Correy McAtee — A Friend to Many in Our Industry!

By K.T. Jones

Mission…Write a story about one of your best friends. Sounds easy, hmm… that is until you try to write it. Three hours later I sit here armed with a vision for the story, a plethora of great quotes, and a backspace button that is nearly worn out.

Why, one might ask, are you having such a difficult time? Was it the unprintable story about the time I nearly had to defend her honor in a Louisville redneck bar when she ask the bartender who offered her a Coors Light if she served “real beer”? Or, is it the countless road trip hours we have spent debating various aspects of the sheep industry, brainstorming promotional events and reflecting upon our own flocks? Or just maybe, it is the fact we can team teach a class and fill in each other’s thoughts without ever missing a beat.

Quite possibly it is all of the above and a great deal more. The question becomes, “How does one package the essence of an amazing lady who just happens to be a great friend into two thousand words without sounding biased, too personal or worse yet, mushy?”

As I step back and ponder this situation I quickly realize the key things that make her one of my favorite sheep peeps truly makes her a wonderful peer to many others in our industry. She is one of the rare souls that is truly versed enough in sheep ease to be able to talk “sheep” comfortably to almost any crowd and greatly relishes the thought of promoting the entire industry.

Well read and with a diverse background in our industry, Central Oregon shepherd Correy McAtee is a rare gem in the rock pile of life. Generous almost to a fault, she is the first one many call day or night to consult about a difficult delivery, discuss their sheep’s health woes, share in the spotlight or simply ask to help out around their place. Fellow Border Leicester breeder Coleen Smith perhaps summed McAtee up best when she noted, “I just think of Correy as a walking sheep dictionary, she’s been there, done that and seen it all. She is willing to share her knowledge and past experience to help someone out. She always has a smile on when you see her and you feel like it was just yesterday you were hanging out even if a year has passed.”

What molded McAtee into such a valuable resource for so many in our industry? With a passion for the industry combined with a love of working with animals, Correy’s path, challenging at times, has been built on a fundamental belief of an ever expanding knowledge base, a lot of hard work and a few trips through the school of hard knocks. Always landing right side up, this amazing single mom and oftentimes lone shepherdess has managed to win the hearts of many through her generous, easy-going demeanor and ability to break bread and converse with almost anyone remotely sheep related.

Growing up in the foothills of the Cascade Mountain Range in Oregon, McAtee’s first experience with sheep came in 1980 when her parents decided to diversify the family’s hard-earned sheep.” (Continued on page 16)
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Congratulations to Gilbert & Marilyn Fogle of Fogle Farm in Raymond, Ohio on their Champion Coarse Wool Fleece at the 2012 Ohio State Fair Wool Show.
**President’s Message**

I’m sitting here on this fall day with my grand-kids – they are 2 & 3. They so like coming out to farm and going out to the barn to see the sheep. I hope that I can teach them right from wrong when it comes to showing – winning and/or losing in the show ring. Also to keep them from doing anything else that goes on in the sheep world, like keeping the right ear tags in the sheep that you may have bought from other people. Why not give the breeder the sheep were bought from the credit?

Also a couple weeks ago we had over 800 teens – this included the sponsors and the 7 churches that hosted the event. This was the 9th year we have had this. What a God inspiring day to watch this many teens have a day that they accept God.

I hope many of you have entered NAILE – we show on Wednesday, November 14th.

Here is wishing Stacy good luck on her new job and we will miss her very much.

– Barb Hintzsche

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**Junior News**

The ABLA would like to congratulate Junior ABLA member Blake Sullivan on his recent success at the 2012 Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival.

Blake earned 1st place in the Poster Contest, 1st place in “Make It With Wool”, 1st place in the Judging Contest, and competed in the “Skill A Thon”. Blake also won 1st place in the “Sweepstakes” competition.

Blake had Champion Junior Fleece with a white lamb’s fleece and 3rd place with a white fleece from one of his mature ewes. All fleeces were from Blake’s registered Border Leicester ewes.

Blake is the son of Jackie and Terry Sullivan from rural Macomb, IL. Blake attends St. Paul School in Macomb and is active in Sports and 4-H activities. Blake purchased his first Border Leicester’s in 2010 and has exhibited his sheep at 4-H competitions and at the National Junior Show in Louisville.

The Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival located in Jefferson WI. has become one of the premier Wool and Fiber Festivals in the country. In addition to many wool and fiber vendors and displays, the Festival has many sheep and wool related educational seminars, demonstrations. A very competitive Border Leicester show is featured along with other competitive wool and meat sheep breeds. We congratulate Blake on his many successes at the Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival and thank him for choosing Border Leicesters!

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**Don’t Forget The Futurity Program!**

**Calling all Border Leicester Breeders!**

Nominate your ewe lambs or yearling ewes if you sell to a youth buyer.

**Border Leicester Youth**

You can nominate your ewe lamb or yearling ewe. The ewe can be home grown or purchased.

**Reminder to Youth Who Purchased Futurity Nominated Ewes**

Turn in your point record form signed by the show secretary.

All funds paid in nominations go into the purse that is divided amongst the participating youth. Information and forms can be found on the ABLA website.

*If you have any questions, contact Polly Hopkins, (401) 949-4619, khop4811@aol.com*

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**OCTOBER**

- Oct. 19-20 New York Bred Ewe Sale, Rhinebeck, NY, 309/785-5058
- Oct. 26-28 Southeastern Fiber Festival (Includes Border Leicester Show), WNC Ag. Center, Fletcher, NC, www.saffsite.org

**NOVEMBER**

- Nov. 13-15 NIAA Antibiotics Symposium, Columbus, OH, www.animalagriculture.org
- Nov. 17-20 Sheep Shearing School & Certified Wool Classing School, Hettinger, ND, 701/567-4323

**DECEMBER**

- Dec. 1-2 Christmas Weekend at Mt. Bruce Station, Romeo, MI, www.sheepstuff.com

**APRIL**

Hello to all from beautiful Michigan! The sheepers and farmers here have “weathered” a very hot, dry summer – some better than others. Hay is scarce and pricey (more than double or triple a year ago) and many have reduced their flocks and herds, but as always we look in hope to a better future. We swallowed hard and paid what we had to for hay to get us through the winter and some modest Fall rains have given us a little bit of grass in the pasture.

As always the Michigan Fiber Festival was a great success and Border Leicester breeders were prominent. Unfortunately, Bill and I missed it as we were in Pittsburgh attending Bill’s 50th high school reunion. Thanks go to the Millikan family (Amber, Alyse, and Jerry) for the Sunday skill-a-thon for young sheepers and their success with their Border Leicesters in the show ring – Reserve Champion Ram in the white long wool division as well as several Champion and Reserve placings in fine and medium wool divisions. Congrats also to Jerry and Deena Early who were Premier Exhibitors in the colored long wool division and also had the Reserve Champion Ewe. In future years please consider visiting this fun and worthwhile event. Bill and I took a couple of fleeces to the Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival in September and just “hung out” for the weekend; we will be doing the same thing at SAAF in Asheville, NC at the end of October. It’s a great way to get away for a few days!

Also in this issue is a letter on page 8 from the ABLA Board regarding the showing of mouths during sheep shows. Please consider providing this and a copy of our breed standard to show superintendents and judges you may interact with. Education and enthusiasm are the best way to let people know about our beautiful Border Leicester breed.

Finally, thanks to Stacy Wise for her help in producing a great newsletter; we wish her all the best in the future. And to Border Leicester breeders everywhere, have a successful breeding season.

Linda Koeppel

Greetings all from west central Illinois, a.k.a. dust bowl north. Yes, except for three inches of rain in late August, we are still caught in the grip of the worst drought in recent history! As I write this, corn harvest is winding down with yields approximately 50% of the historical average. We are still early into soybeans but they look somewhat more promising. Hay has been scarce and expensive with alfalfa bales selling between $7 and $8 per bale. Reason number 23 for raising Border Leicester sheep…low brood ewe carry cost! Although I am not a great fan of snow and all the hard work that comes with it, I hope this winter gives us an opportunity to play catch up to the lack of rain from this past spring, summer and fall!

In spite of the drought, ram fertility has been good and ewes seem to be cycling and breeding according to schedule. The summer show season has ended and Border Leicesters were well represented in the Midwest. A Border Leicester yearling ram was selected as Reserve Supreme Champion Ram Over All Breeds at the Wisconsin State Fair. It is very satisfying to see high quality Border Leicesters recognized as Champions and Supreme Champions when compared to other breeds. We had a chance to attend the Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival early in September. It was great to spend time with sheep friends and watch a large and highly competitive Border Leicester show. The quality was extremely deep in both whites and natural colored. Again, a Border Leicester yearling ewe was selected as Overall Reserve Supreme Champion Ewe!

In spite of the currently low lamb prices, I am hearing very positive reports from area breeders concerning premiums received for Border Leicester fleeces. Fifty to sixty dollars plus per skirted fleece helps offset the low lamb and high feed costs! I know my family and I don’t promote our fleeces as strongly as we should, so it is always great to hear positive results when breeders do. When many breeds seek to remove the fleece, it’s nice to have premium fleece as a breed’s proven feature and benefit!

Hopefully the strong momentum our breed gained this spring and summer will carry over to the fall sale and show season. The Bred Ewe Sales and Louisville are a great opportunity for all to get out and promote our breed and its breeders.

As I close this installment of “My Neck of the Woods” I want to take this opportunity to say farewell and “thank you” to outgoing ABLA Newsletter Editor, Stacy Wise. Stacy’s skill and professionalism will be greatly missed. If you have an interest, or know someone that may be interested in this position, please contact an ABLA Director. The ABLA Newsletter is one of our most popular and effective breed promotion resources.

Regards, Kevin Young

Two matters have arisen since our last message.

The first is lamb shearing. Our lambs are born in April and because they are kept for their wool, and not for the market, it is the length of their fleece that runs the game. Machine spinners like fibers shorter than five inches and all of our lamb fleeces were approaching that length. We will shear our mature sheep a little later, partly because we don’t want to wear out our shearer,
but also because they may be better able to deal with a chilly Autumn than the lambs are.

So we sheared them and they averaged three pounds of wool. What the yield will be we do not yet know, but from the Spring shearing - mature sheep in May - the yield was 68%. We don’t like them slick sheared, either Spring or Fall, and this weekend we are looking forward to frost. They seem to eat even more vigorously after shearing at any time of the year, and the cool temperatures these days do encourage them.

All to the good.

What was not good was getting acquainted with Haemonchus earlier this summer. We had a shady grove for the hottest times of the day, maybe four acres in a ten acre field, the kind of place that surely was used to winter cattle in times gone by. All was well until it rained, and after six weeks without rain at high temperatures, we blessed its arrival.

Wrong.

Haemonchus likes it hot and wet, and the grove was wet. It lives in the upper part of the digestive tract of sheep and it feasts on red blood cells. When the haemonchus population has multiplied in the grass, it becomes inevitable that sheep will ingest it in lethal numbers, so we had to lose a few before we found the situation was and then, after a few remedial steps, we learned about examining the sclera of our flock. The word is Famacha, and if anyone wants to learn about this examine the sclera of our flock.

And what will Autumn bring?

Best wishes from the prairie.

Jerry Wigglesworth

Greetings from New England! The leaves are turning and the beautiful fall colors of Fall should be popping up soon. We had a great show at the Big E last month, which hosted the National Regional Border Leicester Show. Congrats to all competed — both adults and youths. This year Big E offered premiums for the junior exhibitors, and we had a lot of youths participating in the Border Leicester show. A big thank you goes to the Big E Management for providing the premiums and not asking for money from the respective breed associations. This is a great fair, has great facilities for exhibitors, and those who come from outside the area always return. (Just ask Mr. and Mrs. Early for their opinions).

It is with a sad heart that I heard Stacy is leaving The Banner, and also leaving ABLA as Editor. I have enjoyed working with her on the newsletter, as well as at Sales and the Big E. Stacy, you will be missed but I wish you the best of luck on your future endeavors!!

At this time, even though it is early to start thinking about it, I would like to remind all members that election of officers is done the beginning of the year. Are you interested in joining the Board? Talk to one of us about submitting a resume. Elections are held every year in a rotating schedule. Consider running and become part of this wonderful organization that promotes a great breed of sheep.

Our family has finished the show season for this year, and are starting to prepare for the winter – getting our round bales stored up and cleaning and preparing the barn for lambing. This year we have 36 ewes lambing, which is way more than I want to handle, but I guess that is the way it goes when you have three breeds of sheep. 😊

Kevin and I are looking forward to attending some fiber festivals this fall too. Border Leicester breed displays will be set up at the New York Sheep & Wool Festival (Joanne Tuncy) as well as The Fiber Festival of New England (Stephanie Larochelle). Stop by at the booths and share your experiences with the Border Leicester breed. These ladies love to talk about and promote the breed! I have also seen the catalog for the New York Bred Ewe & Ewe Lamb Sale (@ N.Y. Festival) (check it out on The Banner website) and there are a lot of Border Leicesters entered this year. What a great time to make additions to your flock.

I am also still collecting futurity from the youth, and this contest will end after the NAILE show. So, Juniors don’t forget to send in your results soon.

That’s it for now from Rhode Island. Enjoy the fall season.

Polly Hopkins

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Interested in working with members to publish articles of interest, show results and pictures of interest?

**The newsletter editor position is open.**
See the job description on page 15.

Email or send your proposal or your letter of interest to:
Sally Barney, ABLA Secretary
62 Cartland Road
Lee, NH 03842
Email: woolmark@live.com

**Questions??**
Please contact a Board Member – we are all willing to discuss the position with all interested parties.
The annual meeting of the American Border Leicester Association was called to order by President, Greg Deakin. Greg introduced guests and dignitaries as well as the total ABLA Board of Directors. Sally Barney read the minutes of the 2011 annual meeting which were approved as read. Polly Hopkins, ABLA Treasurer, presented the year-end treasurers report for 2011 and the 2012 budget; both were approved as presented. Greg reported that in 2012 to date the ABLA has registered 344 Border Leicesters and transferred 71.

Greg introduced the newly elected ABLA Directors; Linda Koeppel, MI; Kevin Young, IL and Tom Key, MT. It was announced that the Directors would meet directly after dinner. Greg shared that the Board of Directors has appointed Stacy Wise to the position of newsletter editor and he asked that members forward information for the newsletter to Stacy and information for the website to web master JoAnne Tuncy.

Polly shared that there were a good number of Futurity nominated yearling ewes and ewe lambs in the National Sale. Greg reported that there were also a good number of Border Leicesters consigned to the sale and encouraged buyers to look them over.

Marilyn Fogle reported on the National Fleece Show held in conjunction with the Great Lakes Fiber Fest which this year added a Border Leicester division to its show and sale. In the white division the top ewe fleece was the entry of John Moran followed by the entries of Marilyn Fogle, Linda Koeppel and John Moran. The top white ram fleece was the entry of Linda Koeppel followed by entries from Linda Koeppel, Kent Knappenberger and John Moran. The Champion Natural Colored Fleece was the entry of Linda Koeppel and the Reserve Champion ribbon went to John Moran. The Supreme Fleece honors went to the Linda Koeppel, Cape House Farm, with their natural colored ewe fleece. There were twenty-three total fleeces in the contest. David Freds, ABLA member, attended the Fleece Show and reported that the judge was very specific on the need to skirt fleeces well and on the need to eliminate second cuts if possible. He reported also that the judge took care to evaluate the fleeces against the Border Leicester standard.

Sarah Jakeman, Chair of the Northeast Youth Sheep Show encouraged young Border Leicester breeders to try the northeast show. Sarah reported that in 2011 there were 248 youth in the show exhibiting 839 sheep; of that number there were 9 youth in the Border Leicester Show exhibiting 33 sheep. The 2012 date is July 19-22 in West Springfield, Massachusetts. Polly reported on the opportunity to exhibit in the Border Leicester Show at Eastern States Exposition in September. This will be a National Regional Show.

Greg reported that the Junior Border Leicester Show at NAILE was in danger of losing its place at NAILE unless it could bring out at least 5 exhibitors and a minimum of 25 sheep. He stated that the 2012 Junior Show was to be held on Sunday, November 11. Greg presented six year old Callie Taylor, State College, PA, with a plaque for having exhibited the Best Headed Border Leicester in the 2011 NAILE Open Show; in addition, Callie was presented with a Buyers Credit for use in the Border Leicester Sale on Sunday.

Greg opened the meeting for a member discussion. He announced that there were four buyers’ credits, sponsored by ABLA, in the Sunday Sale; these credits were given in memory of Anne Key, Montana Aerie Sheep Ranch, Great Falls, MT. Members were reminded that the annual meeting would be in Maryland in 2013.

There being no further business to come before the meeting the meeting was adjourned.

Following the annual meeting members made final silent auction bids where $700 was raised to support Border Leicester activities.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sally Barney – Recording Secretary

The ABLA Newsletter is published quarterly. It is a compilation of submissions from members. We value your contributions.

The submission deadline for the next issue is January 15.

Please send your news to the Newsletter Editor at newsletter@ablasheep.org
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**FOREQUARTER (5 Points)**

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**BODY (15 Points)**

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**HINDQUARTERS (10 Points)**

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**CONDITION (10 Points)**

Animals should be in working condition, well-muscled, and not overly fat or thin

**GENERAL APPEARANCE (10 Points)**

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**WOOL (40 Points)**

1. Locks with purled tips ending in a curl
2. High Luster
3. Minimum of kemp hair
4. Uniform fleece and belly wool
5. No black spots in white, no white spots in black wool

The fleece weight from mature females ranges from 8 to 12 pounds with a yield of 65 to 80 percent. The staple length of the fleece ranges from five to ten inches with a numeric count of 36 to 48 which is 38.5 to 30.0 microns.

Border Leicesters are typically shown with 3-5 months of wool growth, so that the judge can accurately evaluate the fleece, one of the most important characteristics of the breed. They are relatively easy fit for exhibition. They should appear clean and neat, but never shampooed, as this would remove the natural oil from the wool. A light spritzing with luke warm water can emphasize the natural curl of the fleece, but it needs to be done well before the show so that the dampened locks have time to dry thoroughly. Stray locks may be trimmed, but Border Leicesters should not be combed, carded, or blocked, which would disturb the natural lock formation and detract from the character of the fleece.

A ram at maturity should weigh 175-300 pounds and stand about 32 inches at the shoulder. He should have a wide, level back. Ewes usually weigh 150-225 pounds.
August 25, 2012

Dear Sheep Show Superintendent:

The Board of Directors of the American Border Leicester Association (ABLA) has considered a number of show ring practices. One is the practice of show judges physically examining the mouth of each sheep in the ring. This common practice carries the potential to spread undetected communicable disease. Some exhibitors ask to show the mouths of their animals themselves and judges are invariably agreeable. Our Board feels this practice should be made the norm rather than the exception. The ABLA Board makes the following recommendations:

To Our Members: In the show ring, or if possible before, ask the judge if they have any objection to you showing the mouths of your own sheep. Practice the technique beforehand so that the judging process is not slowed.

To Show Judges: First, be agreeable to such requests; second, be patient with exhibitors who have some trouble initially; third we ask that you recommend that all exhibitors follow this practice, especially younger exhibitors.

Again to superintendents - If you are agreeable to our recommendations we ask that you provide this letter, and our breed standard, to your judges far enough in advance of the show that they have an opportunity to review them. Judges should know that Border Leicester breeders expect their sheep to be judged 40% on wool and 60% on conformation which includes six distinct elements. A copy of our breed standard is attached.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Barbara Hintzche, President

For the ABLA Board
BLACK & WHITE

BORDER LEICESTER –

CHAMPION WHITE & OVERALL RAM – Colin Siegmund, N Grosvenordale, CT (Ram Lamb)
RESERVE CHAMPION WHITE RAM – Colin Siegmund, N Grosvenordale, CT (Ram Lamb)
CHAMPION WHITE & OVERALL EWE – Colin Siegmund, N Grosvenordale, CT (Yearling Ewe)
RESERVE CHAMPION WHITE EWE – Colin Siegmund, N Grosvenordale, CT (Ewe Lamb)
CHAMPION NATURAL COLORED & RESERVE OVERALL RAM – Claudia Cousineau, Shoreham, VT (Ram Lamb)
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CHAMPION NATURAL COLORED & RESERVE OVERALL EWE – Claudia Cousineau, Shoreham, VT (Yearling Ewe)
RESERVE CHAMPION NATURAL COLORED EWE – Casey Faccio, Coventry, RI (Yearling Ewe)
SENIOR FITTING & SHOWMANSHIP – 1) Colin Siegmund, N Grosvenordale, CT, 2) Brittany Sederback, Chepachet, RI; 3) Terence Blake, Ludlow, MA
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FIRST YEAR SHOWMANSHIP – 1) Terence Blake, Ludlow, MA
WHITE RAM LAMB – 1) & 2) Colin Siegmund, N Grosvenordale, CT, 3) Samantha Patti, Green, RI; 4) Rachel Zeberl, Montague, NJ; 5) Brittany Sederback, Chepachet, RI
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WHITE YEARLING EWE – 1) & 3) Colin Siegmund, N Grosvenordale, CT; 2) Samantha Patti, Green, RI; 4) Brittany Sederback, Chepachet, RI; 5) William Cousineau, Shoreham, VT
PAIR OF WHITE YEARLING EWES – 1) Colin Siegmund, N Grosvenordale, CT; 2) Terence Blake, Ludlow, MA
WHITE SENIOR EWE LAMB – 1) Colin Siegmund, N Grosvenordale, CT; 2) Casey Faccio, Coventry, RI; 3) Brittany Sederback, Chepachet, RI; 4) Rachel Zeberl, Montague, NJ; 5) Kathleen Sederback, Chepachet, RI
WHITE PAIR OF EWE LAMBS – 1) Colin Siegmund, N Grosvenordale, CT; 2) Kathleen Sederback, Chepachet, RI; 3) Terence Blake, Ludlow, MA
WHITE EXHIBITORS FLOCK – 1) Colin Siegmund, N Grosvenordale, CT; 2) Brittany Sederback, Chepachet, RI
WHITE BEST FLEECE – 1) Colin Siegmund, N Grosvenordale, CT; 2) Samantha Patti, Green, RI; 3) Brittany Sederback, Chepachet, RI; 4) Casey Faccio, Coventry, RI; 5) William Cousineau, Shoreham, VT
COLORED YEARLING RAM – 1) Claudia Cousineau, Shoreham, VT
COLORED RAM LAMB – 1) & 2) Claudia Cousineau, Shoreham, VT
PAIR OF COLORED RAM LAMBS – 1) Claudia Cousineau, Shoreham, VT
COLORED YEARLING EWE – 1) Claudia Cousineau, Shoreham, VT; 2) Casey Faccio, Coventry, RI
COLORED EWE LAMB – 1) & 3) Claudia Cousineau, Shoreham, VT; 2) & 4) Rachel Zeberl, Montague, NJ
COLORED PAIR OF EWE LAMBS – 1) Claudia Cousineau, Shoreham, VT; 2) Rachel Zeberl, Montague, NJ
COLORED EXHIBITORS FLOCK – 1) Claudia Cousineau, Shoreham, VT; 2) Rachel Zeberl, Montague, NJ
COLORED BEST FLEECE – 1) Claudia Cousineau, Shoreham, VT; 2) Rachel Zeberl, Montague, NJ; 3) Casey Faccio, Coventry, RI

Wisconsin State Fair Results

August 2-12, 2012 • West Allis, Wisconsin

BORDER LEICESTER –
Judge: Donna Mayes, Howe, ID

YEARLING RAM – 1) Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL; 2) Auretta Wittkopf, Pewaukee, WI
RESERVE CHAMPION RAM – Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (February Ewe Lamb)
RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION RAM – Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (March Ewe Lamb)
JUNIOR CHAMPION RAM – Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (Yearling Ewe)
GRAND CHAMPION RAM – Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (Yearling Ewe)
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION RAM – Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (February Ewe Lamb)
EXHIBITORS FLOCK – 1) Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL; 2) Terry & Lora Valenta, Two Rivers, WI
JUNIOR CHAMPION EWE – Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (Yearling Ewe)
GRAND CHAMPION EWE – Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (Yearling Ewe)
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION EWE – Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (Border Leicester Yearling Ram)
PREMIER EXHIBITOR – Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL

Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival Results

September 7-9, 2012 • Jefferson, Wisconsin

BORDER LEICESTER –
Judge: George Mann, Fairfield, WI

YEARLING RAM – 1) Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL; 2) Auretta Wittkopf, Pewaukee, WI
RESERVE CHAMPION RAM – Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (February Ewe Lamb)
RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION RAM – Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (February Ewe Lamb)
JUNIOR CHAMPION RAM – Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (February Ewe Lamb)
GRAND CHAMPION RAM – Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (February Ewe Lamb)

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Eastern States Exposition Results

September 14-30, 2012
West Springfield, Massachusetts

NATIONAL REGIONAL BORDER LEICESTER SHOW –
Judge: Doris Powell, Rome, PA

WHITE YEARLING RAMS – 1) 217# Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL.

WHITE SENIOR RAM LAMBS – 1) 136# & 4# Sophie LaRochelle, Webster, NH; 2) 120# & 3) 124# Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL.

WHITE SENIOR CHAMPION RAM – 1) Sophie LaRochelle, Webster, NH (Senior Lamb); 2) Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (Yearling).

WHITE JUNIOR RAM LAMBS CLASS 1 – 1) 153# Barbara Thompson / Seldom Seen Farm, Chepachet, RI; 2) 125# & 5) Maybe Tomorrow Farm / Polly & Kevin Hopkins, Chepachet, RI; 3) 125# & 4) Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL.

WHITE JUNIOR RAM LAMBS CLASS 2 – 1) 135# Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL; 2) 127# & 5) Irene G Nebiker, Smithfield, RI; 3) 112# Colin Siegmund, North Grosvenor, CT; 4) Iris LaRochelle, Webster, NH.

WHITE PAIR OF RAM LAMBS – 1) Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL; 2) Maybe Tomorrow Farm / Polly & Kevin Hopkins, Chepachet, RI; 3) Barbara Thompson / Seldom Seen Farm, Chepachet, RI; 4) Colin Siegmund, North Grosvenor, CT; 5) Irene G Nebiker, Smithfield, RI.

WHITE JUNIOR CHAMPION RAM – 1) Barbara Thompson / Seldom Seen Farm, Chepachet, RI (Junior Lamb Class 1); 2) Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (Junior Lamb Class 2).

WHITE GRAND CHAMPION RAM – 1) Barbara Thompson / Seldom Seen Farm, Chepachet, RI (Junior Lamb Class 1); 2) Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (Junior Lamb Class 2).

WHITE BEST HEADED RAM – 1) Barbara Thompson / Seldom Seen Farm, Chepachet, RI.

WHITE YEARLING EWES CLASS 1 – 1) 184# & 2) 184# Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL; 3) 184# Barbara Thompson / Seldom Seen Farm, Chepachet, RI; 4) Colin Siegmund, North Grosvenor, CT; 5) Irene G Nebiker, Smithfield, RI; 6) Maybe Tomorrow Farm / Polly & Kevin Hopkins, Chepachet, RI.

WHITE YEARLING EWES CLASS 2 – 1) 190# Maybe Tomorrow Farm / Polly & Kevin Hopkins, Chepachet, RI; 2) 183# Colin Siegmund, North Grosvenor, CT; 3) Iris LaRochelle, Webster, NH; 4) Irene G Nebiker, Smithfield, RI; 5) Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL.

WHITE PAIR OF YEARLING EWES – 1) Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL; 2) Maybe Tomorrow Farm / Polly & Kevin Hopkins, Chepachet, RI; 3) Barbara Thompson / Seldom Seen Farm, Chepachet, RI; 4) Colin Siegmund, North Grosvenor, CT; 5) Irene G Nebiker, Smithfield, RI.

WHITE JUNIOR CHAMPION EWE – 1) Maybe Tomorrow Farm / Polly & Kevin Hopkins, Chepachet, RI (Junior Lamb Class 1); 2) Barbara Thompson / Seldom Seen Farm, Chepachet, RI (Junior Lamb Class 1).

WHITE GRAND CHAMPION EWE – 1) Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL (Yearling); 2) Maybe Tomorrow Farm / Polly & Kevin Hopkins, Chepachet, RI (Junior Lamb Class 1).

WHITE BEST HEADED EWE – 1) Maybe Tomorrow Farm / Polly & Kevin Hopkins, Chepachet, RI.

WHITE EXHIBITOR’S FLOCK – 1) Barbara Thompson / Seldom Seen Farm, Chepachet, RI; 2) Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL; 3) Maybe Tomorrow Farm / Polly & Kevin Hopkins, Chepachet, RI; 4) Irene G Nebiker, Smithfield, RI; 5) Colin Siegmund, North Grosvenor, CT.

WHITE BREEDER’S FLOCK – 1) Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL; 2) Maybe Tomorrow Farm / Polly & Kevin Hopkins, Chepachet, RI; 3) Irene G Nebiker, Smithfield, RI; 4) Sophie LaRochelle, Webster, NH.

WHITE GET OF SIRE – 1) Maybe Tomorrow Farm / Polly & Kevin Hopkins, Chepachet, RI; 2) Irene G Nebiker, Smithfield, RI; 3) Iris LaRochelle, Webster, NH; 4) Sophie LaRochelle, Webster, NH.

WHITE BEST FLEECED – 1) Colin Siegmund, North Grosvenor, CT.

WHITE PREMIER EXHIBITOR – Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL.

WHITE PREMIER BREEDER – Deakin Family Farms, Cuba, IL.

NATURAL COLORED YEARLING RAM – 1) 189# & 3) 235# Sarah Jakeman, Gloversville, NY; 2) 253# & 4) 2012 Show Results From Around The States

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Tiffany Deakin, Cuba, IL.

**NATURAL COLORED SENIOR RAM LAMBS**
- 1) 131# & 4) ZNK Border Leicesters / Jerry & Dena Early, West Liberty, OH; 2) 118# Sarah Jakeman, Gloversville, NY; 3) 119# Tiffany Deakin, Cuba, IL.

**NATURAL COLORED JUNIOR RAM LAMBS**
- 1) 124# & 3) 126# Emma Morton, Chepachet, RI; 2) 115# Sarah Jakeman, Gloversville, NY; 4) Tiffany Deakin, Cuba, IL.

**NATURAL COLORED PAIR OF RAM LAMBS**
- 1) ZNK Border Leicesters / Jerry & Dena Early, West Liberty, OH; 2) Sarah Jakeman, Gloversville, NY; 3) Emma Morton, Chepachet, RI; 4) Tiffany Deakin, Cuba, IL.

**NATURAL COLORED CHAMPION RAM**
- 1) Sarah Jakeman, Gloversville, NY; 2) Emma Morton, Chepachet, RI.

**NATURAL COLORED BEST HEADED RAM**
- 1) Sarah Jakeman, Gloversville, NY.

**NATURAL COLORED YEARLING EWE**
- 1) 186# & 3) 172# Tiffany Deakin, Cuba, IL; 2) 185# Sarah Jakeman, Gloversville, NY; 4) & 5) ZNK Border Leicesters / Jerry & Dena Early, West Liberty, OH.

**NATURAL COLORED PAIR OF YEARLING EWES**
- 1) Tiffany Deakin, Cuba, IL; 2) ZNK Border Leicesters / Jerry & Dena Early, West Liberty, OH; 3) Sarah Jakeman, Gloversville, NY; 4) Emma Morton, Chepachet, RI.

**NATURAL COLORED SENIOR EWE LAMBS**
- 1) 103# & 2) 119# ZNK Border Leicesters / Jerry & Dena Early, West Liberty, OH; 3) Tiffany Deakin, Cuba, IL.

**NATURAL COLORED JUNIOR EWE LAMBS**
- 1) 105# & 3) 93# Sarah Jakeman, Gloversville, NY; 2) & 4) Tiffany Deakin, Cuba, IL; 5) Emma Morton, Chepachet, RI.

**NATURAL COLORED PAIR OF EWE LAMBS**
- 1) Sarah Jakeman, Gloversville, NY; 2) ZNK Border Leicesters / Jerry & Dena Early, West Liberty, OH; 3) Tiffany Deakin, Cuba, IL; 4) Emma Morton, Chepachet, RI.

**NATURAL COLORED CHAMPION EWE**
- 1) Tiffany Deakin, Cuba, IL (Yearling); 2) Sarah Jakeman, Gloversville, NY (Junior Lamb).

**NATURAL COLORED BEST HEADED EWE**
- 1) Sarah Jakeman, Gloversville, NY.

**OREGON STATE FAIR RESULTS**

August 22-28, 2012 • Salem, Oregon

**BORDER LEICESTER –**

**JUDGE:** Tor Sorenson

**SENIOR RAM LAMB**
- 1) Brin McAtee, Prineville, OR; 2) Correy McAtee, Prineville, OR

**JUNIOR RAM LAMB**
- 1) & 4) Glen & Coleen Smith, Gervais, OR; 2) & 3) Dan & Susie Wilson, Canby, OR; 5) Troy & Loren Heath, Yamhill, OR

**PAIR OF RAM LAMBS**
- 1) Glen & Coleen Smith, Gervais, OR; 2) Dan & Susie Wilson, Canby, OR; 3) Brin McAtee, Prineville, OR

**CHAMPION RAM**
- Glen & Coleen Smith, Gervais, OR

**RESERVE CHAMPION RAM**
- Dan & Susie Wilson, Canby, OR

**YEARLING EWE**
- 1) & 5) Glen & Coleen Smith, Gervais, OR; 2) & 3) Dan & Susie Wilson, Canby, OR; 4) Correy McAtee, Prineville, OR

**PAIR OF YEARLING EWES**
- 1) Dan & Susie Wilson, Canby, OR; 2) Glen & Coleen Smith, Gervais, OR; 3) Correy McAtee, Prineville, OR; 4) Brin McAtee, Prineville, OR

**SENIOR EWE LAMB**
- 1) Troy & Loren Heath, Yamhill OR

**JUNIOR EWE LAMB**
- 1) & 3) Glen & Coleen Smith, Gervais, OR; 2) & 4) Dan & Susie Wilson, Canby, OR; 5) Correy McAtee, Prineville, OR

**PAIR OF EWE LAMBS**
- 1) Glen & Coleen Smith, Gervais, OR; 2) Dan & Susie Wilson, Canby, OR; 3) Correy McAtee, Prineville, OR

**CHAMPION EWE**
- Glen & Coleen Smith, Gervais, OR

**RESERVE CHAMPION EWE**
- Dan & Susie Wilson, Canby, OR

**YOUNG FLOCK**
- 1) Glen & Coleen Smith, Gervais, OR; 2) Dan & Susie Wilson, Canby, OR; 3) Correy McAtee, Prineville, OR

**GET OF SIRE**
- 1) Glen & Coleen Smith, Gervais, OR; 2) Dan & Susie Wilson, Canby, OR; 3) Correy McAtee, Prineville, OR

**FLOCK**
- 1) Glen & Coleen Smith, Gervais, OR; 2) Dan & Susie Wilson, Canby, OR; 3) Correy McAtee, Prineville, OR

**BEST PAIR**
- 1) Glen & Coleen Smith, Gervais, OR; 2) Dan & Susie Wilson, Canby, OR; 3) Brin McAtee, Prineville, OR; 4) Correy McAtee, Prineville, OR
New Jersey State Fair Results

August 3-12, 2012 • Augusta, New Jersey

BORDER LEICESTER –
Judge: Graeme Stewart
JUNIOR RAM LAMB – 1) & 2) Rachael Zeberl, Montague, NJ
PAIR OF RAM LAMBS – 1) Rachael Zeberl, Montague, NJ
CHAMPION RAM – Rachael Zeberl, Montague, NJ
RESERVE CHAMPION RAM – Rachael Zeberl, Montague, NJ
JUNIOR EWE LAMB – 1) & 2) Rachael Zeberl, Montague, NJ
PAIR OF EWE LAMBS – 1) Rachael Zeberl, Montague, NJ
CHAMPION EWE – Rachael Zeberl, Montague, NJ
RESERVE CHAMPION EWE – Rachael Zeberl, Montague, NJ

Like human civilization, the story of wool begins in Asia Minor during the Stone Age about 10,000 years ago. Primitive man living in the Mesopotamian Plain used sheep for three basic human needs: food, clothing and shelter.

Later on man learned to spin and weave. As primitive as they must have been, woolens became part of the riches of Babylon.

The warmth of wool clothing and the mobility of sheep allowed mankind to spread civilization far beyond the warm climate of Mesopotamia.

Between 3000 and 1000 BC the Persians, Greeks and Romans distributed sheep and wool throughout Europe as they continued to improve breeds. The Romans took sheep everywhere as they built their Empire in what is now Spain, North Africa, and on the British Isles. They established a wool plant in what is now Winchester, England as early as 50 AD.

The Saracens, nomadic people of the Syrian-Arabian deserts, conquered Spain in the eighth century and established a widespread wool export trade with North Africa, Greece, Egypt and Constantinople.

During the twelfth century, weaving in Florence, Genoa and Venice was stimulated by the Norman conquest of Greece. The conquerors sent about a hundred Greek weavers to Palermo as slaves, and their extraordinary work was copied at once by Italian weavers.

Back in Spain a thriving wool trade helped finance the voyages of Columbus and the Conquistadores. Guarding its wealth closely, Spain levied the death penalty on anyone exporting sheep until 1786. That year King Louis XVI imported 386 Merino ewes to cross with sheep on his estate at Rambouillet in Northern France. The resulting Rambouillet breed is highly desirable today because of its fine and long-staple wool.

Just like Spain, England froze its borders to raw wool exports. In 1377 England’s King Edward III, “the royal wool merchant,” stopped woven-goods imports and the domestic weaving of foreign wool and invited Flemish weavers fleeing the Spanish in-
vasion to settle in England where the industry thrived. By 1660 wool textile exports were two-thirds of England’s foreign commerce.

Columbus brought sheep to Cuba and Santo Domingo on his second voyage in 1493, and Cortez took their descendants along when he explored what is now Mexico and the southwestern United States. Navajo and other Southwest Indian tribes are famous yet today for their magnificent woolen rugs and colorful wall hangings.

Although pelts may have been worn in Britain as early as the late Bronze Age (3000 BC) England’s “empire of wool” peaked during the 1509-47 reign of King Henry VIII. He seized the flocks of the monasteries and redistributed them to court favorites. This caused unemployed shepherds to be sent to prison for non-payment of debts and was one of the unfair treatments which incited immigration to America.

Despite the fact that England tried to discourage a wool industry in North America, a few smuggled sheep had multiplied to about 100,000 by 1665. Massachusetts even passed a law requiring young people to spin and weave. Traditions and folklore grew with the industry. Spinning duties fell to the eldest unmarried daughter in the family, hence the term “spinster.” Spun yarn was wound on a reel (weasel) which made a popping sound when a given yardage was reached. Pop goes the weasel!

King George III of England made wool trading in the Colonies a punishable offense. Cutting off the offender’s right hand was the chosen punishment. This policy, together with other oppressive actions including the Stamp Act of 1765, which required that revenue stamps be affixed to all printed matter and official documents in the Colonies, helped incite the Revolutionary War.

Despite the King’s attempts to disrupt wool commerce, the wool industry flourished in America. Both Washington and Jefferson maintained flocks of sheep; both were inaugurated in woolen suits. New inventions like the spinning jenny, combing machines and water-powered looms, expanded the industry rapidly. Sheep moved West with civilization and beyond; at the turn of the 18th century small flocks in the hands of pioneers started the industry in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

Sheep are as versatile as the fiber they produce. All parts are used; they provide tender, delicious meat... and wool is a renewable resource. Sheep thrive in all 50 states and most nations of the world, often in rough, barren ranges, or high altitudes where other animals cannot survive because of lack of vegetation. Sheep can survive and flourish on weeds and vegetation other animals will not eat, therefore they convert to protein a group of natural resources which would otherwise be wasted.

Sheep fill our food and fiber needs today just as they have for centuries.
ABLA Newsletter Editor Job Description

The editor of the ABLA Newsletter must have the desire and commitment to produce an informational, educational and timely publication helping further enhance the popularity of the Border Leicester breed. Deadlines must be adhered to in order for the membership to share information in a timely fashion.

It will be necessary for the editor to solicit Border Leicester news and articles from the membership and explore venues to glean interesting reading for the Border Leicester membership. The editor should periodically publish articles that help new sheep breeders learn more about raising sheep, give tips on how to feed and manage the flock, and how to care for the fleeces. The editor is encouraged to solicit help from the Board.

The newsletter should also include the following regular features:
1. Names and contact information for each officer and director of ABLA
2. Name and address of the Registry Office and a list of all fees to register and transfer Border Leicester sheep.
3. Deadline and mailing date for upcoming newsletters
4. Advertising rates
5. Calendar of events
6. Board of Directors’ Meeting Report
7. President’s report and statement from the editor
8. Individual director’s reports on events or happenings in their area
9. One membership profile
10. Treasurer’s report
11. Membership form

The newsletter is to be printed in an 8 1/2” x 11” format 4 times each year with issues mailed each seasonal quarter. We encourage the newsletter editor to shop around different printing houses for the best price and quality. After mailing each newsletter, it is to be forwarded to the ABLA website for posting. The following deadlines and mailing dates have been established for each newsletter as well as a general guideline for each issue.

**WINTER ISSUE**
Deadline: January 15
Mailing Date: Postmarked no later than January 30

General information should include: articles geared toward lambing and lambs’ health; news about the Border Leicester Show held at NAILE; statement about the upcoming election for Board of Directors, asking for candidates to submit their name and biography to appear in the Spring issue; other pertinent and timely information needed by the membership to plan ahead.

**SPRING ISSUE**
Deadline: March 15
Mailing Date: Postmarked by March 31

This issue is to include biographies of candidates running for Board of Directors; a call to attend the Annual Meeting to be held in conjunction with the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival; the agenda for the Annual Meeting; the Budget; news and publicity about the National Border Leicester Sale and Wool; and to include the publication of the Membership Directory. Editor is not responsible for writing up the directory.

**SUMMER ISSUE**
Deadline: June 15
Mailing Date: Postmarked by June 30

This issue will carry the minutes of the Annual Meeting and results of the election of the new Board of Directors; Border Leicester Show results from the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival; and a sale report and show results from the National Border Leicester Sale and Wool Show at the Great Lakes Show and Sale. Articles should be geared toward summer management of the flock; a call to attend the National Border Leicester Show at The Big E in West Springfield, Massachusetts; and offer a call to attend the National Show to be held at NAILE in Louisville, Kentucky. Each issue following the Spring issue (which published the entire membership) will include the name, address and contact information for each new ABLA member and any who have changed contact information since the last newsletter.

**FALL ISSUE**
Deadline: October 5
Mailing Date: Postmarked by October 15

This issue will precede the National Show in Louisville, Kentucky. With the October 15 postmark date, it will also precede and offer distribution at the New York Bred Ewe Sale in Rhinebeck, New York. This issue will cover Border Leicester State Fair Show Results from all over the United States, space permitting; reports on summer festivals that included Border Leicester participation; management tips for care of the stud ram and fall breeding practices; and the president’s call to finish the year’s registration and transfer transactions. This issue should also include the name, address and contact information for each new ABLA member and any who have changed contact information since the last newsletter.

**ADVERTISING**
Breeder and commercial product advertising helps defray the cost of the newsletter and will be solicited by the editor. The editor will be responsible for the billing and collection of advertising fees. Such fees shall then be sent to the treasurer.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR COMPENSATION**
The newsletter editor will be paid $300 plus expenses for each issue published. Expenses will include phone calls to solicit and write articles; printing and postage to mail the newsletter; plus any other normal costs incurred.
Corey McAtee - A Friend to Many in our Industry!
(Continued on page 16)

family farm to include sheep. Starting out with three registered Montadale ewes and a handful of cull commercial ewes, the flock quickly grew to over one hundred brood ewes that grazed the forested slopes and grassy meadows of the family farm.

Moving on to Oregon State University after high school, McAtee majored in Animal Science and honed her lambing skills with a stint working in the university’s sheep barn. While there she expanded her horizons and enjoyed learning a number of new methods to manage sheep.

Unfortunately, at about the same time, her parents relocated out of state for new career opportunities, thus forcing the sale of the family farm and in turn all of the livestock including the sheep. With this change also came a huge switch in direction for Correy, who decided to take advantage of a job opportunity offered to her working for the United States Forest Service on a remote ranger station and fire lookout located in Central Oregon.

After a short absence from the industry, McAtee once again delved into raising sheep and put together a new flock of ewes made up of a few of the original McAtee Montadale genetics residing at Noble Hill Ranch on the Oregon Coast, as well as a handful of black Montadale ewes purchased from Ralph and Emily Wilkinson in the Willamette Valley.

The black ewes would lead Correy down an entirely new path to hand spinning and before long she was hooked on the craft. After a few years of working for the federal government she opted to change career paths once again and branch out into working on a number of isolated high desert ranches doing a variety of jobs ranging from haying to herding cattle.

Rearranging her direction once again in 1997, she decided to apply for a shepherd’s position in Lovingston, Virginia. Packing up her young daughter and all of her belongings, McAtee set out on a trek cross-country to put her sheep management skills to work on a much larger scale. With a love for raising sheep, Correy was at the height of her glory working with the thousand head commercial ewe flock located at the base of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Looking back on the experience, she reminisced by simply saying, “I had a great time. I got to do sheep stuff all day long!”

With a year of invaluable experience under her belt, she made her way back to Oregon and the supportive sheep family she had developed over the years. Picking up where she left off, she continued working on a number of the local hay and cattle ranches, while on the side she focused more of her energy on immersing herself in the sheep industry. Out of this new focus came a budding career as a semi-professional shearer as well as a new direction for her personal flock. With this change in focus also came a move to her present location, which also enabled her to physically expand her operation.

Phasing out the Montadales, McAtee would find her next breed after a friend gave her a CVM patterned Romeldale ewe. With an ever-increasing focus on selling high quality hand spinning fleeces, before long she found herself deeply immersed in the breed and the people involved in the association. So much so that when a new breed association splintered off from the parent association in about 2000 she soon became the presiding secretary and later moved easily into the presidency.

Corey showing her shearing skills at the Black Sheep Gathering. She always attracts a crowd and is always willing to explain the process to the audience.
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3rd Pair Yearling Ewes, 1st & 3rd Junior Ewe Lamb,
1st Pair Ewe Lambs, Res. Champion Ewe & Best Headed Ewe

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In addition to getting involved in her national breed association, she also stepped up to serve as secretary of our own local sheep organization, the High Desert Wool Growers. Once out of the Montadales and with an ever expanding specialty fleece market, McAtee decided to take on an additional breed for her daughter to use in 4-H as well as show in open class.

As one of her favorite breeds to shear, Correy found the docile, open fleeced Border Leicesters a perfect addition to her flock. Starting with a few crossbred ewes, she gradually upgraded, adding in genetics from SuDan Farm, Mist O’Morn and Deakin Family Farms. Together these genetics would create the base of the family’s Border Leicester flock.

Over the next few years, McAtee would see a great deal of success in the show ring at a number of larger fiber shows around the Northwest as well as being one of the first to integrate the more fiber based sheep into the Oregon State Fair. With an always forward thinking mind, she has worked hard to read up on the latest trends in the industry as well as integrate some major changes into her breed, including developing the genetic upgrade program in the American Romeldale CVM Association to help expand the gene pool available to breeders. McAtee is also a huge advocate for breeding a “complete” sheep that can perform well not only in the lambing shed, but also in producing a highly desirable carcass as well as fleece.

Progressive in a number of ways, McAtee rarely turns down an opportunity to learn from others as well as attending a number of educational events. From travelling to the 2008 Howard Wyman Leadership School in California to regular forays to attend shearing school in Washington as well as field trips cross country to her favorite show venues, she is always willing to learn more about our grand industry.

In recent years, McAtee has spent a great deal of her time travelling throughout the Northwest as well as Western Montana and Northern California as a small flock shearer. Praised for her careful manner and attention to detail, she is beloved by many who use her services on a regular basis. In addition, she can often be found giving shearing demonstrations or teaching classes at a number of local, state and regional venues.

One such event that garnered McAtee strong praises from organizers was the Lamboree held for several years in Goldendale, Washington. Prized as a teacher for her ability to cover diverse topics and fill in where needed, event founder Paulette Lefever...
Holbrook noted, “I loved having Correy teach. It didn’t matter what I threw at her she could always do it.” Holbrook also explained, “She is a wonderful ambassador for our industry. I appreciate that she is always willing to share her wealth of knowledge with others!”

Where as many people like to bask in the lime light and need accolades for their efforts, McAtee generally quietly fills in the many gaps needing to be filled. One such example is our local lamb pool. After years of hauling sheep and goats for a number of breeders over the Cascade Mountain Range to the lamb buyers in the Willamette Valley, on a whim she used Craig’s List to put together a very successful lamb and goat pool, thus convincing the buyer to make the three hundred mile round trip to pick up a large load of animals. The pool recently finished its fourth year and is going strong.

Another area McAtee has stepped up to the challenge is using Facebook to market her fleeces. With a banner year in the history books, she has been able to capitalize on this new technology to improve her bottom line.

With such a diverse resume, a great mind, and a willingness to help others, it is easy to see why Correy McAtee touches the hearts of many in our sheep industry. 2012 Oregon State Fair sheep superintendent Jodi Rametes is quick to agree with many others and chimed in to say, “She is a great friend and a tremendous mentor to many. I always appreciate that she has a wealth of knowledge and is always willing to share it.”

With a trophy case lined with awards, McAtee has always excelled at wearing a number of hats in both her personal and professional life, from that of sheep shearer, hand spinner, marketer to small farm management consultant, relief milker, and shepherd. She is proud of all that she does, however the two titles that probably make her proudest of all is that of mom to an amazing daughter that is following in her footsteps and lucky for us, that of a great friend! She is truly one of those blessed souls that is a friend to many! Hats off to quite possibly one of the hardest working and most beloved people I know!

Correy McAtee can be reached by email at duster_5@msn.com, by phone at 541-390-6728 or follow her farm Custom Colored Critters on Facebook.
The 2012 Fair season is behind us and we have settled into the quiet routine of breeding time here in the NW. We are hoping for rain soon in the Willamette Valley. While we still are above average annual rainfall thanks to a wet June, our summer came late and we have had no rain to talk about since the first part of July, grass is dry and we are ready for some green. This weekend looks like we are finally in for a change – the rains will come.

Oregon Fair season as well as Oregon Flock and Fiber provides a time when Oregon Border Leicester breeders have a chance to get together, compare notes and compete. First up was Crook County Fair, at the beginning of August. Representing American Border Leicester breeders were: Custom Colored Critters, Correy McAtee and Farmer Girl’s Friends, Brin MacAtee-Rosenau – I heard their Natural Colored sheep placed very well. Next up, Clackamas County Fair and Rodeo – on our August 17th show date we had 3 breeders showing and plenty of great help getting everyone into the ring. SuDan Farms, Blessed Creations and Mist O Morn Farm all were in attendance and there to educate the public on our wonderful breed. Next, the big event, Oregon State Fair – this year we finally had our own class and no longer competed in “All Other Wool” and a great time was had by all. Blessed Creations, Custom Colored Critters, SuDan Farms, Distracted Acres and Farmer Girl’s Friends were breeders in competition. Also, the Natural Colored Border Leicester did extremely well in the Natural Colored Sheep class competing against fine wool sheep; we went head-to-head and came out with awesome placings.

We closed out the season with being the “Celebrated Breed” at Oregon Flock and Fiber Festival this year. Mist O Morn Farm, Distracted Acres, Blessed Creations, Custom Colored Critters, SuDan Farms, and Farmer Girl’s Friends all came to this venue, showed, had displays and sold our fleeces and wool products. It was very nice to see so many Border Leicester sheep in one place and to be able to join together and educate the public on our breed. A special thank you to Di Waibel who provided many beautiful items made from Border Leicester wool to be on display, as well as wool/roving for spinners and knitters to actually have the hands on experience of just how fabulous a Border Leicester fleece is to handle.

I had a wonderful, dream come true fair season and I could give you statistics of who won what, but when I reflect back upon our fair season, time spent with fellow breeders, I just think about the wonderful time spent with my friends, other people who have a passion for the breed I love, and that is what really seems important in the end. The ribbons are in boxes but daily the memories make me smile. Here’s to the change of seasons, holidays and bouncing lambs arriving in no time at all!

Coleen Smith, Blessed Creations, Gervais, Oregon
Music - Sheep - Wool

New York Border Leicester breeder and ABLA member Kent Knappenberger is also a high school music teacher in the Westfield, NY school system. At his school he directs a special musical ensemble that plays celtic/american folk music on traditional instruments. This group was recently honored by being chosen to perform a featured concert at the New York All-State music conference. To prepare for this event, Kent approached his neighbor Doug Belmondo, a professional photographer, who likes to make creative portraits about taking a photo of the group. Doug suggested having the ensemble pose in the sheep pasture with their instruments, AND part of the flock. The kids reacted enthusiastically to the idea and the photo was used in their program at the all-state conference. It should also be noted that many of the sweaters in the photo were made of handspun Border-Leicester wool, spun and knitted by Kent. There are four natural colored sheep (two are laying down). Sugar Bear the faithful guard llama, and Kent with the celtic harp, if you can find them!

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