



# THE DRAXLER DAILY

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*Catch up with Section 2!*

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# STATE OFFICER UPDATE

## Amalia Draxler

### Section 2 State Vice President



Hello, and welcome to my third newsletter! I can't believe that I am already three-quarters of the way through my year. It's getting warmer and spring is right around the corner! This newsletter will include many fun updates from the winter and look ahead to all of our fun events as we finish out the school year. Some of my favorite memories from this winter include finishing chapter visits and Half-Time conference! I am also extremely

proud of all of our LDE participants. We had so many achieving members, which is awesome!

I want to encourage you to keep being bold! The rest of the year has so many opportunities in store. I hope that chapter banquets go well and that you can celebrate all of the amazing things that have been happening in your chapters.

As I reflect on my time so far, I realize that I have met hundreds of new members. This is truly an honor and I want to thank you all once again for being welcoming. I treasure my friendship with all of you! I hope to see you all again soon!

Stay awesome!

Your friend,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amalia Draxler".

# LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

Members all across Section 2  
Participated in LDEs! From  
Prepared Speaking to Quiz Bowl,  
our members took home many  
different plaques.  
Congratulations to all!



## Sectional LDE

★ Mark your calendars! The  
Section 2 LDE will be held at  
Glenwood City High School on  
April 2nd! ★



# LDE WINNERS

Here are our LDE winners from District 4!  
Congratulations!

## Creed Speaking

**1st place:**  
Providence Kretzmann  
River Falls FFA

**2nd place:**  
Collin Jennings  
River Falls FFA

## Prepared Speaking

**1st place:**  
Olivia Luther  
River Falls FFA

**2nd place:**  
Annabelle Olsen  
River Falls FFA

## Extemporaneous Speaking

**1st place:**  
Lilly Peterson  
Baldwin-Woodville FFA

**2nd place:**  
Addie Johnson  
River Falls FFA

## Employment Skills

**1st place:**  
Isabelle Davenport  
River Falls FFA

**2nd place:**  
McKenna Edgar  
Ellsworth FFA

## Discussion Meet

**1st place:**  
Addison Neidermyer  
Spring Valley FFA

**2nd place:**  
Lillie Rewolinski  
Ellsworth FFA

## Quiz Bowl

**1st place:**  
River Falls FFA

**2nd place:**  
New Richmond FFA

## Parliamentary Procedure

**1st place:**  
River Falls FFA

**2nd place:**  
Ellsworth FFA



# LDE WINNERS

Here are our LDE winners from District 5!  
Congratulations!

## Creed Speaking

**1st place:**  
Riley Pratt  
Mondovi FFA

**2nd place:**  
Kaylee Payne  
Mondovi FFA

## Prepared Speaking

**1st place:**  
Bethany Risen  
Mondovi FFA

**2nd place:**  
Carson Stamm  
Mondovi FFA

## Extemporaneous Speaking

**1st place:**  
Samantha Risen  
Mondovi FFA

**2nd place:**  
Mason Maier  
Mondovi FFA

## Employment Skills

**1st place:**  
Kaianna Borsheim  
Mondovi FFA

**2nd place:**  
Elsie Weinzirl  
Durand FFA

## Discussion Meet

**1st place:**  
Nels Tanula  
Elk Mound FFA

**2nd place:**  
Nathan Boesl  
Colfax FFA

## Quiz Bowl

**1st place:**  
Menomonie FFA

**2nd place:**  
Mondovi 1



# LDE WINNERS

Here are our LDE winners from District 6!  
Congratulations!

## Creed Speaking

**1st place:**

Sydney Yates  
Stanley-Boyd FFA

**2nd place:**

Sophie Pernsteiner  
Osseo-Fairchild FFA

## Prepared Speaking

**1st place:**

Elizabeth Zimmerman  
Osseo-Fairchild FFA

**2nd place:**

Hazel Pilgrim  
Augusta FFA

## Extemporaneous Speaking

**1st place:**

Ever Ramirez  
Chippewa Falls FFA

**2nd place:**

Henry Cash  
Osseo-Fairchild FFA

## Employment Skills

**1st place:**

Camryn Burbuck  
Eleva-Strum FFA

**2nd place:**

Sydney Gundlach  
Stanley-Boyd FFA

## Discussion Meet

**1st place:**

Cheyenne Thompson  
Osseo-Fairchild FFA

**2nd place:**

Jacob Gundlach  
Stanley-Boyd FFA

## Quiz Bowl

**1st place:**

Cadott 1

**2nd place:**

Cadott 2

## Parliamentary Procedure

**1st place:**

Stanley-Boyd FFA

**2nd place:**

Osseo-Fairchild FFA



# HALF-TIME CONFERENCE

## RECAP



**We had the best time at Half-Time Conference this year!**

With over 300 students, it was a great reunion of our top-achieving members. We learned about opportunities in FFA, opportunities after FFA, belonging statements, and event planning. We hope to take this information back to our chapters to help us be *Legendary!*





# FFA WEEK



## RECAP

**FFA Week was a core memory!**

I travelled hundreds of miles across the state to join FFA members in all kinds of events! Here are some notable moments:



*Day on the Hill*



*Mauston FFA Pancake Dinner*



*Chippewa Falls FFA Teacher Appreciation Breakfast*



*Melrose-Mindoro FFA Donkey Basketball*



*G-E-T FFA Ag Olympics and Pancake Breakfast*



*Baraboo FFA Assembly*



*Bloomer FFA Donkey Basketball*



*Osseo-Fairchild FFA Donkey Basketball*



*Elmwood FFA Pancake Breakfast*



# WINTER HIGHLIGHTS

## FARM BUREAU



## FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETING WAS A BLAST!

We joined Wisconsin Farm Bureau at their Young Farmers and Ranchers conference and Annual Meeting at the Kalahari.

This was a great time to connect with agriculturists around the state. We got to join groups with lunches and watch the discussion meet contest! This event inspired me to be a Farm Bureau member in college!

## THEN DECEMBER INCLUDED MORE TRAINING!

The team got together once again in Marshfield in December!

We learned more about teamwork and team dynamics, developed content for Half-Time Conference, and worked on our speeches! We also got to hang out together as a team as we celebrated the holiday season. We toured Christmas lights, donated canned goods, had an ugly sweater contest, made gingerbread houses, and more!



## CHECK POINT #2

# WINTER HIGHLIGHTS

## WABA



## WE JOINED BUSINESSES AT WABA

The Wisconsin Agribusiness Association invited us to join them at the Kalahari for a day for their expo!

We got to talk with FFA sponsors and agricultural businesses alike. I enjoyed learning more about agriculture such as drone application and pest control. I was honored to attend this event to represent FFA!

## AND FEBRUARY HAD FUN EVENTS

Corn, Soy, and Pork Expo was a great time! This was such a unique event compared to what our team typically attends. We worked registration for the expo and got to attend the Porkapalooza event where we got to eat bacon and show off items in the auction.

It was awesome to learn a little bit more about agriculture and see thriving businesses attend!



## CORN, SOY, PORK EXPO

# WINTER HIGHLIGHTS

## ALUMNI CONVENTION



## NEXT WE WENT TO ALUMNI CONVENTION

Here, we got to see alumni get together from across the state. I joined our Sectional meeting and learned a little bit more about what our alumni have been up to. We attended the business sessions and got to vote on important topics.

One of the most notable parts was receiving my lifetime membership to be an FFA Alumni member! Thank you to our state alumni!

## WE GOT TO HANG WITH MEMBERS AT FARM FORUM, TOO!

Farm Forum was an awesome event for us to connect with members again. We enjoyed our time in Rothschild learning in so many different sessions!

We also got to enjoy an energizing eye opener activity and mingle with each other. How fun!



## FARM FORUM

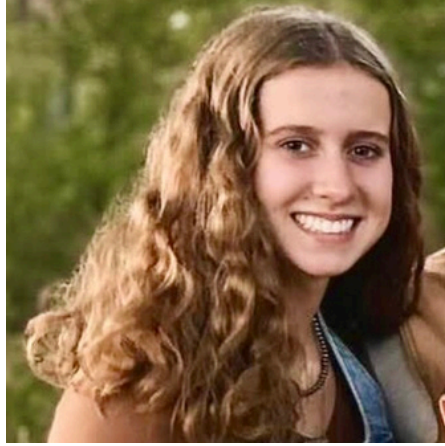
Here are the dates that I have so far for chapter banquets! If your date is incorrect or not on this list, please contact me to fix it! I am excited to join you all for your end-of-year celebrations!

# BANQUETS

<b>Eleva-Strum*</b>	<b>March 13</b>
<b>Glenwood City</b>	<b>April 6</b>
<b>Colfax</b>	<b>April 16</b>
<b>Augusta</b>	<b>April 25</b>
<b>Mondovi</b>	<b>April 26</b>
<b>Stanley-Boyd</b>	<b>May 3</b>
<b>Durand</b>	<b>May 3</b>
<b>Chippewa Falls</b>	<b>May 4</b>
<b>Boyceville</b>	<b>May 4</b>
<b>Elk Mound**</b>	<b>May 4</b>
<b>Menomonie</b>	<b>May 9</b>
<b>Osseo-Fairchild</b>	<b>May 10</b>
<b>Hudson</b>	<b>May 10</b>
<b>River Falls</b>	<b>May 12</b>
<b>Elmwood</b>	<b>May 14</b>
<b>Ellsworth*</b>	<b>May 16</b>

\*please note that I am not planning on attending these banquets due to schedule conflicts!

# ★ MEMBER OF THE MONTH ★



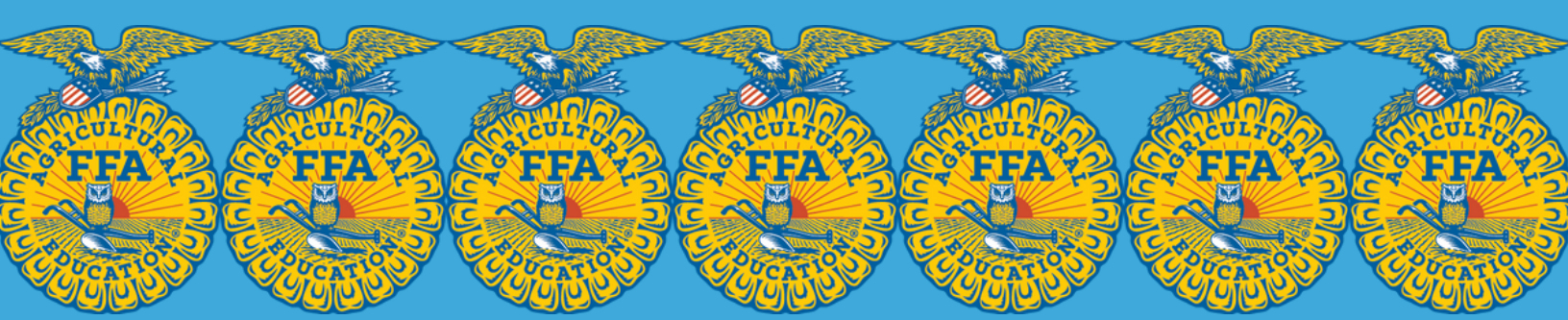
**TESSA WAGNER**  
GLENWOOD CITY FFA  
December



**HEIDI KEEKU**  
STANLEY-BOYD FFA  
January



**CLAIRE JANIAK**  
EAU CLAIRE AREA FFA  
February



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## FIRE Conferences

Are you a middle school member looking to Forge Your Path? Look no further! Join us at our FIRE Conferences to learn all about FFA!

**SWTC Fennimore - February 27**

**SWTC Fennimore - February 28**

## EDGE/Connect Conference

Work with National FFA to learn how to grow and connect to be the best member for your chapter! Join us!

**March 21-22**

**KI Convention Center, Green Bay**

## Regional CDEs

**Janesville: March 12**

**Mid-State Technical College, Marshfield: March 18**

**UW-Platteville: March 20**

**FVTC-Appleton: March 28**

**UW-River Falls: April 5**

# UPCOMING DUE DATES



Mar 3rd - State Degree Applications
Mar 3rd - Final Supplemental Membership Rosters Due
Mar 3rd - State Honorary Degree and Distinguished Service Nominations
Mar 14th - WI FFA Foundation Scholarship
Mar 15th - NextGen Agricultural Education Conference Student Application
Apr 15th - WLC Travel Assistance Grants
Apr 16th - Middle School Essays
Apr 22nd - National Chapter Applications

# UPCOMING DUE DATES



Apr 22nd - Three Star Leader Applications
Apr 22nd - State FFA Talent Applications
Apr 25th - State Officer Applications
May 1st - Food For America Applications
May 1st - Public Relations Team Applications
May 9th - Agriscience Fair Written Application
May 15th - Courtesy Corps Applications
May 15th - NextGen Environmental Science & Natural Resources Application



# LET'S CONNECT



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## Member of the Month

Nominate outstanding  
members here to be the  
Section 2 Member of the  
Month!



## Teacher Appreciation

Nominate amazing  
advisors here to be selected  
for the teacher  
appreciation program on  
the state social media  
page!



## Service Project Saturday

Nominate service  
projects here to be  
featured on the State  
FFA Social Media!



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