

Bailey's Blog



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Meet your Section 3 State Officer



Hello Section 3!

My name is Josie Bailey and I hail from the Tomah FFA chapter. Growing up on my family's fifth-generation dairy farm sparked my love for agriculture and FFA. I saw firsthand how FFA can challenge students, build confidence, and prepare them for the future. That inspired me to join FFA in sixth grade and now I'm so excited to serve YOU!

My goal this year is to make sure every member knows they have a place in FFA and that their voice, ideas, and experiences matter. Whether you are a first-year member attending your first FFA event or a senior working toward your State Degree, you matter.

A little bit about me: I plan to graduate from the University of Wisconsin–River Falls in 2027 with a degree in agricultural education. I've had the opportunity to have four supervised agricultural experiences (SAEs) including Diversified Livestock, Dairy Production Placement Agricultural Communications, and Dairy Production Entrepreneurship. My family's dairy farm is home to all seven American breeds of cattle, but my favorite is Guernseys. I recently finished my reign as the National Guernsey Queen, and am currently the American Guernsey Youth Association board president. I have five younger siblings that I've had the opportunity to show with at the Wisconsin State Fair, Monroe County Fair, and Vernon County Fair.

Most importantly, I want to get to know you. I love making genuine connections and am usually the person who remembers names, faces, stories, and little details. Don't be afraid to come up and introduce yourself at an event! Challenge me to remember your name and something about you. I'm here to serve you, and I want this year to be one where you feel supported, heard, and excited to be an FFA member! Feel free to reach out to me at any time!

Yours Truly,

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State Convention Recap

Leadership Development Events:

Viroqua FFA State Winners in Middle School Quiz Bowl



Proficiency Award Winners:

**Addison Johnson: Alma FFA
Dairy Production- Placement**



**Jackson Trussoni: De Soto FFA
Turf and Landscape Maintenance-
Entrepreneurship/Placement**



**Conner Hovell:
Gale- Ettrick- Trempealeau FFA
Specialty Crop Production-
Entrepreneurship/Placement**



**Cali Dunn: Whitehall FFA
Equine Science - Entrepreneurship**



State Convention Recap

Three Star Leaders:

GRACE GIRAUD - Bangor FFA

BRIANNA ANDERSON - Cashton FFA

ANNIE BORK - Cochrane-Fountain City FFA

SADIE VANNER - De Soto FFA

ALLISON MAULSBY - Tomah FFA

KEAGAN BOARDMAN - Viroqua FFA

JED OLSON - Westby FFA

P.R.I.D.E Awards:

BLACK RIVER FALLS FFA

BLAIR-TAYLOR FFA

HOLMEN FFA

INDEPENDENCE FFA

LA CROSSE MIDDLE FFA

SPARTA FFA

VIROQUA FFA

WESTBY FFA

National Chapter Awards:

SILVER RATED CHAPTERS

Bangor FFA

Blair-Taylor FFA

Cashton FFA

Cochrane-Fountain City FFA

Viroqua FFA

Westby FFA

GOLD RATED CHAPTERS

De Soto FFA

Tomah FFA

Food for America:

DE SOTO FFA

TOMAH FFA

VIROQUA FFA

BUILDING COMMUNITIES - 6th Place:

De Soto FFA

STRENGTHENING AGRICULTURE - 9th

place: Tomah FFA

State Convention Recap

Middle School Essay Contest Winner:

Independence FFA Chapter
Paige Pronschinske

Membership Awards:

Holmen FFA + 91 & La Crosse
Middle FFA + 91

Highest Percentage Increase
Overall: Holmen FFA + 425%

9-12 Grade 3D Art:

2nd place Alyssa Lindow -
Black River Falls FFA

Agriscience Fair winners Animal Systems:

Division 4 – Team – Grades 9-
10: Aubrey Schmitz and
Shelby Schroeder, Sparta FFA

Division 6 – Team – Grades 11-
12: Connor Hilton and Adriana
Berger, Galesville-Ettrick-
Trempealeau FFA

Blue Jacket Legacy:

Jordan Nachtigal - Bangor
Leland Lawrence - Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau
Cayson Richardson - Bangor
Carley Kloehn - Sparta
Charlie Mathison - Bangor
Hailey Beranek - La Crosse

Washington Leadership Conference

Scholarships Recipient:

Alex Solverson - Viroqua

National Convention Anticipation

Take a Look at how
Section 3 is showing
up to the
99 National FFA
Convention & Expo!

Honorary American Degree Recipients

Mr. Jimmy and Amy Ellis

Mrs. Nelda Bailey



American Degree Recipients

ADDISON JOHNSON - ALMA FFA

FINLEY NOLL - ALMA FFA

CALEB PRONSCHINSKE - ARCADIA FFA

**CORBYN WEBER COCHRANE - FOUNTAIN
CITY FFA**

**KALEB ELLIS - COCHRANE - FOUNTAIN
CITY FFA**

SASCHA DOLL - DE SOTO FFA

TAYLOR DONSKEY - SPARTA FFA

MAKAYLA UEECK - TOMAH FFA

JOSIE BAILEY - TOMAH FFA

ANDREW SOLVERSON-VIROQUA FFA

HARLEE HARBAUGH - WESTBY FFA

Agriscience Fair

**Adriana Berger and Conner
Hilton: Gale- Ettrick-
Trempealeau FFA
Animal Systems Division 6**



National Convention Anticipation

National Band and Chorus Members

Band- Harper Solverson - La Crosse FFA

Chorus- Keiralynn Tupper - Tomah FFA

Trent Gretebeck - Westby FFA



Agricultural Proficiency Awards

Addison Johnson: Alma FFA
Dairy Production - Placement

Conner Hovell:
Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau FFA
Specialty Crop Production-
Entrepreneurship/ Placement

National Officer Candidate



Max Luedtke

National Chapter Award

3 Star Rating:
De Soto FFA, and Tomah FFA

Summer in Review

Base Camp



In June, the state officer team and I attended Base Camp where we learned more about our role as state officers. Along with how to best support and serve all of you FFA members.

WAAE

During the Wisconsin Association of Agriculture Educators conference in the end of June. I got to meet with agriculture educators from around Section 3, and the state of Wisconsin.



Check point 1



In the beginning of July, the team and I attended Checkpoint 1, where we started to plan for Fall Leadership Workshops, our speeches, and chapter visit workshops.

State Officer Summit

In the middle of July the State Officer team headed to Washington, D.C. to meet with other state officer teams and legislators to talk about the importance of FFA and agriculture education.



Summer in Review

Monroe County Fair



During the end of July I had the opportunity to attend the Monroe County Fair. Where I was able to engaged with members and watch them exhibit their fair projects.

Jackson County Fair

During the beginning of August I had the opportunity to attend the Jackson County Fair for the first time. I got to watch the goat show and talk two different members and see their exhibits.



Buffalo County Fair



During the beginning of August, I got to attend the Buffalo County Fair. I got to witness the livestock auction and a ton of members' different projects.

Juneau County Fair

Towards the end of August, I attended the Juneau County Fair. Where I got to see members hard at work with their exhibits and make connections.



Section 3 Summer in Review

Jag Lake



The State Officer team and I spent time at Jag Lake in the end of August. Where we work hard on workshop planning, speech preparation, team bonding, and chapter visit planning. We also had a fun time on the lake.

La Crosse Interstate Fair

During the La Crosse Interstate Fair, The team and I were at State officer Summit in Washington D.C. Some Section 3 members had the opportunity to display their hard work and dedication.



Trempealeau County Fair



During the Trempealeau County fair, the team and I were at State officer Summit in Washington D.C. Some Section 3 members had the opportunity to showcase their projects and have fun.

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SAE Sunday



**Member of the
Month**



**Teacher
Appreciation**



**Service
Recognition**

Upcoming Dates

Fall Leadership Workshop

The Fall Leadership Workshop
Will be held at the Tomah High
School on September 23rd.
Registration starts at 3:30pm!

Registration is
now open!



Fire Conference

- Oct 3rd University of Wisconsin- River Falls
- Oct 9th University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point
- Oct 16th Fox Valley Technical College

LET IT GROW
WISCONSIN FFA F.I.R.E. CONFERENCE

National Leadership Conference

November 12th- 13th Hyatt/ KI Convention
Center, Green Bay

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