Show and sale results are posted on the website, and included in this edition of the Ramblings. A listing of show sponsors is also in the Ramblings, so recognition can be given those sponsors. Thank you to all who took time to attend, exhibit, assist with showing, purchase animals, take on leadership roles in the association and/or help with the show and sale committees.

Good luck to all as your fall lambs grow and your winter lambs are arriving.

From the Editor's Desk

by Cindy Peterson

You've heard it before—be careful what you wish for... That's what I was thinking just hours after I was offered, and accepted, my dream job of becoming a teacher (second grade) at our local school.

After nearly seven years with our local Extension Service, I was excited to embark on this new adven-

ture. But I was offered the job on Thursday, and teacher inservice started the following Monday. A week after that students arrived. You can imagine the mad scramble that ensued. I had not taught since completing my student teaching nearly two years be-

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Rambling Roads — Notes from District Directors

District 2

Greetings from Maryland! I am so excited to serve as your new District 2 Regional Director, and want to congratulate Chris Posbergh on being elected as the ARBA President. Thank you to the board for selecting me to fill his spot.

I look forward to getting more involved with events and getting to know all of the members throughout the district, as well as serving on both the advertising and youth committees. I am also a new board member for the Maryland Sheep Breeders Association, and a member of the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival Committee. If anyone is interested in becoming an MSBA member, feel free to contact me for more information. Everyone is welcome, whether a Maryland resident or not.

Sadly, I missed a great show and sale at the New York State Sheep and Wool Festival, but it looks like it was a fantastic year for our Romney breeders. Romneys stood at the top of their long-wool classes, winning many blue ribbons and rosettes. Twenty-nine Romneys were sold at solid prices, making up almost 50% of the total sale entries. Congratulations to all of the exhibitors!

For 2016, District 2 will be joining up with District 6 to host a regional show at the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival on May 7 and 8. I hope to see you all there for a great Romney show!

I would love to hear about all of the Romney activities happening around our district. Please call or email me with ideas, upcoming events, show & sale results, or just to chat about sheep.

Allison Seyfert

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District 5

The autumn sun fades into winter, painting the sheep in our pastures with a golden hue. A crisp breeze ushers in the scent of winter as trees shake off their summer clothes. The fleece grows thick; warm woolly blankets insulating the sheep from the harsh winter temperatures around the corner. Their ruminating furnaces within generate heat even on the coldest of days, a source of warmth I am often jealous of while cleaning the barn during freezing temperatures. The ewes and rams have been sparking off each other in a dance as old as time. In a few months lambs will tumble to the ground as our flocks renew themselves once again. The anticipation of adorable little lambs bouncing about the barnyard brings a smile to the eyes. The chill in the air slightly bites the skin, warmth of the summer sun blush fades beneath the surface, soon to be but a memory

as we are engulfed by the cold indifference of nature's whims.

With the summer passed the National Romney Show and Sale held at the Clark County Fairgrounds in Ridgefield, WA, in August. The show was beautifully organized and presented by Al Schwider, with his dedicated committee of helpers. The venue was spectacular and company even better. The mood was festive, supportive, and enjoyable. The sale was profitable for many and offered much comradery and laughter. Full show results can be found on the ARBA website.

With the coming winter it is important to be prepared for the never-ending mud that assaults us all in the Pacific Northwest. It is a good reminder that your county Conservation district offers farm planning, mud control in heavy use areas, pasture renovation, reseeding and other services where they will cost match up to 75% of the cost of projects to improve sustainable practices on

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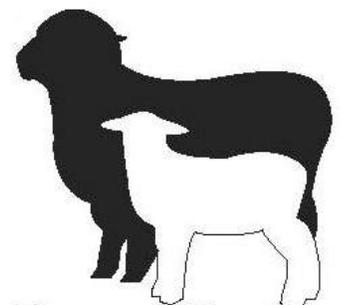
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Calendar of Events

December 2015

- 3-4: Oregon Make It With Wool Contest and Oregon Sheep Growers Association Annual Convention & Pacific NW Lamb Wool Symposium, Sunriver, OR. www.oregonmiww.com
- 4-5: Montana Wool Growers Association Annual Convention, Billings Hotel & Convention Center, Billings, MT
- 5: Purdue University Shearing School. Contact Bill Harshbarger, 812-835-3171. Contact Todd Taylor, 608-846-5858 or toddtaylor@wisc.edu
- 5: Beginning Sheep Shearing School, Arlington Agricultural Research Station, Arlington, WI.
- 12: Buckeye Shepherd's Symposium and Ohio Sheep Improvement Association annual meeting, Shisler Center, Wooster, Ohio. www.ohiosheep.org

January 2016

- 8-10: Michigan Sheep Breeders Association Shepherd's Weekend, Lansing, MI. Email: info@misheep.org www.misheep.org/events.htm
- 27-30: American Sheep Industry Association Annual Convention, Scottsdale, AZ. www.sheepusa.org Phone: 800-771-3500

February 2016

- 6: Indianhead Sheep Breeders Shepherds Clinic. Indian

head Technical College, Rice Lake, WI.

www.indianheadsheep.com

- 6: Kentucky Small Ruminant Grazing Conference, Boyd County Fairgrounds, Ashland, KY. Jackie Allen 606-666-2438, ext. 291 jackie.allen1@uky.edu www2.ca.uky.edu/rcars
- 10: Illinois Certified Livestock Manager Training Workshop, Effingham, IL. 1-800-345-6087. <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/lfmm/clmt/> Other trainings offered around the state in 2016

March 2016

- 26: High Desert Wool Growers Annual Fiber Market Day, Prineville, OR.

May 2016

- 7-8: Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival, Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD. www.sheepandwool.org Email: office@sheepandwool.org

June 2016

- 24-26: Black Sheep Gathering, Eugene, OR. www.blacksheepgathering.org

Submit events for publication in the Ramblings to:

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Rambling Roads

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your farms. The conservation district is a non-regulatory organization that offers direct assistance to the individual farmer. You can find your local conservation district online by searching "**insert your county name here** conservation district".

Additionally, if you were impacted by the drought this last spring/summer, the USDA is offering a forage cost reimbursement based on the number of head you fed, or acres that were affected by the drought, which was most of Region 5. Please call your local USDA office for details. Or search for "*USDA Livestock Forage Program*" then click on the link to view the "**2015 LFP Program Fact Sheet**"

The Agricultural Act of 2014 (2014 Farm Bill) makes the Livestock Forage Disaster Program a permanent program and provides retroactive authority to cover eligible losses back to Oct. 1, 2011. LFP

provides compensation to eligible livestock producers that have suffered grazing losses for covered livestock on land that is native, or improved pastureland with permanent vegetative cover or is planted specifically for grazing. The grazing losses must be due to a qualifying drought condition during the normal grazing period for the county. LFP also provides compensation to eligible livestock producers that have suffered grazing losses on rangeland managed by a federal agency if the eligible livestock producer is prohibited by the federal agency from grazing the normal permitted livestock on the managed rangeland due to a qualifying fire." –2015 LFP Fact Sheet (LFP)

If you have any questions or concerns about your district, or would just like to visit, please do not hesitate to call, email or stop by the farm. I look forward to hearing from you.

May you all have a safe winter, Happy Holidays and a joyful lambing season.

Carolynn Harwell

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District 6

Jane Caulfield, who has served as District 6 Director for many years, has decided to step down and concentrate on her flock of 100, her wool mill, and building a new home! Jane, we wish you well and thank you for all you did serving ARBA.

Those of you who don't know me, I'm Betsy McPherson. Two years ago I retired from my life as a nurse after 33 years in the operating room and started to raise Romneys. My husband and I are empty-nesters, living in Virginia, and are enjoying watching our flock grow. Although I am relatively new to the world of breeding Romneys, I am excited to be the new District 6 Director, and look forward to learning more about our district and its members.

After attending the National Show and Sale in August, I was struck by many things. First, it was

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**ARBA National Show
Results, August 8, 2015
Clark County Fairgrounds,
Ridgefield, WA**

White Romney Show

Yearling Ram: Kalina 1 & 2, Scwider 3, Nichols 4, Thompson 5, Wolf 6.

Fall Ram Lamb: Nichols 1 & 3, Kalina 2 & 4, Haslem 5 & 6.

Winter Ram Lamb: Schwider 1 & 3, Scholder 2 & 7, Mast 4, Troncin 5, Thompson 6, Haslem 8, 9, 10.

Spring Ram Lamb: Scholder 1 & 4, Kalina 2, Wolf 3, Thompson 5, Haslem 6 & 7.

Champion Ram: Kalina Family, Yearling Ram

Res. Champion Ram: Ann Nichols, Fall Ram Lamb

Pair Ram Lambs: Schwider 1, Kalina 2, Scholder 3, Nichols 4, Thompson 5, Haslem 6.

Yearling Ewe: Schwider 1 & 10, Mast 2 & 3, Nichols 4 & 8, Scholder 5, Kalina 6 & 15, Booren 7, Thompson 9, 11 & 13, Wolf 12, Murray 14.

Pair of Yearling Ewes: Schwider,

Mast, Scholder, Kalina, Murray, Troncin, Thompson, Wolf, Haslem
Fall Ewe Lambs: Kalina 1 & 2, Nichols 3 & 5, Booren 4, Leback 6.

Winter Ewe Lambs: Wolf 1, Mast 2, 5 & 8, Schwider 3 & 6, Scholder 4 & 11, Murray 7, Haslem 9, 10 & 13, Troncin 12.

Spring Ewe Lambs: Scholder 1 & 8, Troncin 2, Nichols 3, Wolf 4, Thompson 5 & 11, Haslem 6 & 10, Murray 7, Kalina 9.

Champion Ewe: Kalina Family, Fall Ewe Lamb

Res. Champion Ewe: Al and Lin Schwider, Yearling Ewe

Pair of Ewe Lambs: Kalina 1, Mast 2, Scholder 3, Schwider 4, Nichols 5, Haslem 6, Wolf 7, Troncin 8, Thompson 9, Murray 10.

Young Flock: Kalina, Schwider, Nichols, Mast, Scholder, Wolf, Haslem, Thompson, Murray, Troncin.

Get of Sire: Kalina, Scholder, Schwider, Nichols, Haslem

Open Flock: Kalina, Schwider, Nichols, Scholder, Mast, Thompson, Wolf, Haslem, Troncin, Murray.

Best Pair: Kalina, Nichols, Schwid-

er, Mast, Scholder, Wolf, Troncin, Thompson, Haslem, Murray, Haslem.

Best Head: Al & Lin Schwider

Best Fleece: Al & Lin Schwider

Premier Exhibitor: Kalina Family

Natural Color Romney Show

Yearling Ram: Zappelli 1, Murray 2, Schwider 3, Thompson 4 & 5, Holt 6.

Winter Ram Lamb: Scholder 1 & 4, Zappelli 2, Schwider 3 & 5, Wolf 6, Murray 7.

Spring Ram Lamb: Scholder 1, Holt 2.

Champion Ram: Kathleen Zappelli, Yearling Ram

Res. Champion Ram: John & Toni Scholder, Winter Ram Lamb

Pair of Ram Lambs: Scholder 1, Schwider 2.

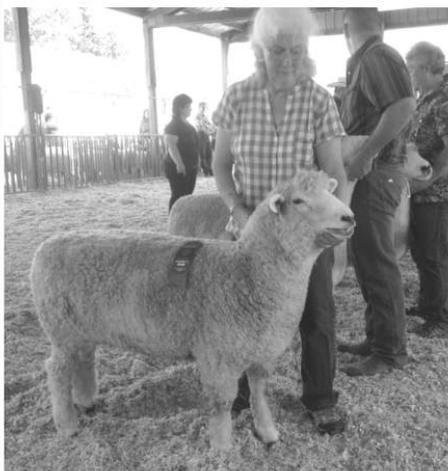
Yearling Ewes: Schwider 1 & 5, Scholder 2 & 4, Zappelli 3 & 6, Wolf 7 & 8.

Pair of Yearling Ewes: Schwider 1, Zappelli 2, Scholder 3, Wolf 4.

Fall Ewe Lamb: Nichols, 1, Haslem 2.

Winter Ewe Lamb: Schwider 1 & 5,

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2015 National Romney Show
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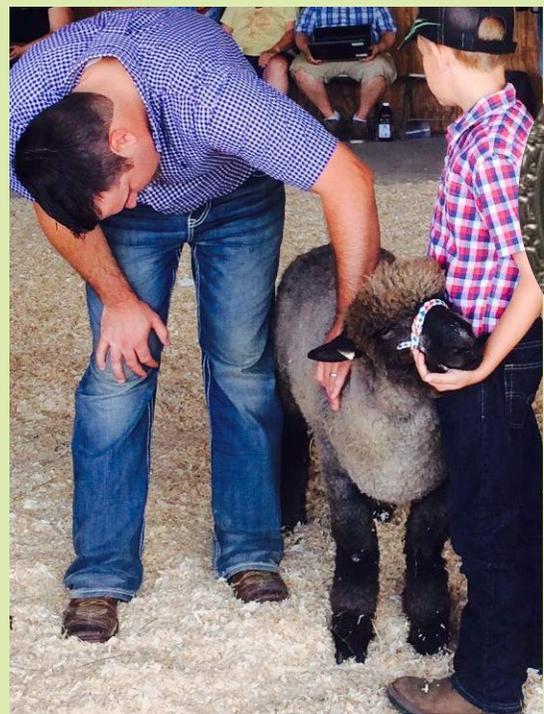
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2015 National Romney Show
Grand Champion Ewe



All American 2015





North East Youth Sheep Show 2015

Stars & Stripes 2015



Rearview Evaluations

by JoAnn Mast, Southern Oregon Romneys

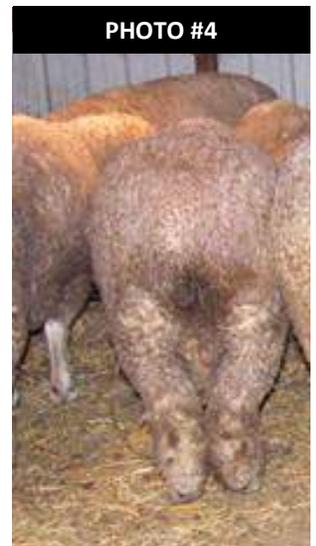
What do the rear leg sets tell you about some animals? Each photo is an example of something to check when selecting breeding stock. I will discuss each photo, giving my thoughts on what is correct and what is lacking. These pictures are taken with the sheep in the natural feed trough stance, so there may be some that are better or worse than the natural stance. Our breed standard emphasis is on good bone structure, strong pasterns and adequate width between the legs allowing for good muscle development in the twist.

The view from the rear should be similar to photo #1, indicating a strong set of well muscled legs with width between the legs, hocks well defined and not showing signs of inward turns. Cannon bones on these two sheep are similar in length, yet animal on the right may be heavier boned and have a larger overall frame. Both appear good on the pasterns, although woolled legs are harder to evaluate.

Photos #2, #3 and #4 show poorer quality width and positioning of rear legs. The sheep in photo #2 is standing on a set of cow-hocked rear legs that nearly touch at the point of the hocks. Animal in photo #3 is standing very narrow and on relatively short cannon bones. Photo #4 captures the animal standing on legs that nearly form a V, which could mean weight is off the right leg, or that there is a much more narrow stance than would be desired.

The below set of pictures shows good and weak pasterns. Photo #5 shows a strong set of pasterns that have both rear legs well balanced and showing no tendency for the pasterns to be on the ground. In the center photo, the ram in the

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foreground is standing on an average right pastern and a very weak left one. The sheep in photo #7 illustrates a very weak set of pasterns, with both rear legs having the hoof forward and the pastern close to the ground. Feet and leg patterns such as this should be watched as the animal continues to grow. It may correct itself and never be a problem, one may remain weak or both may continue to be weak and not be considered a good trait for a breeding animal. Rams, especially, need strong pasterns and well formed hocks to improve flexibility and leg strength.

Photos #8 and #9 show two groups, all displaying good width and not too many severe examples of poor rear leg development. In photo #9, the animal fourth from

the left is a bit post legged, not having quite the definition of the hock I desire.

Photo #10 (right) shows aged ewes and a ram at the end of the breeding season. They show strong pasterns, adequate width and good bone. Structural problems of the legs are quite inheritable, and a turned in hoof or straight legs

showing poor hock structure, may remain visible for years. The number of cases may reduce as your breeding program changes, but structural weaknesses are hard to eliminate in a short time span.



PHOTO #7

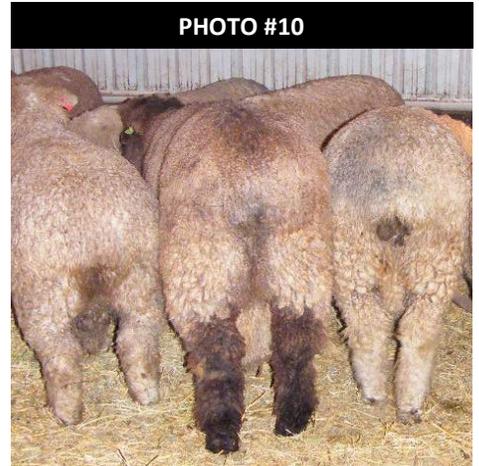


PHOTO #10



PHOTO #8



PHOTO #9

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Ed Julian, on Breeding and Selection Criteria. His knowledge was well received and all attendees, old and young alike, learned something. On Wednesday a lobster feast was held for all Romney kids and families, and their helpers. In fact, there were so many lobsters we fed all the other kids, fitters and families that were staying over during the week! After all of this fun, who doesn't want to own a Romney? Much humor and laughter was heard as kids were joking about free lobster dinner with the purchase of a Romney.

The NEYSS is always a big venue for Romney youth, and has been for many years. This year the Romney youth held strong with 18 exhibitors and 71 head of sheep. Results can be seen on the website, and I took many pictures, too

many to all be included in the Ramblings. But I did post pictures on Facebook during the event. Romneys are usually one of the largest breed shows, and this year was no different. The total number for all breeds was approximately 180 kids with not quite 1,800 head.

After my 10-day stay in MA, there was much work to get done in New Jersey before heading off to the New Jersey State Fair in August, followed by the Garden State Sheep Breeders Wool Festival in September. Romneys did well in all venues.

Next stop was back to Springfield, MA for the BigE. The Romney Show had approximately 87 head with 16 exhibitors, 11 of which were Jr members. In the Supreme Drive, Romneys were pulled out amongst all the breeds for consideration! The Romneys, as always,

were of the highest caliber and the competition was stiff. Our youth are tough competitors, and I know because I was on the south side of many of them!

Rhinebeck in New York was the next stop but I am going to leave that to someone else to report on, NAILE, in Louisville, KY, rounds out our year. It is the largest livestock show in the US/world. Next year our National Meeting and Show will be here, so make plans to attend.

National Show Sponsors
White Show:

Premier Breeder: Pendleton Woolen Mills, OR; Breeder's Flock: Kalina Family, OR; Young Flock: Windswept Acres, NJ; Champion Ram: The Pines Farm, WA; Res. Champ Ram: The Pines Farm, WA; Champion Ewe: Pitchfork Ranch, MI; Res. Champ Ewe: Pitchfork Ranch, MI; Best Head: Olympia Farm, CT; Best Fleece: Windy Oaks Farm, PA; Best Pair: The Pines Farm, WA; Get of Sire: The Pines Farm, WA; Winter Ram Lamb Premiums: Mike & Vicki Atherton; Winter Ewe Lamb Premiums: Southern Oregon Romneys.

Natural Color:

Premier Breeder: Hope Hollow Farm, CT; Breeder's Flock: Thompson Romneys, WA; Young Flock: Love Ewe Farm, VA; Champion Ram: Birch Branch Sheep, NH; Res. Champ Ram: Circle B Farm, OH; Champion Ewe: In memory of William Lester Amey, PA; Res. Champ Ewe: In memory of Henry & Althea Showalter, PA; Best Head: Smiling Sheep Farm, NH; Best Fleece: Justin Andress Shearing, PA; Best Pair: The Pines Farm, WA; Get of Sire: The Pines Farm, WA; Winter Ram Lamb Premiums: Culver Family Farm; Winter Ewe Lamb Premiums: Marty & Jan Klier.

Southern Oregon Romneys



Thank you to all our helpers and buyers in 2015. We look forward to offering breeding stock at sales and from the farm in 2016.

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a lot of fun! Second, it was great to meet so many fellow ARBA members from all over the country. And lastly, it was an excellent opportunity to learn from other shepherds who have raised Romneys for so many

years.

Something to share: this year was our second year lambing. I decided that I needed to halter train the five lambs we kept, for easier management. I knew that tying them up for extended periods of time, multiple times a week, was one

way of getting them used to a halter. But I discovered a great YouTube video, made by Landen Cox from Colorado, called "Sheep Showing Part 1". She uses the technique of "imprinting," and after using her technique myself, our five lambs were walking with me in just three

days! So check it out, and good luck.

I hope you enjoyed some of the fairs and festival that were held in our district this fall.

Have a great breeding season, everyone!

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Editor's Note

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fore—I hadn't even subbed. So I had little to no teaching materials, classroom supplies, or plans!

Two months later, I'm beginning to feel like maybe, "I can do this!" Planning and preparation have taken over most of my life, but the rewards have been well worth the sacrifices and sleepless nights. When you see the light go on in the eyes of a 7 or 8-year-old, you can't help but smile. They are so literal, and legalistic, they really keep me on my toes!

The funniest thing I've heard so far: When working on opposites I prompted, "If you're not rich you're..." One student quickly replied, "Happy!"

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OBITUARIES

Longtime Romney breeder and ARBA member **ANNA GOFF** passed away in October. Anna, and husband Ray, started with Romneys in the late 1980's, and were active in the association and with showing Romneys for a number of years.

Anna "Catherine" Goff, 87, of White Mills, passed away Oct. 27, 2015, in Louisville. She was born in Elizabethtown to Roy and Loretta Hughes Nett. Anna was a homemaker and member of Grandview Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Ray Goff of White Mills, KY, five sons, Glenn (Diana) Goff of White Mills, KY, Larry Goff of Cecilia, KY, Carl (Nedra) Goff of Hardin Springs, KY, Lloyd (Viola) Goff of Cub Run, KY, and Neil Goff of Constantine, KY; daughter, Ruth Deck of Hodgenville, KY, 17 grandchildren, 26 great-grand-children and five step-great-grandchildren.

Condolences may be expressed on-line at www.manakeefuneralhome.com or mailed to Ray Goff at PO Box 7, White Mills, KY 42788. Memorial gifts in Anna's name may be made to Grand View Baptist Church, c/o Libby Johnson (church secretary), 796 Constantine Road, Cecilia, KY 42724.

MICHELLE MARIE REILLY, 61, died suddenly from heart failure on October 9, 2015, at her home while caring for her horses. She was the loving wife of John "Jack" Maurer. They were married for seven years and together for over 20.

Born December 12, 1953, in Washington, DC, Michelle was the oldest of eight children born to John "Jack" Abernethy of Kensington, MD, and the late Patricia Houck Abernethy.

Michelle loved teaching children of all ages. At the time of her death she was a beloved and well-respected Ceramics Arts teacher at Frederick High School for over 20 years, where she was involved in many school related community service activities. Additionally, she was an assistant softball coach, active with the FFA horse judging competitions, assisted with Santa's workshop, and organized and revitalized the Empty Bowls Banquet, among other things. She was actively involved with the U.S. Pony Club and the Mounted Games Association of America (MGAA). Michelle was a coach, rider, and trainer of ponies.

Michelle was owner of Triple R Farm, where she raised Registered Romney sheep. She was a lifetime member of the Romney Sheep Breeders and an original founding member of the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival. What started as a few individuals meeting in a garage became an annual event held each May at the Howard County Fairgrounds, the largest wool festival on the East Coast. Michelle also owned Wool N Quilts, providing wool and hand spun yarn from her sheep, as well as handmade quilts.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two children, Gabriel Reilly and wife, Kristen; and Christine Mariano and husband, Jason; seven grandchildren; and seven siblings, Christine DeVlaming, John Abernethy, James Abernethy, Joseph Abernethy, Regina Early, Mary Pat Orenstein, and Michael Abernethy. She also will be remembered by Jack's children, Jill Mikash and husband, Chris; and Janet Young and husband, Donnie, and their children, Ben and Maddie.

Condolences may be sent to Jack and family at 4614 Locust Grove Road, Rohrsersville, MD 21779.

Columbia to receive U.S. genetics

Romney breeders in Columbia are looking forward to having a new line of genetics available in the future. A spring ram lamb, bred and raised, by Kalina Family Romneys, was sent to Texas in September and is being managed there for collection of semen to be sent to Columbia. The ram was part of the 2015 show string, which included the National Show Champion ram.

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All American Junior Show a great success

By Deb Hopkins, Show Chairman

The 22ndth Annual All-American Junior Show was held in July at the Eastern States Exposition Fairgrounds in West Springfield, MA. We had 276 exhibitors from 20 states exhibiting 1,257 head of the total 1,427 entered. That was an increase of almost 300 head from the last time we visited Massachusetts, and the barn was filled to the hilt!

The total numbers entered (shown) by breed are as follows: Southdowns: 222(253); Polled Dorsets: 116(120); Hampshires: 131(145); Shropshires: 116(131); Tunis: 99(112); Natural Coloreds: 61(70); Oxfords: 46(56); Cheviots: 49(61); Montadales: 17(20); Shetlands: 78(73); Border Leicesters: 60(75) Horned Dorsets: 26(32); Romneys: (79)86, Lincolns: 35(46), Cotswolds: 44(45), Dorset Advantage: 8(11), Corriedales: 22(25) and Dorpers: 48(66).

Once again, the quality was exceptional and what a great bunch of kids to work with! You can get more details and view photos at www.allamericanjuniorshow.com

The All-American Show is a show where the major focus is on the 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 held at the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame, a pizza party, skil-a-thon, judging contest, ice cream social, lamb camp, wool show, chicken barbecue and fun-houses, 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 prior to and during the show. A big thanks to all of them.

ARBA National Show Results, *continued from page 7*

Zappelli 2 & 11, Scholder 3 & 7, Wof 4 & 6, Murray 8 & 10, Troncin 9.

Spring Ewe Lamb: Schwider 1, Scholder 2 & 3.

Champion Ewe: Al & Lin Schwider, Yearling Ewe

Res. Champion Ewe: Al & Lin Schwider, Winter Ewe Lamb

Pair of Ewe Lambs: Schwider, Scholder, Wolf, Zappelli, Murray.

Young Flock: Scholder, Schwider, Wolf, Zappelli, Murray.

Get of Sire: Schwider, Scholder.

Open Flock: Zappelli, Schwider, Scholder, Wolf.

Best Pair: Schwider, Scholder, Zappelli, Wolf, Murray.

Best Head: John & Toni Scholder

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