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the  
**Fresh Forage**

Spring Issue



## Our Purpose

**The purpose of the Florida Dairy Goat Association is to promote the Dairy Goat and it's products in a positive and productive manner through a cooperative and educational statewide club**

### **Dairy goats are the ideal family dairy animal!**

They are small, alert, intelligent, and easily handled. Kept on even the smallest of properties, goats return the cost of their feed in economically produced, delicious, and nutritious milk. Loving and very social animals, goats quickly learn their names will readily answer when called, and thrive on love, attention, and good care.

## Save the Date!

### **First Up:**

**June 30th**

40<sup>th</sup> Dairy Goat  
Production  
Conference –  
Kissimmee Valley

### **Fill Out:**

**Registration Form**

Fill out the form for  
the Conference and  
return ASAP!

### **And Don't Forget:**

**T-Shirt Choice**

Make sure the form  
is complete so your  
order is clear.

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## Letter from the President of Fresh Forage

*Hello fellow FDGA members,*

*We are nearing the end of this fiscal year. I know most of you have lots of new kids on your farms. It is one of my favorite times of the year! I hope you are blessed and prosperous. FDGA had a very successful GIG show thanks in large part to Nick, Judy and Carolann. They are special people and we really appreciate their efforts! I know there are many more of you who helped, but those are the ones I had the most contact with. We thank all of you who helped!*

*This will be the last Newsletter with me as President. I understand we have some new individuals stepping up to participate in leadership roles in FDGA. This is wonderful and I encourage more of you to step forward. We have our Annual Conference coming on June 30. Election ballots should be in the mail soon. Please take note of deadlines and mail them to the Secretary within the allotted times or hand carry them to Conference and give them to the Secretary prior to the start of the conference. All details should be printed on the ballots.*

*Best wishes to all and wishing FDGA a successful year to come!*

*Mary Ann Skalany  
FDGA President*

## FDGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## 2017 – 2018 Committee Members

**Budget/Finance Chair: Kathy Autry**

**Media/Newsletter Chair: Vicky Chisholm**

**Show Chair: Nick Cindric**

**Constitution and Bylaws Chair: JoAnn Jackson**

**DHI Chair: Deedra Earl**

**Conference Chair: Vicky Chisholm**

**Volunteers are being accepted now for our Committees!**

**Your name could be here too! Have a talent? A great interest in something listed here? Then please let us know and we will be happy to sign you up and let you join in the fun. Contact any Board Member and let them know which area you would like to work in.**

**Submit Articles for The Fresh Forage & Items of Interest to Vicky Chisholm via her  
email: [vickyjc@embarqmail.com](mailto:vickyjc@embarqmail.com)**

**or by mail to: 1201 Absher Lane, Saint Cloud, Florida 34771**

# New Member Form To Invite

**If there is someone you know interested in joining us and becoming a member, pass along this membership form to them.**



**FLORIDA DAIRY GOAT ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM**

PLEASE PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

BREED(S) RAISED: \_\_\_\_\_

HERDNAME: \_\_\_\_\_

WEBSITE: \_\_\_\_\_

What information, workshops and/or classes would you like to see offered by the Florida Dairy Goat Association?

\_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive your newsletter via the internet versus a hard copy mailed to you? Postage and printing cost only continue to rise. If you can possibly obtain your newsletter via the internet, please indicate so. Yes \_\_\_\_, please send my newsletter by email or No \_\_\_\_, I would rather it by paper mail.

**NOTE: MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$20.00 PER YEAR AND ARE DUE ON JULY 1ST AND RUN UNTIL JUNE 30TH THE FOLLOWING YEAR.** RENEWAL: Y \_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_ or NEW MEMBER: Y \_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_

Would you like to advertise in our newsletter? Y \_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_ First advertisement is free to members then \$20 for 4 more issues for a total of 5 issues of advertising.

To have your herd name listed on the FDGA web site, your signature is required below:

PRINT: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DUES @ \$20.00 PER YEAR + Advertising Cost Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Make checks payable to FDGA and mail to:

Kathy Autry, FDGA Treasurer, PO Box 431, San Antonio, FL 33576

Mail form to Judy Rummel, FDGA Secretary, 410 NW 266th St., Newberry, FL 32669

# 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Dairy Goat Production Conference



**Save The Date!**

**Where: KVLS Arena  
Conference Room  
1911 Kissimmee Valley Lane  
Kissimmee, Florida 34744**

**When: Saturday June 30, 2018  
FDGA Annual Meeting will be  
held at 8:00am sharp**

**Cost: FDGA Member \$35  
1 additional family member \$20/  
\$15 each additional family member  
Non FDGA Member \$40  
Lunch is included in the price.**

## **Sponsored by The Florida Dairy Goat Association**

Bring your lawn chairs and portable fans if you have them because our classes with real goats will be held outside. It will be a day full of fun packed with hands on clinics full of dairy goat information. We will even be fortunate enough to have an artificial insemination AI Class given by our own Nick Cindric where he will actually be inseminating goats and explaining to us what to look for when choosing a dairy goat. There will be plenty of other tips and tricks that you don't want to miss out on. Check in time is at 7:30am and we will move right along through the rest of the day keeping ourselves busy until we are finished. We will have light refreshments in the morning, and a BBQ lunch with a cheese tasting. Don't forget to bring your milk scales to be certified and an item for our raffle. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

**Please fill out the registration form completely along with your t-shirt choice then return it along with your payment to Vicky Chisholm at the address below.**

If you would like to help with this conference, or have suggestions for us, feel free to contact me at:

[vickyjc@embarqmail.com](mailto:vickyjc@embarqmail.com)

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1201 Absher Lane, Saint Cloud, Florida 34771



# 2018 Osceola County Fair Dairy Goat Show



## Letters of Intent for 2018 - 2019

This letter serves as notification of my intent to run for the Combined Office of FDGA Treasurer-Secretary.

My name is Elizabeth (Beth) Kennelley and my farm is Devonshire Dairy Goats in Archer, Florida. Some of you may know me, some may not. I have raised registered Oberhasli goats for almost 20 years and have been a member of ADGA since 1995. I have actively participated in and been an advocate for many dairy goat programs including DHIR (milk records), Linear Appraisal, and CAE prevention. Over the years, I have served FDGA as an Officer (President), Director, and Show Chair. However, a few years ago, I stepped away from FDGA because I had misgivings about the direction the club was moving in at that time. Discussing this with a friend at a show last year, I was reminded that I can't fix what I see as a problem if I'm not willing to get involved...and they are right. So I rejoined FDGA at the turn of the new year. Now I hope to serve its members again, this time in the role of Treasurer-Secretary.

I bring to the table years of financial experience in both the goat world and the real world. In addition to my previous years of FDGA service, I also currently serve as the Youth Show Co-Chair for the Florida State Fair (6 years), as the Dairy Goat Show Chair for the Alachua County Youth Fair (3 years), and as the 4-H Co-Leader of The Udder Club of Alachua County. For the past five years, I have been the sole proprietor of Caprihaven Dairy Goat Products and have sold goat milk and goat milk products at our local farmers market and at multiple local festivals. I have worked with our 4-H group organizing fund-raising projects and with the Youth Fair in finding sponsorships for the Dairy Goat Show. All of these roles require that I maintain detailed, itemized budgets including documentation of show entries and fees paid, purchases/expenditures, documentation of funds raised and dispersal of those funds, and reporting market income and farm profit/loss to the IRS.

In the real world, I am employed as an Environmental Consultant where I successfully manage multiple projects with budgets of more than \$50,000 each. Reporting to various government agencies, I understand how critical it is for "cradle to grave" documentation and the need for transparency in business dealings.

I believe that I have the knowledge and experience to make a good Treasurer-Secretary. I think that my years of working with various dairy goat groups and programs along with my success in product marketing gives me an exceptional skill set to bring to FDGA. It is my hope that you, the members of FDGA, will consider me for the Combined Office of FDGA Treasurer-Secretary when it is time to vote. Thank you.

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Hello fellow members,

It is that time again. I am wanting to run for President this year. It will be a new position . I would love to try and promote our club and work with all members and Board of directors so we can have a common goal to see this club grow.

We are doing our best to try and build the membership up. It takes all of us working together to build the FDGA up.

I am willing to work hard and am always open to new ideas to try and build our club up to size it was in the past. I hope you will consider me for this new position.

Thanks  
Judy Rummel





## 4-H Kidz Corner

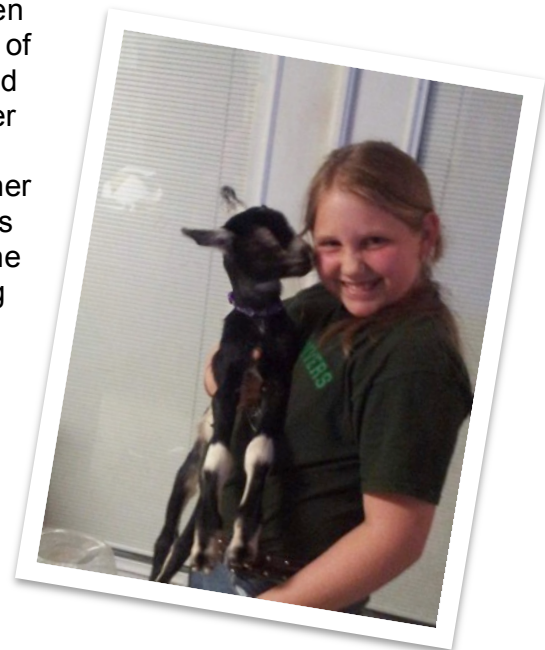
I would like to introduce to you an amazing young lady, Cheyene Argillander. Cheyene is a proud member of the Clover Achievers 4-H group. She started her adventures with 4-H as a Cloverbud taking care and showing her rabbit and chickens with her cousin during the Osceola County Fair. She enjoyed showing so much that she started adding craft projects and baking to her long list of fair projects. During her Junior year, Cheyene dove into the woodworking aspects and made a bird house and a corner shelf unit (to hold her trophies) which were both recognized and awarded a Best in Class and Best in Show ribbon. This allowed her to purchase her first goat, Goldie. Goldie was a Nigerian Dwarf and he was the best little goat with such a spunky personality. He caused the spark in her heart and her love of goats is as strong as ever today. Cheyene was able to use her 4-H savings to purchase her first dairy goat in 2015 when her goat was just 2 days old.

Cheyene had the idea of raising and breeding Fruit Stripe and using her milk to make and sell cheese and soap to her family and friends. Purchasing a baby goat at such a young age has help develop Cheyene into the loving, caring and nurturing young lady she is becoming. She would start each morning

waking up early before school to bottle-feed her sweet goat, and then do it again after school and before bed without hesitation. Cheyene has had to face many challenges these past few years. She was so excited to finally be able to show her dairy goat in the ADGA show in February 2016 but 2 days before her show she was devastated to find out that she would be having hip surgery. She did not let that stop her from encouraging her 4-H friends to do the best they could do and expressed she would be back soon. She received the best surprise when she got a picture of the Kiddin Around 4H group with her goat and Fruit Stripe had won her



1<sup>st</sup> ever Blue Ribbon! She was so thankful for her 4-H family. After her recovery, she spent many hours working and getting show ready for the following year show. In 2016 she bred Fruit Stripe and she produced 2 beautiful bucks that looked just like their momma. Cheyene sold them to a wonderful man that writes children's books, so hopefully they will be famous some day. In December of 2016 she was again devastated to know that she would be having another surgery on the opposite hip. She made the best out of what she had and told the surgeon to schedule the surgery so she could get it over and done with.





## 4-H Kidz Corner Continued:

Her dedication never wavered from her goal and she was determined to do the best she could do. 1 week before the 2017 ADGA show Cheyene was able to walk without the use of crutches and she was able to show Fruit Stripe. That year she was blessed with 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Showmanship and Fruit Stripe won a blue ribbon in her class. This year Cheyene decided to adventure over to the market side of the goats. She shed lots of tears during the auction of her goat but this experience has taught her a valuable lesson on becoming self-sufficient with her meat production. She plans on increasing her dairy herd and start raising market goats for the next 4-H year. These achievements would not have been possible without her dedication and her profits she has earned with her 4-H projects. I am so very proud of Cheyene's dedication to overcome any obstacles that cross her path. She is a strong willed young lady and I have no doubt she will conquer whatever life has in store for her.



## Did you know?

### Ten Apple Farm in Maine offers monthly goat hikes?

**Here is what they say:** "If you're looking for a fun outdoor activity, come on out to Ten Apple Farm for our monthly goat



hikes. You'll hike through the Ten Apple Farm woods with our herd of Alpine dairy goats. The hike consists of

an approximately 2 mile loop through the woods on fairly well maintained trails. There is some steep terrain. Children must be at least 5 years old and accompanied by an adult. (Children under 4 must be carried). Along the way we'll talk about goats as pack animals and you'll learn a thing or two about raising and caring for goats. After the hike, try your hand at goat milking, and enjoy some fresh goat milk and cookies! \$10 per adult, \$5 for kids. Minimum: 10 people; Maximum: 20 people."

To find out more about their farm and the things they offer, please go to their website at:

[http://livingwithgoats.com/wordpress/?page\\_id=25](http://livingwithgoats.com/wordpress/?page_id=25)

## Cook's Corner

### Favorites from this Book:

#### SWEET CHEVRE DESSERTS

##### FUDGE RIBBON CAKE

- Cheese Filling:

8 oz	softened goat cheese	1 egg	
¼ C	sugar	2 tbsp	goat milk
2 tbsp	butter	½ tsp	vanilla extract
1 tbsp	cornstarch		

Combine cheese, sugar, butter and cornstarch. Mix until smooth. Add egg, milk and vanilla extract. Mix until smooth. Set aside.

- Cake Mix:

2 C	flour	½ tsp	baking soda
2 C	sugar	1 tsp	baking powder
½ tsp	salt	2/3 C	baking cocoa
1-1/3 C	goat milk	1 tsp	vanilla extract
2	eggs	½ C	softened butter

Mix all the cake ingredients. Beat until smooth. Spread ½ of the cake batter into a greased and floured 9 x 13-inch cake pan. Spoon the cheese mixture on top. Spread the other half of the batter over top of the cheese filling.

Bake for 50-60 minutes at 350°. Let cool. Frost with whipped cream and garnish with walnuts.

##### INDIVIDUAL CHEESECAKES

12	vanilla wafer cookies	½ C	sugar
2 C	soft goat cheese	2 tsp	vanilla extract
2	eggs		cherry pie filling or other flavor

Heat oven to 325°. Line 12 cups of a muffin pan with foil cupcake liners. Crumble or lay 1 cookie in each cup. Mix soft goat cheese with egg, sugar and vanilla extract. Beat until smooth. Pour mixture into each muffin cup.

Bake 25-30 minutes until filling is set. Allow cakes to cool in the pan. Remove and refrigerate until chilled. Top each cheesecake with a generous spoonful of your favorite pie filling.



Submitted by:  
Vicky Chisholm

If you have a  
recipe you  
want to  
share, we  
will be more  
than happy  
to put it in  
an issue.

# Classified Section

## To Sell or Trade:

Please contact us for more information as well as more technical data and info regarding Low Level Laser treatment.  
 Pawsitively Purrfect Vet Tech Care  
 Sean Dioca, CVT – 352-397-7143  
 Heidi Albury, CVT – 727-320-7951  
 FaceBook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pawsitivelypurrfectvettech/>

In-Hock Farms  
 T & M Schweiger (Mary Ellen)  
 Saint Cloud , Florida  
 321 624 0545  
 Has Lamanchas for sale!!!



**If you are looking for something to sell/trade, a service to offer or you need to buy/trade or you need a service, please let us know so we can add your information here.**

**Then, don't forget to let us know when you find the item you were selling or looking for so that we can remove it from the Classified Section. Classified listings are free for members!!!!**



Advertise with your business card.

The first issue is free for members.

Then just spend \$20 for four more issues.

If you write and submit an article for the newsletter, then you can advertise in that issue of the newsletter for free.



# Don't Forget:

Let us know when your events are and what you want to see in the next issue.

Write an article for an issue and get free business card advertising for the issue that it is printed in.

All submissions for the next issue are due no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>.



## Fresh Forage



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