

2012 News Letter

Well here we go in 2012 and wondering where 2011 has Gone. We have had a good winter here in Illinois. We hope it has been where you live and what I hear from many of you out there, the weather has cooperated. By now many of you have those good lambs on the ground and are thinking about the 2012 Sales. We hope that some will be going to the Eaton, Ohio Sale May 10th - 12th and will sell on Friday. And don't forget The National Show and Sale Friday June 22nd & Sale Saturday 23rd 2012. We hope these sales will be Great sales and the Juniors can buy their Futurity lambs they need to help with their show flocks. Please come and bring those GREAT sheep you have in the past, & enjoy the good fellowship.

I guess many of you have seen the Banner Magazine by now and you have seen how great of a show it was. The Juniors had a wonderful show and I want to thank everyone for all the help (this means dads, mom's, brothers, sisters, & Grandma, Grandpas) . It takes the whole family to compete. The Juniors also had a youth show this year, which turned out nicely. Audry Angus, Kelly Wright, Brenda Lobdell and Peggy Dey were in charge so if you see these people, it would be nice to thank them.

I Also want to thank the Seniors for there part, In putting on a GREAT show as well. I can say every year they just get better and better and it is not just the Oxford people telling me this, but it is people of other breeds. When these people take notice it really means something for the Oxford Breed. So all I have to say is keep up the good work.

Now Juniors don't forget to look for those Great Futurity lambs at all the sales, and show them around at different events and receive some money to help pay for these lambs, This event was setup to help the Juniors . So take advantage of this program.

Now Once again we would like you Juniors to Show at the All – American – Junior - Show. It is at De Moines, Iowa, at the State Fair grounds this year. You will have a good time, meet kids from around the country, Share in different events. All we can guarantee is a great time. You can enjoy the Pizza Party for everyone. There is a photo contest (More food) and many other events. If you haven't been to the All – American try it and you will like it.

I will List your board
President – Duane Grimm - District 5
Vice President – John Apple – District 6
District 1 Open
Laura Meyers - District 3
Keith Stembo – District 7
Jay Franzen – District 2
Darrell Hall – Disstrict 4
District 1 & 6 Will be voted on

At this years annual meeting you will have a oppportunity to meet your new Secretary David Trotter, from Marysville, IN. I hope you show David the same warmth you have shown me and the field man in our past years. You have all been like family to us. NOW at the end of our meeting don't let us forget the auction. Bring some nice goods to sell and Raise some money for the all – American Junior show. I want to say everyone has been very generous in

helping out in this event.

IN Thinking Back:

In being your Secretary for almost 21 years we have seen many changes. One that stands out is the passing of many good members and friends. Just to name a few looking out over our banquet are Wayne Hinkle, Charlie Burris, Don Pullan, Maury Telleen, Wally Watts, George Reimlinger, Don Brockmann, Clarence Williamson, Bob Lay, Ron O'Brien and so many more I can't think of right now (gone but now forgotten.)

We also had some other good thing to remember one was a little boy & girl, there dad and mother bringing them to the banquet they would farm with another two little boys while the meeting was going on. Maybe they put out 2000 acers of corn during this time. Now those little kids are grown up and they have little boys & girls. This is Rex & Ann Deckert & the other little boys was Ryann Grimm & Dustin Blome. Ryann went on to be one of your past Presidents. There was 2 Little boys that went to Ottawa when the sale was there and they would farm in the isles there . Maybe corn & soybeans and had a great time. As they grew they started to help mom and dad trim and work with the sheep. Now they are both married and have children of there own One of these went on to be our President. This was Eric Obrien. His brother is Justin. We also had a girl that many boy's were stuck on at our sale, she would come with mom & dad and help them. Some Fellow in Iowa stopped all this and married her leaving the boys upset. Guess who this girl is!!! Well it was Camille Telleen. There was a little girl that was born on April fools day not to far from me. She was always interested in sheep and loved them. Well guess what she grew up also. Now in college and will soon be a vet. Yes this is Lee Ann Hall. When you see all these thing happening ,you know it is time to get a life. You know you are old, There are so many more memories, but I can't put them all down Most of all let us remember all those who have gone before us , and keep making new memories. (But thanks for all the memories.)

Minutes From 2011 Banquet Meeting

Friday Night Banquet Meeting
June 17th 2011

Duane called the meeting to order with Ed Bowman giving the blessing for the meal.

After our meal Duane welcomed everyone to our 53 Banquet.

Duane introduced our National Queen and any State Queen we had present.

Duane and John handed out the trophies.

Tony talked about the Hall of Fame award. It was given to the Merrill Neary Family. They were not present so Shelly & Wayne were going to present it at the Iowa State Fair.

The Futurity awards were handed out.

Audrey talked about the Oxford youth Show.

Shelly talked about the foundation flock.

Darrell was presented the past president award.

Duane thanked Kenny Townsend for his award and Rod Crome for Judging at the last minute.

Duane read the minutes with Tony making the motion to except them. Myrna Sandburg seconded. Motion carried.

The treasures report was given with Bill Edwards making a motion to except. Wayne O'Brien seconding.

The Louisville Show will be Nov. 17th 2011

The National Show will be June 22 & 23, 2012

The Ohio Show will be May 10 – 12, 2012

The Eastern Show will be a futurity show with Keith Stembo being in charge of this show.

The Sale floor will be \$300.00 for everything

Duane read Marys letter of resignation and talked about filling her position. Duane ask about any other new business, being none we went on to fill the directors spots. Tony term was up he nominated Laura Meyer. Bill Edwards seconded. Shelly's first term and she is not running for a 2nd term so she nominated Jay Franzen. Bill Edwards seconded. Duane's 1st term was up and Harry made the motion for Duane to serve his 2nd term. Bill Edwards seconded

Shelly thanked everyone for working with her.

Duane thanked John Apple for all the work that he has done for the association.

Nominations for Judges was opened. Laura Meyer nominated Kent Spildy with Ron Brockmann Seconding.

Wayne O'Brien nominated Merrill Neary with Camielle Telleem seconding
Tony Weber closing the nominations and Bill Edwards seconding.

Kent Spildy won the nomination to Judge 2012 National Show.

Ric Isaacson made the motion to adjourn with Bill Edwards seconding.

Meeting adjourned

Hope to see everyone at one sale and
have A Great Time Coming Out.
Take Care And Good Bless

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Don't forget to pay your 2012 Dues

Make your checks payable to AOSA

Are your Registrations Current

This is a great time to check lambing records and make sure you haven't missed any of those lambs

Support The All - American Junior Show

The 2012 All-American Junior show will be held in De Moines IA July 6th - 8th 2012

You can support the All – American by purchasing raffle tickets!

Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00 - Drawing Held Iowa State Fair grounds (Attendance not Required)

5 Tickets are enclosed for your opportunity to purchase

If you choose to purchase the tickets, please fill out the stub and return in a envelope and it will be placed in the drawing

Grand Prize is a \$1000.00 Cash Prize

2nd Prize is a Shear Delight Hydraulic trimming stand

3rd Prize is a Outdoor Pop-UP Canopy

(Please make Raffle ticket checks payable to the AAJS)

Make Sure To Attend These Oxford Events

The Ohio Showcase at Eaton Ohio May 10-12 - 2012

The National Oxford Show and Sale at Springfield Illinois June 22-23 - 2012