

WDGA NEWSLETTER

MAY 2025

MEMBER SHOUTOUT

Melissa Puetz



Our very own WDGA member and secretary, Melissa Puetz, was an instrumental part of the 2024 ADGA National Convention in our very own Lake Geneva, WI. Melissa spent countless hours, along with ADGA affiliates, developing a stellar youth program. This program informed and educated youth, brought them together, and provided them with resources for their herd. Thank you Melissa for all of your hard work and being apart of a record breaking number of youth attendees.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Randy Adamson



I hope this letter finds everyone doing well. It has been several years since WDGA had a newsletter and I want to thank Alyssa Shisler for taking on the responsibility of bringing it back! As most of you know WDGA was the host group for the ADGA National Convention in Lake Geneva, and what a convention it was!! This convention took several years of work and planning by so many great WDGA members. I personally want to publicly thank all that were involved and was honored to have worked with all of them. Several long time ADGA members who have attended multiple conventions stated it was very well done and that we (WDGA) set the bar high for future conventions.

Your WDGA Board of Directors has also been busy this year updating several areas of WDGA and coming up with new ideas for our association. I have been President several times over the past 20 yrs, and I will say this group is one of the best I've had the honor to work with. They are all dedicated to building a strong association and are looking into new ideas not only our club but its members.

As I close, I hope kidding season has gone well for you all and you have that special kid or milking doe that you are excited about. Hope you have a great summer and remember to just enjoy you goats!

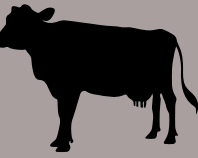
See you in the ring,
Randy

Dairy Lane Ambassador



Are you 18 years of age?

Do you love the dairy industry?



Are you looking to get paid while enjoying the Wisconsin State Fair? Well look no further! The Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotions Board is looking for ag-vocating individuals just like you. Be apart of educating fairgoers, milking demonstrations, and enjoying livestock while being at the lovely Wisconsin State Fair. The board will compensate individuals \$150 a day, food, and lodging. Apply soon at programassistant@wsfdairypromo.org, the deadline is May!

SAVE THE DATE

- May 17 Tristate Show (Apart of the Wisconsin Supreme Showmanship Program)
- May 24-25 WDGA State Show (Apart of the Wisconsin Supreme Showmanship Program)
- May 31-June 1 MDGA Best of the Midwest Show
- June 21-22 Chippewa Valley Dairy Goat Show (Apart of the Wisconsin Supreme Showmanship Program)
- June 28 Northern Classic Goat Show
- July 12-18 ADGA National Show



Fonner Park, Grand Island, Nebraska (Apart of the Wisconsin Supreme Showmanship Program DOUBLE POINTS)

- August 1-3 WI State Fair Junior Show (Apart of the

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- August 8-10 WI State Fair Open Show

SHARE -A-KID RESULTS

Macy Albers; Toggenburg, donated by Coulee Acres, John and Allison Warnecke
Sierra Johnson; Nubian, Donated by Nerby Nubians, Kim and Helayna Nerby
Elizabeth Phillips; Saanen, donated by Carey's Briarwood, Joseph Carey
Alicia Schroeder; Sable, donated by Oak Alley Farm, Allie Hull
Alexa Shisler; Saanen, donated by Ward Family Farm, Frankie and Katie Ward

NEW WDGA APPERAL!!!

Friendly reminder 10% of all sales go to WDGA



MEMBER SHOUTOUT

Abby Ball



Hi! My name is Abby Ball, and I've raised ADGA-registered American Oberhasli dairy goats since 2008 under the Ober-the-Top herd name. I got my start in the dairy goat world at 12-years-old as a 4-Her on my neighbor Kiki Brackett's Sunburst Farm. I fell in love with dairy goats and the Oberhasli breed pretty quickly, and before I knew it, I had found my lifelong passion. I was fortunate to start my journey with such a strong mentor and Oberhasli lines from Kiki when I started as a youth. Fast forward 18 years, and I finally reached my dream of owning my own farm that resides in Fort Atkinson, WI. I am dedicated to breeding show-quality Oberhasli and advancing the breed. I'm excited to keep cultivating my genetics and working to achieve the goals I've set for myself and my herd. I've been a WDGA member for as long as I can remember, and I'm looking forward to getting more involved in the future! There are so many great people in this organization, and I value all the connections/ friendships I have made with other breeders over the years. I also serve as a director for the Oberhasli Breeders of America and a chair for their Swiss Belle Award program. Outside of raising goats, I am a primarily equine veterinarian that also dabbles in small ruminant medicine at the Janesville Animal Medical Center.



MESSAGE FROM THE YOUTH REP.

Addison Wille

“Hello! My name is Addison Wille, and I am from Holmen, WI, where I attend Holmen High School as a Junior. I have raised and owned my herd of show Oberhasli, LaMancha, and Experimental dairy goats for over 8 years, under the herd name Double Back. My goals in running for WDGA Youth Representative are to advocate for youth opinions and to promote the dairy goat industry within Wisconsin's larger agricultural structure. Since being elected I have been able to promote dairy goats through youth educational events and speaking opportunities within the greater La Crosse region. I wish to expand these activities to have a greater educational impact on Wisconsin youth during my time in office!”