

Bluefaced Leicester Union (BLU)

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BLU Members!

The year is winding down. Many of us have had the rams in and are looking forward to a bumper crop of 2010 BFL lambs. The good news on our junior BFL breeders keeps coming in. As the breed and this association enters into a new era of advancement, the future looks very good for the Bluefaced Leicester in North America.

• **UPCOMING ELECTION**

All information on the election is on the bflsheep.com web site under "News". If you are unable to access it there, please contact me at info@bflsheep.com or by telephone: 269-679-5497.

All candidate statements are to be in by September 25th to be published on the bflsheep.com web site. Candidacy applications may be received until October 25th, but only names will be on the ballot.

• **BLU MEMBERSHIP**

2009 – New BLU Members

BLU welcomes its newest members, adding to our growing numbers!

Kathleen Benjamin
129 E. Grand River Drive
Owosso, MI 48867

Rachel Goodpaster
299 Lawn Road
Palmyra, PA 17078

• **BLU LIBRARY - UK 2008 Flock Book**

Helen Carr, secretary of the UK Bluefaced Leicester Sheep Breeders, has generously sent a complimentary copy of their 2008 flock book to add to the collection kept by BLU's librarian, Kris Barndt. If there is any information that you would like on the UK flocks, please contact Kris directly at kris@kabstudio.com – she will do her best to help you.

• **THE REGISTRY**

The Bluefaced Leicester registry is ably maintained by the Associated Sheep Registries (ASR), Milo, Iowa. If – at any time – you have a problem or error with your registrations or transfers, please

take it directly to ASR. If they are unable to answer the phone when you call, call them back. Please do not expect them to play 'telephone tag' with you. They are open five days a week, 9 to 5 CST. Phone: 641-942-6402, fax: 641-942-6502.

Review your papers before sending, verify your math, write legibly. Errors can be made on both sides – darn human element??

- **BLU MEMBER INFORMATION**

- **Tom Bergman, Illinois**, has a new web site: <http://www.bergmanfarms.com/>
Tom is doing some innovative crossing with BFLs. Check his web site for more info.
- **Robina Koenig, Oregon**, has a new email address: bflsheep@gmail.com
Robina has been doing a fabulous job with promoting the breed on the west coast and with making all the arrangements for the BFL 2010 show at the Black Sheep Gathering.
- **Judy Colvin, Montana**, has a new email address: judithcolvin@me.com
Check out her web site www.bitterrootranch.net for what's new with her felting workshops.
- **Cheryl Reed, Michigan**, sends this news release for the Cross Village Rug Works:

Cross Village Rug Works is seeking Michigan sources for healthy, clean (grease) white and natural colored wools of the following breeds (or crosses of these breeds exhibiting their fleece characteristics): Blue Face Leicester, Cotswold, Lincoln, English Leicester Longwool, Wensleydale. Fleeces must be free of burs, mats, excessive VM, manure tags, evidence of moths, their eggs or cocoons, other vermin, belly, leg or neck wool.

Please contact:

Cheryl Reed, *President*

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- **PROMOTING BLUEFACED LEICESTERS**

Thanks to all BFL breeders who took their sheep to various shows and enforced the good impression our breed is making across the country. Our young members have been especially active and successful. They are to be congratulated.

Kudos to all the BFL breeders who attended the Wisconsin show! I understand the judge from the UK and current president of the UK Bluefaced Leicester Sheep Breeders Association, Mr. John Stott shared much information with all.

- **AND, TOO.....**

It seems summer flew by so fast! So many events – graduations, reunions, general family get-togethers coupled with a bountiful garden. We have fresh lamb in the freezer here, plenty of firewood neatly stacked – looking forward to a slower paced fall and winter.

In Leicesters, blue is finer!

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