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Officer of the Month:

Claire Nelson

Position: Parliamentarian

My position includes keeping our meetings in order by helping with parliamentary law, which is very important. This helps the meeting run smoothly and in order. I make sure that every member is heard.

SAE

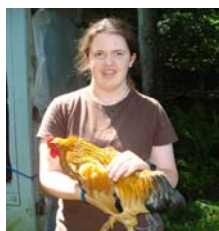
My SAE has three parts. I raise Alpine Dairy goats, raise Buff Brahma Bantam chickens, and I also have my own Honey Bee hive.

I have had goats for 8 years. My herd consists of six goats. I have four does and one is my primary doe which I use for milk and showing. I show my goats in 4-H. I also bring my goats to the Big E as well. Chores with my goats

include cleaning the barns, feeding, watering, trimming hoofs, and clipping hair. It is a lot of hard work but it is worth it.

I have been raising chickens for 9 years. I raise Buff Brahma Bantam chickens. I use them for show mainly in 4-H. Since I have had these animals for many years I have learned a lot.

The final part to my SAE is my Honey Bee hive. I recently got my hive in May 2009. I first took interest in



Claire Nelson

Honey Bees in my freshmen year in Natural Resources in Ag. I have

learned a lot about them. Plus in the Fall I get lots of fresh honey.

All of my projects take a lot of work but it is worth it. I have gotten great results. Having these projects has changed my life drastically.

Goals

This year for our FFA Chapter I would like to help members become more involved in all the activities in the Chapter. If more members took advantage of the opportunities that our FFA Chapter offered them then they would get more out of it. My advice to the members would be to take advantage of these activities because you will get a lot out of it.

New Student Orientation

Freshman in Ag attended the New Student Orientation on August 27. There were four pairs of officers, all of whom had a different workshop to do with the group of new students that they received. One group did an activity called "peanut Butter River." The goal is to get the whole group to the other side of the river, and in order to do so you had to be touching a rock at all times. If a rock had nobody standing on it, then it would roll away, making it more and more difficult to get everybody to the other side of the river. Everybody had a lot of fun and an ice cream social was held afterwards, giving the officers time to talk to parents, students, and answer any questions that people had. All in all, it was a great night.



Amy Daniels
Running to raise
money for C.A.T.S
Northeast on 10/10

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C.A.T.S. Northeast

C.A.T.S. Northeast was established nearly sixteen years ago by founder, Joan Lamont. The organization specializes in the capture, sterilization, and re-lease of feral cats in eastern Connecticut.

Feral cat colonies are common on farms and in large communities, and the aim of C.A.T.S. Northeast is to sterilize as many felines as they can in order to reduce the number of breeding animals. The most efficient way, they have found,

of doing this is to hold Spay and Neuter Clinics, during which people may come and get their pets or the strays in their neighborhood spayed or neutered for minimal cost.

So far, after roughly three years of holding Spay and Neuter Clinic, C.A.T.S. Northeast has aided in the sterilization of one-thousand plus feral and domestic cats.

Though remarkable, the clinics are not the only way that C.A.T.S Northeast is making a

difference in the overpopulation of felines. They deal with sick or injured cats with no homes, find homes for kittens, and take care of cat problems through relocation.

Since C.A.T.S. northeast is a non-profit organization, they require donations in order to fund their numerous projects, Amy Daniels, a patron of C.A.T.S. Northeast is running in the Iron Horse Half Marathon October tenth. All of the money raised will be donated to C.A.T.S. Northeast

FFA Picnic

Our annual FFA Picnic went off with a bang, almost all of the freshmen attended and we had a lot of upperclassmen and sophomores that came.

Many of the people who attended were able to enjoy activities like a watermelon race, egg toss, and water balloon toss.

Since we held the picnic at Mansfield Hollow, the lake was just a few short minutes away and many people walked down with friends to enjoy the view.

All in all, everybody had a wonderful time.



Festival on the Green

The Mum sale was a great fundraiser for our chapter, we made a profit of \$346.

Ag students had a petting zoo and many of the animals that we have in Ag were brought to the Festival for people to enjoy, this helped to raise awareness of the FFA and Ag.



A parade was held along a portion of Storrs Road. The miniature horses and Julia Brueckner’s Irish Wolfhound starred in our march.

Big-E

Every year, our chapter has the option of going to the Big-E. Our advisors in Ag think that this is a fun way to experience agriculture.

This is absolutely correct, the Big-E is based almost entirely upon the agriculture industry ranging in fields

from small animals care and management to mechanics.

This year, the Big-E showed many people the value of agriculture in our lives, and we were able to explore new concepts and topics in the field today.

Bowling Night
Friday Oct. 16
\$10 to participate and FREE pizza

Lucky Strike Lanes
8:00pm - 10:00pm
\$10 for shoes and pizza. Pay Mrs. C. by Wednesday Oct. 14th.

Ag Olympics and Open House !!! Be There !! 10/9

Ag Open House is made up of projects that students prepare

and present to visitors. Students are allowed to focus on a particular area of agriculture that they find interesting and present a project that pertains to the area.

Everybody is required to do a project, so for those of you who have not yet decided on what to do for Open house, start thinking now.

Also, last year was the begin-

ning of the Ag Olympics. These Olympics consist of a variety of activities in which participants can display their ability and show off a bit.

On the list of activities for this year are:

Egg toss, three-legged race, hay bale toss, and other games that people can participate in.

Ag Open House & Olympics
Oct. 9 9:30am-5:00pm



Don't Forget!



AG Olympics 2008

Congrats to Steven Blackmer! He sold 42 pies and Kaitlyn Pepein sold 20. The money raised during Pie Sales is used to fund trips to the National Convention, provide scholarships to Seniors and to bring down the cost of field trips.

Member of the Month:

Hannah Kalichman

I've always found it hard to talk about myself... but hey I'll give it a shot... My name is Hannah Kalichman and I'm a junior animal science student... I have two SAE's one is working at school on weekends and holidays taking care of the animals and plants along with Morgan Ridzon, and the other is training and showing my 5 year old horse, Hope. I have really loved my first three years in Ag. I've made some of my best friends through Ag and I wouldn't trade that for the world. FFA has taught me many things. Some of which are leadership is a life skill everyone should have, team work is key, understanding of others is vital and finally that black nylons mean black nylons. My personal goals in life are one, to make it through my junior year (so far so good), two to go to college for social work or agricultural advertising and three buy a horse farm of my own some day. Goals for our chapter would be to definitely do more fundraisers and community service; we have such a great group I feel as if I don't get to know them all because we don't do enough things as a group. I love how open to suggestions our chapter is and how hard working our officers are. This is going to be a great year, I can just tell!



Hannah Kalichman

SAE Achievements

Look At These Hours!!!

Below are the names of some students who have exceeded expectations in performing their SAE projects. However, these students are not limited specifically to the ones shown, more will be published in next month's newsletter.

- Jordan Teixeira-177 hours
- Julia Brueckner- 344 hours
- Patience Trickett- 200 hours
- Kaitlyn Treub- 150 hours
- Valerie Martin- 198 hours
- Claire Nelson- 802 hours
- Marissa Guiliano- 166 hours
- Danielle Koch- 445
- Jessica Meyer- 206 hours
- Ashlyn Chebro- 188 hours



Danielle Koch



Marissa Guiliano



Jordan Teixeira