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### Letter from the President

Greetings to IDGA members and beyond,

I imagine most of you are finished with kidding or getting toward the tail end of it. Maybe getting a little more sleep although spring and summer don't allow for much of that. Here at Virden-Creek Saanens we had an interesting spring with lots of rain and wind. A small twister lifted our yearling shed up over the barn and machine shed tearing it apart and depositing it in the garden! The yearlings were left standing in the middle of the foundation looking up at the sky wondering what had happened. Luckily no injuries or deaths and just a little damage to the barn and a bent lighting rod as it sailed up over the machine shed.

It's time for all show folks to get those clippers sharpened and buzzing. The Iowa spring show continues to grow and you can find the results of this year's show in this newsletter. We received the flyer for the Quad State Classic to be held in western Iowa again this year which will be exciting. Of course there is Nationals at Madison for anyone who is game for that. Shirts can be ordered and look lovely. I am looking forward to seeing and visiting with all of you at the upcoming shows.



*John Walker  
at the IDGA Spring Classic*

John



# The Tree Goats of Morocco

By Lori Wells



Wait, did I read that right – goats in trees? Well, yes, actually. I recently watched a show on world travel on Iowa Public Television about this very thing. It piqued my interest, so I did a bit more research and here is what I found.

Argania trees in Morocco are unattractive, but produce one of the world's most up and coming products. They are thorny and rough with crooked branches. Strangely enough, goats love

to climb these branches and feast on the fruit.

Local farmers cultivate this practice, keeping the goats away until just the right time. And for what reason? Believe it or not, it is for the POOP! Goats consume the fruit and poop out the seeds. These processed seeds become precious Argan oil. While Argan oil can be processed without goats, it is much more time consuming and costly.



Argan oil is used in the USA mainly in the cosmetic field. It has moisturizing and nourishing properties, helping to reduce wrinkles, revitalize hair and aid in healing burns. In the Middle East, it is also consumed with bread.

Processing the oil is a hands-on process for women. They extract the seeds from the goat poop and grind it on stone to extract the oil. No wonder Argan oil is so expensive, but to many of us, very much worth it. Processing the oil provides these women a source of income for their families. It also provides them a bit of independence and feeling of self worth in a strongly male dominated society.



So really, who would have guessed that goat poop could be so valuable? Most of us just have too much around. Too bad we can't grow Argania trees in Iowa...

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# Showing & Fitting Clinic

## 4-H & FFA Judge Training



*2017 IDGA Showing & Fitting Clinic; 4-H & FFA Judge Training, held at Ma's Acres*

On Saturday May 13 IDGA held a Showing & Fitting Clinic, which also included training for those interested in serving as a 4-H and FFA judge at county fairs, and a potluck lunch. The all-day clinic was hosted by Judi Nayeri of Ma's Acres dairy goats, at the family farm outside Bondurant, IA. Matthew Konen, Sima Nayeri, Mena Nayeri, and Butch Sowers led the instruction. The clinic was free and open to all.

Diverse aspects of the art of showing and fitting were covered, suitable for beginners just learning how to present

their goat in the ring, to subtleties of displaying the goat in their best light. Taryn Peffers attended the 2016 and 2017 clinics, and says, "I enjoy the showing and fitting clinic due to its friendly environment and the vast knowledge I learn. I come knowing nothing and leave with my brain full of information. Hands on learning also helps my brain process that information I learn." Matthew Konen, Sima Nayeri, and Mena Nayeri coached smaller groups on showing and then everyone came together with Butch Sowers for more showing practice and 4-H and FFA judge training. Mena Nayeri gave a tutorial on clipper maintenance and how to clip a goat, and Matthew Konen demonstrated hoof trimming.

The 4-H and FFA judge training was geared towards beginners as well as judges with an interest in improving what they can offer the youth of Iowa in county fair show rings. There is a great need for educated dairy goat judges. Every year IDGA hears about the frustrating situation of having the dairy goats judged by people who have no background or training. This leads to not only strange decisions on ranking in the show ring, but also outright surprises such as a judge in a 2016 county show stating that the Nigerian Dwarf doeling being shown was not a dairy goat. IDGA wants to ensure that the youth of our state who are excited about showing their dairy goats are supported by judges who can give them valid input, and this clinic is one of IDGA's efforts to make that more and more likely to happen.

There is always something to learn, and new dairy-goat-minded friends to be made. "The showing and fitting clinic helped me at setting my goat up at Colfax" said Lainey Peffers who won Intermediate Showmanship at the Iowa Spring Classic. Watch for future showing and fitting clinics announced on the IDGA website. Questions or comments can be directed to Judi Nayeri at [jlnayeri@gmail.com](mailto:jlnayeri@gmail.com) or 515-250-4836.

## Upcoming Events in Iowa

Quad State Classic Dairy Goat Show  
Sioux Center, IA  
July 22

Iowa State Fair Dairy Goat Show  
Des Moines, IA  
August 17-19



# The Share-A-Kid Program

The Iowa Dairy Goat Association is always on the look-out for ways to help nurture a life-long appreciation of dairy goats and dairy goat products in youth throughout the state. The Share-A-Kid program provides an opportunity for youth in the state of Iowa, ages 10 to 17, to win a registered dairy goat of their own, by way of a competitive essay application process. Doelings are donated by IDGA members. More information about the Share-A-Kid program can be obtained by visiting [www.iowadairygoat.org](http://www.iowadairygoat.org) or contacting Guinevere McIntyre at [jasperfarm@live.com](mailto:jasperfarm@live.com) or 641-325-1585.

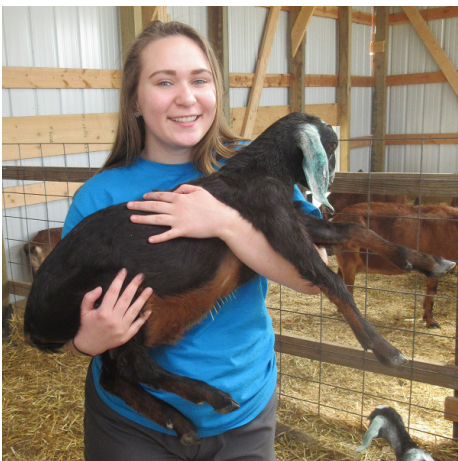
This issue we introduce the 2017 Share-A-Kid winners. In future issues you will learn more about each winner and their doeling!



Former Share-A-Kid winner Natalie Young and Susan Kasal Young of Lucky Star Farm have donated a Nigerian Dwarf doeling to Brice Jones, age 12, of Dallas County.



James & Jamie McDaniel of J&J Livestock have donated a Nubian doeling to Kenzie Britten, age 14, of Union County.



Guinevere & Eric McIntyre of Jasper Farm have donated a Nubian doeling to Tiffany Wing, age 15, of Polk County.



Judi Nayeri of Ma's Acres has donated an Alpine doeling to Christa Gronewold, age 10, of Monroe County.



Ann Alecock of Two Dogs Farms has donated a Nigerian Dwarf doeling to Alexandria Klein, age 13, of Carroll County.

## MILKING STARS

One of the problems for making sense of the abbreviations in goat pedigrees is the existence of more than one registry. There's the American Dairy Goat Association and the American Goat Society. Their symbols are sometimes the same, sometimes similar, and sometimes different. The ADGA is now the dominant player in the field, but older pedigrees will have a lot of AGS.

In cooperation with the Department of Agriculture, the ADGA and AGS have a way of helping us keep track of milk production: the Dairy Herd Improvement Register, or **DHIR**. To avoid producers putting their thumbs on the scale, disinterested parties do the measuring at least periodically. Monthly records are kept on total milk production, percent fat and percent protein, and recorded in the Advanced Registry, or **AR**. One can also do an observed one-day test, or do less stringently observed owner-sampler testing; the data from these tests is filed in a separate Star Registry, or **ST**. The \* is awarded to does whose milk production, as recorded in the **AR**, exceeds a certain high level. This level is adjusted for the age of the doe and for

the breed (nobody expects a Nigerian dwarf to produce like an Alpine!). Also, a \* can be awarded for volume of production, or for amount of butterfat produced, or for amount of protein produced – any one will get your doe the same star. So, the \* can be an indicator of a doe's performance in the **AR**.

A \* can also be awarded based on the production in an observed one-day test, or based on owner-sampler testing. So, the \* can be an indicator of a doe's performance in the **ST**.

Milk production is heritable. A \* can also be awarded to a doe that has produced star-worthy offspring – for example, a doe that may not be a heavy producer could have three daughters that are given stars in the **AR**, and she herself would be awarded a \*.

If a doe's dam earned a star, then the doe herself earned a star, then she gets a second star, or **2\*** in her pedigree. If her granddam also earned a star, then she'd have a **3\***, and so on for however many continuous generations of star-level production.

Here's where different registries make life confusing. In an ADGA

pedigree, a star is shown as “**\*M**” for “milker.” In an AGS pedigree, a star is shown as “**\*D**” for “doe.”

Although it's difficult to milk bucks, they can be awarded stars. A \* for a buck is based solely on the merits of his ancestors, rather than his own achievements. If a buckling is born to a \* dam and a sire who has already sired some \* does, he is born with a \* to his name. (Ain't that the way it is – does have to produce either milk or better kids to get a star, but the bucks are born on third base thinking they've hit a triple!)

Bucks *can* get awards for their own efforts – if a buck sires three star-worthy daughters, or has sons that sire lots of star-worthy daughters, he is awarded a +, and if he's really fruitful, two plusses.

Again, there is a difference between ADGA, where bucks are listed as **\*B** or **+B**, and AGS, where they are noted as **\*S** or **+S**.

Ultimately, pedigrees are like movies: more stars is better, but no guarantee of greatness.



IowaStateFair

## Iowa State Fair Official One Day Milking Competition

August 17 at 7 pm, August 18 at 7 am, and August 18 at 7 pm

A milking test at the Iowa State Fair that is governed by ADGA rules! Milk samples will be sent to a lab along with weights to potentially earn does their milking stars!

It runs at the same time as the fair sponsored one so it starts Thursday at 7pm and there's two more milking at 7 am and 7pm on Friday. The entry fee is \$7 and it just covers the costs to ship the samples to the lab and sanction fees.

The One Day Milking Competition is a way to validate 24 hour production. The first milk out which will be from 7-8 PM is a start time in which the does will be checked to verify they are empty. Then there are two subsequent

milking to provide weights and take samples at 12 hour increments.

All does entered must be entered at check in prior to 7 pm using their complete registered name, registration number, date of birth, date of freshening and tattoo. Tattoos will be checked and illegible and/or missing tattoos will be disqualified.

Does will be milked in a designated area which will be the show arena.

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# Iowa Spring Classic Show Results 2017

## Ring One

Sam Whiteside

### Senior Doe

#### **Alpine**

SG Van-Wyk Acres Walk About  
Pleasant-Grove Mosaic Moniker  
SG Van-Wyk Acres Walk About

#### **LaMancha**

Molly's Miracles Legal Aine  
Iron-Hill Miss Marshmallow  
Molly's Miracles Legal Aine

#### **Saanen**

Meadow Hill BRIO Pansy  
Wodtkes Windy Acres Charlotte  
Meadow Hill BRIO Pansy

#### **Nigerian Dwarf**

Fall Creek GH Sassafras  
Serfling Farms Diania  
CH Goatee Acres DI Valentina

#### **Recorded Grade**

Whisper-N-Creek Bourbon  
Breezy 4 Dottie  
Breezy 4 Dottie

#### **Nubian**

Acorn-Acres PNG  
Acorn-Acres Desire  
CH Acorn-Acres Serenity

#### **AOP**

GGG Duke Bendigo Eldorado  
Whisper-N-Creek Cayenne  
GGG Duke Bendigo Eldorado

#### **Toggenburg**

Meadow Valley LLW Declaration  
Schmidt/ECF SZZ My Turn  
SGCH Schmidt/ECF Zest Columbia

#### **Sr Best Doe in Show**

SG Van-Wyk Acres Walk About

### Junior Doe

#### **Alpine**

Ma's Acres Rose Bud  
Sunrising JC Windy

#### **LaMancha**

Just Imagine Emalee  
Krolls Hilly Acres Junie

## Ring Two

Paula Reisdorff

### Senior Doe

#### **Alpine**

SG Van-Wyk Acres Walk About  
Pleasant-Grove Mosaic Moniker  
SG Van-Wyk Acres Walk About

#### **LaMancha**

Molly's Miracles Legal Aine  
Tempo Only in the Moonlight  
Molly's Miracles Legal Aine

#### **Saanen**

Pleasant-Grove Cobra's Glow  
Meadow Hill BRIO Pansy  
Pleasant-Grove Cobra's Glow

#### **Nigerian Dwarf**

Serfling Farms Diania  
Parrish Farms War Java Bean  
Serfling Farms Diania

#### **Recorded Grade**

Slough Creek Ranch Frisky  
Breezy 4 Dottie  
Slough Creek Ranch Frisky

#### **Nubian**

Acorn-Acres Desire  
Acorn-Acres PNG  
CH Acorn-Acres Serenity

#### **AOP**

Haycreeks Dakota Calista  
GGG Duke Bendigo Eldorado  
Haycreeks Dakota Calista

#### **Toggenburg**

Meadow Valley LLW Declaration  
Schmidt/ECF MRJJ Footloose  
SGCH Schmidt/ECF Zest Columbia

#### **Sr Best Doe in Show**

SG Van-Wyk Acres Walk About

### Junior Doe

#### **Alpine**

Ma's Acres Rose Bud  
Sunrising JC Windy

#### **LaMancha**

Whisper-N-Creek Burlesque  
Just Imagine Emalee

## Ring Three

Dan Laney

### Senior Doe

#### **Alpine**

Pleasant-Grove Nutty Material  
Whisper-N-Creek Emerson  
Ma's Acres Porschia

#### **LaMancha**

Molly's Miracles Legal Aine  
Iron-Hill Miss Marshmallow  
Molly's Miracles Legal Aine

#### **Saanen**

Pleasant-Grove Cobra's Glow  
Royal Colors MWRCC Emma  
Pleasant-Grove Cobra's Glow

#### **Nigerian Dwarf**

AGTS Fall Creek Co Versailles  
Fall Creek GH Sassafras  
CH Goatee Acres DI Valentina

#### **Recorded Grade**

Breezy 4 Dottie  
Breezy 4 Fancy Pants  
Breezy 4 Dottie

#### **Nubian**

Ranschau Acres Riptide  
Cole's Kids Show Off Iggy  
CH Acorn-Acres Serenity

#### **AOP**

GGG Duke Bendigo Eldorado  
Haycreeks Dakota Calista  
GGG Duke Bendigo Eldorado

#### **Toggenburg**

Meadow Valley LLW Declaration  
Schmidt/ECF SBJ Disco  
CH Schmidt/ECF JP Lemon Blitz

#### **Sr Best Doe in Show**

CH Schmidt/ECF JP Lemon Blitz

### Junior Doe

#### **Alpine**

Ma's Acres Rose Bud  
Ma's Acres Rembrandt

#### **LaMancha**

Krolls Hilly Acres Junie  
Molly's Miracles Smooti Salina

## Ring Four

Rusty Repp

### Senior Doe

#### **Alpine**

Pleasant-Grove Mosaic Moniker  
Pleasant-Grove Nutty Material  
Pleasant-Grove Mosaic Moniker

#### **LaMancha**

Whisper-N-Creek Whiskey Girl  
Gotta Get Some Joyeux Noel  
Whisper-N-Creek Whiskey Girl

#### **Saanen**

Pleasant-Grove Winmucca Joliva  
Pleasant-Grove Cobra's Glow  
Pleasant-Grove Winmucca Joliva

#### **Nigerian Dwarf**

Serfling Farms Diania  
Fall Creek GH Sassafras  
Serfling Farms Diania

#### **Recorded Grade**

Slough Creek Ranch Frisky  
Breezy 4 Dottie  
Slough Creek Ranch Frisky

#### **Nubian**

Acorn-Acres PNG  
J&J Livestock Firecracker  
Acorn-Acres PNG

#### **AOP**

GGG Duke Bendigo Eldorado  
Haycreeks Dakota Calista  
GGG Duke Bendigo Eldorado

#### **Toggenburg**

Schmidt/ECF MRJJ Footloose  
Schmidt/ECF SZZ My Turn  
Schmidt/ECF MRJJ Footloose

#### **Sr Best Doe in Show**

Pleasant-Grove Mosaic Moniker

### Junior Doe

#### **Alpine**

Ma's Acres Rose Bud  
Ma's Acres Rembrandt

#### **LaMancha**

Krolls Hilly Acres Jo  
What Next Farm Hattie

**Ring One Continued  
Saanen**

Whisper-N-Creek Rumor  
4DF HB Jazz

**Nigerian Dwarf**

CNS Farms Sara  
Castle Rock Ice Castle

**Recorded Grade**

Breezy 4 Hizzy  
Breezy 4 Hobbit

**Nubian**

Acorn-Acres RGB  
Ranschau Acres BTP Raja

**AOP**

Meadow Valley Waikiki  
Pine Hollow Kids Mariah's Fern

**Jr Best Doe in Show**

Just Imagine Emalee

**Bucks****Alpine**

Harmony X-Rated Raven's Allan  
Noble-Springs RHR Sturgill  
Harmony X-Rated Raven's Allan

**Nubian**

Lakeshore High Esteem  
Tide Land Sunset Zeno  
Lakeshore High Esteem

**Nigerian Dwarf**

CH Parrish Farms ABA Pappy Snap  
Alebar Chipotle Wasabi  
CH Parrish Farms ABA Pappy Snap

**AOP**

South-Fork Legal Action  
Neshaminy Oaks RF Harvest  
South-Fork Legal Action

**Best Buck in Show**

Harmony X-Rated Raven's Allan

**Total Goats Judged:** 408

**Ring Two Continued  
Saanen**

Sherry's Talent Falyn  
4DF HB Jazz

**Nigerian Dwarf**

Castle Rock Ice Castle  
CNS Farms Sara

**Recorded Grade**

Pine Hollow Kids Joyous Patty  
Pine Hollow Kids Jazzy Jacky

**Nubian**

Ranschau Acres BTP Raja  
J&J Livestock Hawkeye

**AOP**

Pine Hollow Kids Mariah's Fern  
Schmidt/EXF MRJJ Juke

**Jr Best Doe in Show**

Ma's Acres Rose Bud

**Bucks****Alpine**

Harmony X-Rated Raven's Allan  
Van-Wyk Acres RN Paid in Full  
Harmony X-Rated Raven's Allan

**Nubian**

Lakeshore High Esteem  
Tide Land Playboy Zeppelin  
Lakeshore High Esteem

**Nigerian Dwarf**

CH Proctor Hill Farm IH Omega Red  
Alebar Chipotle Wasabi  
CH Proctor Hill Farm IH Omega Red

**AOP**

Neshaminy Oaks RF Harvest  
Quality Crest KDot Shrek  
Neshaminy Oaks RF Harvest

**Best Buck in Show**

CH Proctor Hill Farm IH Omega Red

**Total Goats Judged:** 406

**Ring Three Continued  
Saanen**

4DF DFF Havarti  
Sherry's Talent Falyn

**Nigerian Dwarf**

Fall Creek OP Cassia  
Eagle Acres Cherry Blossom

**Recorded Grade**

Pine Hollow Kids Joyous Patty  
Breezy 4 Hobbit

**Nubian**

J&J Livestock Jamakin Krzy  
J&J Livestock Hawkeye

**AOP**

Pine Hollow Kids Mariah's Fern  
Gotta Get Some Abu

**Jr Best Doe in Show**

Ma's Acres Rose Bud

**Bucks****Alpine**

Harmony X-Rated Raven's Allan  
Noble-Springs RHR Sturgill  
Harmony X-Rated Raven's Allan

**Nubian**

Lakeshore High Esteem  
Tide Land Playboy Zeppelin  
Lakeshore High Esteem

**Nigerian Dwarf**

CH Parrish Farms ABA Pappy Snap  
Wood Bridge Farm Chipotle  
CH Parrish Farms ABA Pappy Snap

**AOP**

R'N'R Acres Elvis  
Quality Crest KDot Shrek  
R'N'R Acres Elvis

**Best Buck in Show**

CH Hoanbu ATL Elevation

**Total Goats Judged:** 314

**Ring Four Continued  
Saanen**

4DF DFF Havarti  
Sherry's Talent Falyn

**Nigerian Dwarf**

Two Dogs Farm GV Gemma  
Roamn Ranch CC Passion

**Recorded Grade**

The DW Faith  
Pine Hollow Kids Joyous Patty

**Nubian**

J&J Livestock Hawkeye  
Nubilop-Acres Sweet Maci

**AOP**

Pine Hollow Kids Mariah's Fern  
Gotta Get Some Abu

**Jr Best Doe in Show**

Pine Hollow Kids Mariah's Fern

**Bucks****Alpine**

Harmony HSC Hot Rod  
Kara-Kahl Achilles  
Harmony HSC Hot Rod

**Nubian**

Lakeshore High Esteem  
Tide Land Playboy Zeppelin  
Lakeshore High Esteem

**Nigerian Dwarf**

CH Proctor Hill Farm IH Omega Red  
Alebar Chipotle Wasabi  
CH Proctor Hill Farm IH Omega Red

**AOP**

Quality Crest KDot Shrek  
R'N'R Acres Elvis  
Quality Crest KDot Shrek

**Best Buck in Show**

Quality Crest KDot Shrek

**Total Goats Judged:** 303



**Junior Showmanship**  
Nile Willis

**Intermediate Showmanship**  
Lainey Peffers

**Senior Showmanship**  
Jamy Randol

**Adult Showmanship**  
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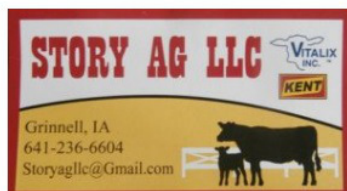
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