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Evin Evans, an SGPA member and owner of Split Creek Farm, has been dealing with medical issues for the last few years. She needs a double lung transplant and has been accepted into the Emory Hospital lung transplant program. She is also hoping to be accepted in the program at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) in Charleston which may very well decrease her wait time for a transplant. Several inquiries about making donations to a health fund for Evin have been received. A fund (the "ELF project" - Evin's Lung Fund) has now been established at Evin's church, North Anderson Community Church, Presbyterian. If you wish to make a donation, please mail your check to: NACCP, ATTN: Lane Pitts, Treasurer, 4200 Liberty Highway Anderson, SC 29621 - Be sure to mark "ELF FUND"

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NEW MEMBERS GET TWO EXTRA ADS FREE IN THE SOUTHERN FARM NEWS

The Southern Goat Producers Association was formed so that farmers in South Carolina and beyond could come together to be more informed on goat husbandry, disease control, production of meat, milk, butter, cheese, fiber, show goats, and pet goats. We welcome new members and interested young people to join our organization. Our goal is for goat owners to become better informed farmers, learn about goats in general, and have fellowship with other goat lovers. We meet bi-monthly on the 4th Monday. See our website for details and directions.

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ETHICS by Judy L.

Sometime ago I read an article about successful farming. The article related that farming was rarely a solitary enterprise. My take on successful farming includes working with family, friends, agricultural associations and other producers with like values and endeavors.

Personally, I like to be associated with four or five friends/producers that have almost the same management style and the same values and ethics. I say "almost same" management style because it really doesn't matter if you run different styles; it doesn't really matter if you have the same type livestock or not, but you better be on the same page as far as ethics are concerned. Management styles can vary according to the terrain or forages available on the property and as far as animals are concerned, they can differ because if the producer is a good husbandryman (I saw that term used in a Goat Rancher article recently - and liked it), that is what it is all about. If you practice common sense diagnoses is-

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sues and use practical medical advice, well then, that alone keeps health matters from being an issue between you.

But, if the friends, producers, or even associations that help and rely on each other do not have strong ethics, well, one or two will become disenchanted and will be sorry for the connection with that relationship and it will probably turn you off from working with anyone else again. "Once bitten, twice shy" ... It will more than likely tend to push you into the "loner" category, but my advice is not let a bad relationship turn you off to having associations with others. Learn to assess relationships by paying attention to your first instincts and look for good ethics and values in your relations. No matter, what you decide, successful farming includes a lot of hard work, close relationships of whatever kind you need and the gift or knack of conservation or recycling.

The Southern Goat Producers Association has discussed planning an ethics class. It sounds strange to say that because one would think ethics would come naturally. Well, they do some-

what, but farming creates a whole new set of ethics. Often producers know what they should do in a particular situation, but fail to recognize all the details that might come with animal ownership and sales. The SGPA tried to incorporate an ethics program into the 2010 Southeastern Goat & Sheep Seminar, but felt that more time and details should be devoted to this issue. When we have worked out the details of this presentation we will notify everyone. Please be in touch with any of our Directors, as SGPA members will be given first choice to attend this event.

Ethics and the importance of, having ethics, begins by one living with the virtuous ideals and by not changing your ideals to fit a particular situation. If "it" is not honorable on Monday, well then, it will not be honorable on Friday just because it fits your 'whim' on a particular day.



WHAT ARE YOUR GOATS EATING?

Now is a good time to assess your pastures. Do a walk about over your acreage to see what is left and what shape the forage and grasses are in. Just because you see green growth and it seems to have some height to it, that does not necessarily mean you have good forage for your animals to eat. Producers have been talking about having bad pastures.

Suzanne Gasparato recently commented in one of her posts..."I've been asked what it means when one says that pastures "turn bad." This doesn't necessarily take place after the first frost. It happens in times of drought when the plant materials are

stressed. It happens when plants mature and become coarse fibered, making them much less digestible to goats.

Listeriosis appears in herds who are forced to survive without supplementation under these conditions. Just offering hay may not be enough. You need to have the hay tested for nutritional values in order to know if the goats are getting the nutritional levels that they need when they are browsing stressed and mature pastures...Check out Suzanne's Article Pages at www.tennesseeatgoats.com. for more articles on goat issues. There is a terrific article on grasses/forages for goats on that site. □

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A Note from the President

As 2010 draws to an end, I am reflecting back on the past year and all the things we have accomplished and things to be thankful for. I find myself actually getting organized or at least trying to tame the paper trail I managed to create. I generally do not make New Year resolutions, but this year I have decided to stay caught up on office and filing chores because of a new job that I have. I must admit, I would love to have a personal secretary, but that extra expense will not fit in my farm budget. Only in my dreams!

In November I was elected president of our association, and trust me, it makes me think more about future plans and the course that our association needs to travel. I will need your help more than ever.

I have started thinking about some ideas to bring before the board in January...in the process, I'm taking a survey of our members to determine the type of goats they raise, the value added products they produce and generally what each member expects to get out of being a member of the SGPA. I am of the belief that farmers need to band together to be effective in becoming sustainable. For instance, a goat farmer would need hundreds if not thousands of acres to successfully raise and meet the demands of making a profit in selling meat goats. But, if several producers work together they can meet the demands of a large buyer. A fiber farmer needs an outlet to sell their fiber and value added products or an outlet to purchase additional fiber to meet demands of large volumes of fiber sales to make sustainable profits. Only making a few balls of yarn or having some fiber for personal consumption, can not make a profit. It can cut the bottom line of expenses as far as clothes shopping is concerned, but it probably will not make a sustainable profit. Same principle for the average diary farmer.

With that being said, I understand there is an as-

sociation in Virginia that started several years ago to grow and sell their meat animals to a large food store chain. They estimate \$700,000 in sales for 2010. They sold live weight lambs at 50 to 65 pounds. I am going to do more research on this group. I do not know how many members are involved, but the numbers are impressive. I wonder how many of our members would be willing to participate in a venture like this!

It is a wish and goal of mine that the SGPA works for its members. Our meetings need to be fun, entertaining, and educational. We need to make more goat friends and learn good goat husbandry, and in that process become more sustainable. All of us need to participate more and attend more meetings and events so that goat raising is fun and profitable AND we need to set a goal to have a youth program implemented by the year's end.

Do you have a unique idea to get youth involved...would you like to serve on our youth committee? Do you have any cool ideas or recommendations to incorporate into our meetings to make them more interesting? Well, you can see that you need to attend the February meeting as that will be a major planning session for our association. ***We need you to be there— mark your calendar for February 28, 2010.*** Keep in mind that our association is only as good as its members and what one can bring to the table. Plan to attend and voice your opinions and wishes. We will have two major events in 2010 and we will need everyone to help for them be successful—if you want to volunteer, we will let you get involved at the level you wish to be involved.

Also, last but not least, a big thank you to Pat Bell for leading our association in 2010 and "KUDOS" to our past board of directors and to everyone that helped with the 2010 SEGSS Seminar, AND, to our members for being a part of the SGPA.

STAY IN TOUCH & HAPPY GOATING ***Judy***



SGPA NEWS:

The upcoming holidays will find everyone enjoying time with their family. SGPA elections took place in November - Judy Langley will serve as President, Kathy Daves, Vice President and Joyce Woodrum will serve as Secretary/Treasurer. They also voted on a few By-law changes so that our organization can run more smoothly. Wish them luck.

Tammy Wactor, SCDNR biologist, spoke to our group

in November. She gave a very interesting presentation on predators and Coyotes.

Member NEWS: Chapin and Kathy Burgess were married in October at their brand new farm in Newberry. Congratulations!

The 2010 SC Wether Goat Project wound down in Newberry in November. Check out the photos on page 8 ... the kids worked hard, had some really awesome moments, and were thrilled about winning "cash prizes!" Their parents should be proud of them.

Come to the February 28, membership meeting to help plan the new year.

FARM PROFILE

I went on an impromptu side trip with a friend recently...my friend arrived to pick me up with a doe that was in estrus in the back seat. We set out on the journey ... heading to a farm for that doe's ultimate date with an angora buck. And where did we end up ... at Joyce and Frank Woodrum's farm. If you don't know Joyce and Frank you need to make a point to meet them—they are the real deal.

Their Pipe Dream Farm in Hartwell, Georgia, is home to angora goats, a few dogs (check out the photo—how cool is that) and horses. When they both worked in the Fortune 500 world, they dreamed and talked about owning a farm and always said it was a "pipe dream", but, lo and behold, after retirement, they accomplished their dream. Joyce (board member of the SGPA) is raising fabulous angora goats and Frank is doing a wonderful job creating the perfect barn for her lovely goats and his special Paso fino horses. As master of his universe, talented Frank can fix, create or



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