

Thanks so much for all of your great input regarding the newsletter. Please keep it coming! Remember, if anyone wants to receive this newsletter directly (members, alumni, faculty, etc), please send their email address to debbiffa@gmail.com. Also, feel free to send any ideas for the newsletter.

Chapter Corner

Meet Dover High School FFA

Advisor: Ms. Carrie Bascom

Chapter Officers: President- Betsy Rose Gerry, VP- Matthew Demers, Secretary- Lakiesha Varney, Treasurer- Emily Martinko, Sentinel- Rebecca McLaird

Meetings: every Wednesday after school

Classes: Dover offers classes in Agriculture, Aquaculture, 4 Animal Science classes and 2 Equine Science classes

Fundraising: The chapter works together on a variety of fundraising activities - the Citrus Sale, a bulb sale, middle school afterschool program, food booth at Hilltop Equestrian Center horse shows, and new this year, a Spaghetti Benefit dinner.

What is Dover working on at the moment? We have 2 teams heading to nationals- Food Science and Equine Science. Running the Deerfield Fair Petting Barn is another major event that we are doing this year too!



What happened when the dog swallowed the watch ?

It got ticks.

State Officer Spotlight



Michelle Stover
State Vice President

Michelle is a second year State Officer from the Winnisquam Chapter. She is currently attending Manchester Community College with plans to transfer to Unity College for Captive Wildlife Care and Education and hopes to work in a zoo. Michelle feels FFA has "awesome opportunities, helps you develop skills you can utilize in all aspects of life and you have some of the best memories in high school". She has attended National Convention three times and says "the best part is seeing the thousand of blue jackets come together to celebrate an awesome organization and meet so many new people when they come up to ask you to sign their convention books".

Favorite CDE: Parli Pro *SAE:* Equine Management taking care of her horse Jessie
Favorite Food: Italian sausage and french fries
Favorite Movies: Star Wars and X-Men
Hobbies: reading, Facebook and trail riding
Musical Artists: Alan Jackson and Miranda Lambert
Something most people don't know: I am actually a shy person and very nervous meeting new people
Favorite Memories: Winning the Silver Emblem with my Parliamentary Procedure Team at Nationals, getting my first Chapter Office and getting elected to State Office are my top three memories. It is hard to pick just one because you make so many in FFA.
Who is your idol? My grandparents because they are hard working and loving people who are there for pretty much everyone they know.

Meet A Member

Clayton Grandstaff
Pinkerton Academy Chapter President



Clayton, a senior at Pinkerton Academy, joined FFA with thoughts of becoming a vet, but realized that FFA is just a great organization offering immense opportunities and great people. He now plans to attend college for possible studies in marketing or

hospitality. Some of his best FFA memories are from State Convention as "it is always a good time spending a weekend with friends and good people". He has competed at the National Convention in both Creed Speaking and Ag Sales. This year, he will be returning for Environmental Science and Natural Resources. **SAE:** member of the Greater Derry Humane Society Board of Directors helping in a variety of ways from publicity to education to fundraising and helping with animal adoptions. **Idol:** When Clayton was 12, his Dad passed away, but he remains Clayton's idol. "He had the exact sort of life I want, making good money, a happy family, time to spend with your family and doing what you want." **Favorite Food:** mac and cheese **Favorite Movie:** *League of Extraordinary Gentlemen* **Hobbies:** wood working and psychology **Music:** Jack Johnson (Banana Pancakes) **Favorite Character:** Batman

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE BIG E PIE BOOTH HELPERS

Thanks to those from the Region 9 and Winnisquam chapters along with the Anderson and Jasper families who helped out at the Big E pie booth. Special thanks to those who returned the following Sunday and spent the entire day in the booth shorthanded: Bill Lee, Courtney Cox, Michelle Stover, LJ Burleigh, Nicole Verville Brandt, Lawrence Brandt, and Colin Iannaccone.

DEERFIELD FAIR

It's nice to know the sun really can shine on the Deerfield Fair! Everyone seemed to have a great time and we want to give our thanks to Dianne Howes, Don Wyman, Maria VanderWoude, Ann DeMarco, Carrie Bascom, Ray Raciot and Peter Holt for all of their hard work in putting this event together.

TRACTOR DRIVING RESULTS

- 1) Paradise - Tyler Beattie and Jacob Brady
- 2) Keene - Daniel Scanlon and Henry Griffin
- 3) Keene - Forest Wilkerson and Rusty Wilder
- 4) Coe Brown - Tom Fortier and proxy



WOODSMEN RESULTS

- 1) Region 9 - team A
- 2) Coe Brown - team A
- 3) Paradise - team A
- 4) Alvirne - team A

Special note: congratulations to Pinkerton's first Forestry team in many years for a great effort!



HORTICULTURE RESULTS

- 1) Pembroke
- 2) Fall Mountain
- 3) Sugar River Valley



Novice Division Champion: Erin Curtis, Keene
Experienced Champion: Molly Sykes, Pembroke

Keep detailed records of your SAE to make Proficiency Applications Easier

Supervised Agricultural Experiences are an integral part of the FFA experience. It gives members a chance to put their classroom knowledge into action. SAE's are broken down into 4 general categories described by the National FFA Organization as follows:

Entrepreneurship: Own and operate an agricultural business (e.g. a lawn care service, a pay-to-fish operation, holiday poinsettia production and sales.)

Placement: Get a job or internship on a farm/ ranch, at an agriculture-based business, or in a school or factory laboratory.

Research and Experimentation: Plan and conduct a scientific experiment. (e.g. Determine whether the phases of the moon affect plant growth, or test and determine the efficacy of different welding methods.)

Exploratory: Explore careers in agriculture by attending an agriculture career fair, or creating a report or documentary on the work of a veterinarian

The National FFA Organization offers grants to some members to help fund their SAE's. Loans may be available to NH FFA members through Farm Credit East for those operating their own agricultural businesses.

Once you begin your SAE, it is important to keep detailed records of your activities and finances. This information is necessary when completing applications for proficiency awards. You can develop your own method of recordkeeping or you can check out one of these:

Utah SAE Record Book – can purchase for \$6.99 and is maintained electronically www.ffarecordbook.com

VA SAE Record Book – can print and complete by hand <http://www.cteresource.org/downloads/2/VirginiaSAEStudent.pdf>

Once your SAE is underway, you can apply for a proficiency award in early spring to be awarded at the State Convention. You may want some help from your advisor to be sure you have selected the correct application. They are available at <http://www.nhffa.org/forms.html>. The deadline for submitting your application is determined each year by the State FFA Association. This year it is Feb 15, 2012.

State Star Greenhand (Entrepreneurship or Placement) is for first year members.

State Star SAE Award (Entrepreneurship or Placement) is for second year members.

Placement Proficiencies are for third and fourth year members.

Ideas: landscaping business, raise bunnies, equine activities, bee keeping, volunteer at the SPCA, dog walking/training, raise fish for Fish and Game Dept., work at the local feed store, submit a weekly article to a local newspaper, maintain school flower beds, build bird houses

DEERFIELD FAIR

DAIRY RESULTS

Novice Dairy Showmanship

- 1) Tonya Ceron, Alvirne
- 2) Zoe Picanso, SST
- 3) Jodi Hibbard, Alvirne
- 4) Heather Berlo, SST



Experienced Dairy Showmanship

- 1) Melody Robar, Keene
- 2) Karielle Anzaldi,
- 3) Lauren Tramostina, Fall Mountain
- 4) Hannah Proulx, SST



Novice Dairy Judging Teams:

- 1) Alvirne
- 2) SST
- 3) Winnisquam
- 4) Keene

Experienced Dairy Judging Teams

- 1) Coe-Brown
- 2) SST
- 3) Alvirne
- 4) Fall Mountain



Novice Individual Dairy Judges:

- 1) Mark Clarkson, Alvirne
- 2) Evan McElroy, SST
- 3) Jayne Boylah, Alvirne
- 4) Lyndsie Simoneau, Winnisquam

CALENDAR

Oct 14 th	Fall Interscholastics at UNH
Oct 19 th -22 nd	National Convention
Nov 15 th	Fall Leadership Experience (new members only)
Dec 16 th	State Holiday Party followed by Manchester Monarch's game
Jan 20-22	Leadership Camp at Camp Brookwoods in Alton
Feb 3 & 4	Farm & Forest Expo, Manchester
Feb 15	FFA Proficiency Applications due
April 12-14	Granite State Convention, Grand Summit Hotel in Bartlett

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