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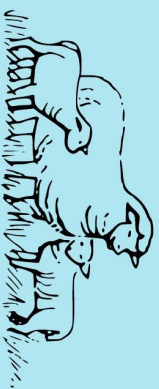
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Raina Blackman
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Welcome!

The Montana Columbia Sheep Breeders Association would like to invite you to attend the annual sheep show and sale! Both will be held at our *new* location, **Lewistown Livestock Auction**, in Lewistown, MT, on August 24th, 2024.

New this year is the *Ram Test Class*. This class is open to any registered Columbia yearling ram who completed the 2023-24 ram tests in North Dakota or Wyoming. The class placing will be determined by the ram test results and the show ring placing by the judge. The top 2 rams from the test class will compete with the other registered ram classes for the Champion and Reserve Champion Ram.

As usual to our longtime schedule of events...

On Friday, August 23, sheep will arrive and be inspected by the vet. Fleeces will be checked in for the Wool Show the following morning. Members will meet in the evening as we hear reports from our current Starter Flock recipients. We are pleased to say four Starter Flock recipients have consignments at the sale this year!

On Saturday, August 24, breeders will be preparing for the show while the Wool Show commences. After the Wool Show, the Junior Show is at 9 a.m. followed by the Open Show at 10 a.m. All sheep in the Open Show will be open for inspection following class placings. Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. and is served by members of the Creative Critters 4-H Club. Be sure to pick up your bidding number after lunch. The sale will begin at 1 p.m., starting with the rams followed by the ewes.

We hope you will come to support our junior members as they look to grow their flocks and experience, say hello to old friends, and see what our annual show and sale have to offer this year.

Sincerely,

Raina Blackman
Secretary



MONTANA COLUMBIA SHEEP SALE RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All sheep will be given a Health Inspection by a qualified veterinarian. Any sheep not passing the inspection will be removed from the sale. The veterinarian may sift immature or unsound entries. The veterinarian's decision on health matters is final. **NOTE:** All sheep must have been dipped, sprayed, or treated with an approved preparation at least 10 but no more than 70 days prior to the sale.
2. All unregistered ewe lambs will be combined and offered for sale as one group, buyers' choice of 4 head increments or the entire group.
3. **GUARANTEES:** All rams selling for \$300.00 or more are guaranteed to be breeders. If a ram proves to be a non-breeder, the seller will refund the purchase or make a comparable replacement.
4. **SALE ORDER:** Registered rams and registered ewes that are judged will be sold in the order in which they are placed by the Judge(s). The sale order for the other sheep in the sale will be determined by drawing numbers.
5. Terms of the sale are cash. **All animals must be paid for before leaving the grounds.** Checks for any sheep bought at "private treaty," either before or after the regular sale, must be made to the sale committee and become a portion of the sale receipts.
6. All bidding will be based on a price per head. Sellers have the right to bid once on each lot offered, but such bids, must be given to the auctioneer as the lot enters the ring. By bidding is not permitted.
7. If, for any reason, a consignor withdraws on or more lot of his or her sheep during the sale, those sheep so withdrawn must go back to their pen and cannot be run through the ring at a later time.
8. Misunderstandings or disputes as to bids will be settled by the Auctioneer or bid caller.
9. All sheep consigned are held at the consignor's risk until sold. Ownership changes when the sheep are sold in the ring. Sheep are held at purchaser's risk after the sale.
10. The Columbia Sheep Breeders Association of Montana disclaims liability for any injury or damage to person or property resulting from any cause while on the sale grounds.
11. No dogs are allowed in or around the sale barns.
12. **Commercial ewes must be whiteface and have a purebred Columbia as one parent. They may be either yearlings or ewe lambs.**

Blackman Columbias 2987 Craig Frontage Road Wolf Creek 235-4227

LOT 1 – Registered Ewe Lamb

Flock Tag: 24007

Birthdate: 4-5-2024/Twin

Inspected

Sire: Bell B-180 QR (Twin)

Grandsire: Bell Gene-101

Granddam: Bell G-139

Dam: Blackman 18034 (Twin)

Grandsire: Hitch 16047

Granddam: Langhus 209C



This lamb was weaned 7/21 off grass and weighed 93 lbs. with a weaning ratio of 110. Sire B-180 (shown above) was the High Gaining Ram at the 2020-21 Wyoming Ram Test where he had a 365-day grease fleece weight of 24.9 lbs., 365-day staple length of 5.15 inches, and microned a 21.24. Dam 18034 is 6 years old and in great body condition.

LOT 2 – Registered Ewe Lamb

Flock Tag: 24077

Birthdate: 5-5-2024/Single

Inspected

Sire: RJ Blackman 21707 QR (Twin)

Grandsire: Blackman 16210 (Triplet)

Granddam: Blackman 16059 (Twin)

Dam: Blackman 221251

Grandsire: Bell B-180 QR (Twin)

Granddam: Blackman 18089

This ewe is a stylish, growthy May lamb with a weaning ratio of 121 and a WDA of 1.08 off grass. Sire 21707 was the High Gaining Ram with an ADG of 0.99 and a 365-day staple length of 4.66 inches at the 2021-22 NDSU Ram Test. Dam 221251 is 2 years old, lambed as an ewe lamb and she is a full brother to our Certified Ram who had a 365-day grease fleece weight of 27.9 lbs. on test. Grandsire B-180 information is the same as Lot 1.

LOT 3 – Commercial Yearling Ewe – Pair

Flock Tags: 216 & 546

These ewes are ½ Targhee x ½ Columbia and microned 18.7 and 17.2, respectively. Their moms have consistently twinned since we've owned them and we would be keeping these ewes if we weren't reducing flock numbers due to dry pasture conditions.

Jean Blackman 2987 Craig Frontage Road Wolf Creek 799-4727

LOT 5 – Registered Yearling Ewe

Flock Tag: 23461

Birthdate: 4-6-2023/Single

Inspected

Sire: RJ Blackman 21707 QR (Twin)

Grandsire: Blackman 16210 (Triplet)

Granddam: Blackman 16059 (Twin)

Dam: RJ Blackman 20501 (Twin)

Grandsire: Blackman 1185 QR

Granddam: Blackman 1484 (Triplet)



As a lamb, she had a WDA of 0.91. As a yearling, she microned a 21.9. Sire (shown above) information is the same as Lot 2. Granddam 16059 is 8 years old and her ewe lambs have a strong tendency to lambs as ewe lambs when exposed. Grandsire 1185 was the 2nd High Gaining Ram at the 2014-15 MSU Ram Test, sired the 2018 CSBA National Champion Fleece, and is 10 years old. Granddam 1484 has a lifetime 200% lamb crop.

LOT 6 – Registered Yearling Ewe

Flock Tag: 23481

Birthdate: 4-10-2023/Twin Inspected

Sire: Bell B-180 QR (Twin) Grandsire: Bell Gene-101 Granddam: Bell G-139

Dam: RJ Blackman 20496 Grandsire: Blackman 1185 QR Granddam: Blackman 774 (Triplet)

This ewe microned a 22.4. Sire information is the same as Lot 1. Grandsire 1185 information is the same as Lot 5. Granddam 774 is 10 years old, lambed as a ewe lamb, only ever had two singles, and I have 3 generations of her daughters in my flock.

LOT 7 – Registered Yearling Ewe

Flock Tag: 23162 or 23163

Birthdate: 4-24-2023/Twin Inspected

Sire: Bell B-180 QR (Twin) Grandsire: Bell Gene-101 Granddam: Bell G-139

Dam: Blackman 18024 (Quadruplet) Grandsire: Hitch 16047 Granddam: HRH 3A

I haven't decided which sister I am bringing to the show, one microned a 20.4, the other a 20.2 in February. Naturally, she will coarsen a bit with age but should still shear a Line 1 or 2 fleece. Sire information is the same as Lot 1.

LOT 8 – Commercial Yearling Ewe

Flock Tag: 23500

Birthdate: 4-15-2023/Single

This ewe is 1/8 Dorset x 7/8 Columbia and she microned a 23.5. Her maternal granddam is one of my best-producing ewes at 10 years of age and 85% of her lifetime lamb crop has been ewes.

Loni Blackman 2987 Craig Frontage Road Wolf Creek 231-0901

LOT 10 – Registered Yearling Ram Shown right

Flock Tag: 23890

Birthdate: 4-18-2023/Twin QR Inspected

Sire: Bell B-180 QR (Twin)

Grandsire: Bell Gene-101

Granddam: Bell G-139

Dam: L Blackman 21721 (Triplet)

Grandsire: L Blackman 19098 RR – “CR 004” (Twin)

Granddam: L Blackman 16034 (Twin)



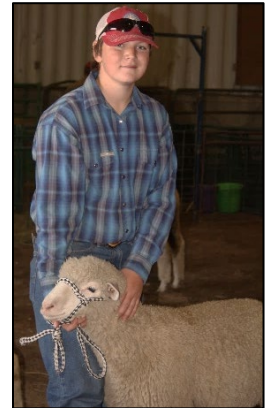
This ram was the 3rd High Gaining Ram and tied 7th Over All Breeds with an ADG of 0.99 and microned a 24.05 at the 2023-24 NDSU Ram Test. We find that on hay and grass our rams fine up about 1.5 microns after we bring them back from test. Dam 21721 has a lifetime 200% lamb crop and her full brother was the 2nd High Gaining Ram with a 365-day grease fleece weight of 18.9 lbs. and gained 0.92 lbs./day at the 2021-22 NDSU Ram Test. We currently use him in our flock. Grandsire 19098 is Montana's First Certified Columbia Ram and was the High Gaining Ram at the 2019-20 NDSU Ram Test. Granddam 16034 has a lifetime 230% lamb crop.

Ainsley Diehl 454 Flynn Lane Townsend 521-2588

Ainsley received his starter flock in 2021. Shown right is Ainsley with an ewe lamb at the 2021 MT CSBA Junior Show.

LOT 12, 13 & 14 – Registered Yearling Ewe

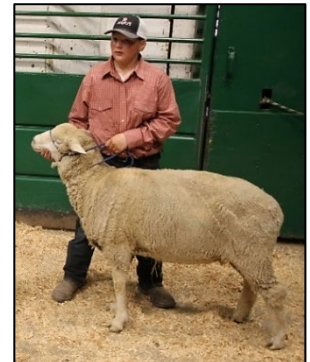
These ewes were shorn February 16th.



Burleigh Diehl 454 Flynn Lane Townsend 422-6478

Burleigh received his starter flock in 2022. This is his first consignment to the sale. Shown right is Burleigh showing a yearling ewe at the 2023 MT CSBA Junior Show.

LOT 16 – Registered Ram Lamb



Rhylee Diehl 454 Flynn Lane Townsend 226-4246

Rhylee received his starter flock in 2018. In 2020, Rhylee had an ewe fleece named Reserve Overall Champion at the CSBA National Wool Show. Shown right is Rhylee with a yearling ewe in the 2021 MT CSBA Junior show.

LOT 18– Registered Yearling Ewe

This ewe was shorn February 16th.



Gasvoda Columbias 14686 Judith Landing Rd Big Sandy 879-9598

Faith received her starter flock in 2017. She is the producer of Montana's Second Certified Columbia Ram, doing so at the 2021-22 NDSU Ram Test. Since then, she has produced a Certified Columbia Ram at the 2023-24 NDSU Ram Test. Shown right is Faith with her Grand Champion Ram from the 2023 MT CSBA Show & Sale.



LOT 20 – Registered Yearling Ram Shown Right
Birthdate: 4-18-2023/Single
Sire: Gibbs 7-1
Dam: J Leach 1043

This buck speaks for himself! He's pretty to look at and has the qualities needed to throw some really nice lambs. He's also not going to be super huge. Was microned 9/8/2023 at 25.4.



LOT 21 – Range Ram Lamb Shown Right
Birthdate: 3-29-2024/Twin
Sire: Gasvoda 201
Dam: RJ Blackman 22569

From the very start I've been impressed with this lamb. He was born a twin out of an RJ Blackman ewe at a whopping 16 pounds! His sire is the 2023 Champion Ram.



LOT 22 – Registered Ewe Lamb Shown Right
Birthdate: 3-23-2024/Twin
Sire: Gasvoda 201
Dam: J Leach 1044

This girl is super cute! If I had more room she would probably be staying in my flock with her twin sister.



Gibbs Columbias 513 Van Norman Road Jordan 557-2852

The Gibbs family has been running sheep since the late 1800s. The registered flock began 29 years ago when Jay Gibbs received a Columbia ewe. From the beginning, the Gibbs family have desired a flock with mothering ability, adequate milk and lambing percentages, quiet dispositions, survivability on range conditions, moderate frames with depth and width, correct structure with good bone and feet, lambs that grow and gain well, and dense fleeces.



LOT 24 & 25 – Registered Yearling Ram

These rams were shorn on March 15th and they will be semen tested.

Hitch Columbias Box 368 Hobson 432-5651

Doug's family has been in the Columbia sheep business since the 1940s. His sheep are *"doing what they were bred for – to work for other people."* Sheep purchased from Doug have sheared the National Champion (2003, 2015) and Reserve Champion (2020) Fleece at the CSBA National Wool Show. Sons of Hitch-bred ewes have shorn fleeces that placed first (2018) and fourth (2021) at nationals. Of his first consignment to the 2020-21 NDSU Ram Test, one ram sheared the shorn the finest, most uniform Columbia fleece.



Shown right is Doug's Grand Champion Ewe from the 2018 MT CSBA Show & Sale.

LOT 27 – Registered Yearling Ram

LOT 31 – Registered Yearling Ewe - Unfitted

LOT 28 & 29 – Yearling Range Ram

LOT 32 – Registered Ewe Lamb

LOT 30 – Registered Yearling Ewe

LOT 33 – Commercial Ewe Lambs – Pen of 4

Grace Rooney 142 HWY 213 N Cut Bank 845-2227

Grace began her Columbia flock when she bought several head from Timber Coulee Columbias in 2019. Grace aims to have Columbia sheep that can thrive on the range and can be taken to the show ring. Her ewes are motherly, deep-bodied, with length and size. Shown right is Grace with one of the yearling rams of Crossroad Columbias' consignment in 2020.



LOT 35 – Registered Ram Lamb

Flock Tag: 2403

Birthdate: 1-4-2024

Sire: Gasvoda 132

Grandsire: Gibbs 7-1

Granddam: Blackman 16185

Dam: JL 20

Grandsire: Gibbs 077

Granddam: J Leach 1051

This is a very stout and deep ram lamb! He had an ADG of 0.92 lbs. over 60 days. He is also out of one of my finest fleeced ewes, dam's micron is 22.7

LOT 36 – Registered Yearling Ewe

Flock Tag: 2011

Birthdate: 3-2-2023

Sire: Gasvoda 132

Grandsire: Gibbs 7-1

Granddam: J Leach 1051

Dam: Klick 202

Grandsire: Geneva Hills 84 RR "Shiner Bock"

Granddam: Klick 2121

This ewe is nicely put together, she had an ADG of 0.88 lbs. over 60 days. Super friendly and sweet ewe.

C.L. Thompson Box 129 Sunburst 937-2775

Clementine is one of our junior members and this is her first consignment to the sale.

LOT 38 – Registered Yearling Ewe

Shown Right

Flock tag: 20160

Birthdate: 4-4-2023/Single

Inspected

Sire: Bell B-767

Grandsire: Lawson 764

Granddam: Bell W-3642 (Twin)

Dam: Hitch 21588

Grandsire: Lawson 936 (Twin)

Granddam: Hitch 19367 (Twin)



Dam 21588 was bought at the National Sale in 2022 from Doug Hitch.

Timber Coulee Columbias Box 129 Sunburst 937-2775

LOT 40 – Registered Yearling Ram

Shown Right

Flock Tag: 1846

Birthdate: 4-4-2023/Twin QR

Inspected

Sire: Blackman 20349 RR (Twin)

Grandsire: Blackman 1185

Granddam: HRH 15 (Twin)

Dam: Timber Coulee 1940 (Twin)

Grandsire: Hanna E-7 "Spencer"

Granddam: Timber Coulee 1608 (Twin)



This Certified Ram had an ADG of 1.06, a 365-day grease fleece weight of 19 lbs., yielded a clean wool fiber percentage of 57.04 (highest of Columbias), a 365-day staple length of 5.1 inches, and microned a 24.35 at the 2023-25 NDSU Ram Test. He was the 2nd High Gaining Ram and 3rd Over All Breeds on test.

LOT 41 – Registered Yearling Ram Shown Right

Flock Tag: 1848

Birthdate: 4-14-2023/Twin QR Inspected

Sire: Blackman 20349 RR (Twin)

Grandsire: Blackman 1185

Granddam: HRH 15 (Twin)

Dam: Timber Coulee 1934 (Twin)

Grandsire: Blackman 13-919 (Triplet)

Granddam: Hitch 1701 (Twin)



This ram had an ADG of 0.81, a 365-day staple length of 4.4 inches, and a micron of 26.23 at the 2023-24 NDSU Ram Test.

LOT 42 – Registered Yearling Ewe – Unfitted Shown Right

Flock Tag: 20153

Birthdate: 4-9-2023/Single Inspected

Sire: Bell B-767

Grandsire: Lawson 761

Granddam: Bell W-3642 (Twin)

Dam: Timber Coulee 1950 (Twin)

Grandsire: Blackman 13-919 (Triplet)

Granddam: Rice 06-35 (Twin)



LOT 43 – Registered Yearling Ewe – Unfitted Shown Right

Flock Tag: 20154

Birthdate: 4-10-2023/Twin Inspected

Sire: Blackman 20349 RR (Twin)

Grandsire: Blackman 1185

Granddam: HRH 15 (Twin)

Dam: Timber Coulee 1703 (Triplet)

Grandsire: Blackman 13-919 (Triplet)

Granddam: Rice 06-35 (Twin)



LOT 44 – Registered Yearling Ewe – Unfitted Shown Right

Flock Tag: 20159

Birthdate: 4-13-2023/Twin Inspected

Sire: Bell B-767

Grandsire: Lawson 761

Granddam: Bell W-3642 (Twin)

Dam: Bredahl 17-28

Grandsire: NDSU-HREC AF 166

Granddam: Colton Bredahl 13-25 (Twin)



LOT 45 – Registered Yearling Ewe – Unfitted Shown Right

Flock Tag: 20163

Birthdate: 4-16-2023/Single

Inspected

Sire: Blackman 20349 RR (Twin)

Grandsire: Blackman 1185

Granddam: HRH 15 (Twin)

Dam: Bell Y-8732

Grandsire: Bell B-104 (Twin)

Granddam: Bell B865



LOT 46 – Commercial Yearling Ewe – Pair

Shown below

These ewes are April born and twin born.

Flock Tag: 170

Flock Tag: 156



Note: There may have been updates to this catalog after it was published. Please visit our website, www.mtcolumbiasheep.org, or on Facebook at Montana Columbia Sheep Breeder Association for an updated version of the sale catalog.

Sheep can be delivered to Great Falls, Jordan, or Sunburst, MT

Thanks for coming to the sale and we hope to see you next year!