# Ducommun's Diary



2025-2026 Wisconsin State FFA Officer Team; Back row (L to R) Sam Mell, Layten Sobieski, Max Luedtke, Ava Forde, Parker Smith. Middle row (L to R): Brooke Luedtke, Corbyn Weber, Taniele Ducommun. Front row (L to R): Harley Prill, Amalia Draxler, and Evan Retzlaff

#### This Entry

Meet your State Officer
State Convention Standout
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### **Get to know your State Officer**



#### Fun Facts

- I love cats.
- I enjoy long lake days and ending them with a campfire and s'mores.
- I'm a Caribou Coffee lover.
- My favorite musical artists are Megan Moroney and Morgan Wallen.
- I love going on trips up to Lake Superior.

### Taniele Ducommun

Hello everyone, and welcome to my first newsletter! My name is Taniele Ducommun, and I am from the Stanley-Boyd FFA Chapter. I'm currently entering my sophomore year at UW-River Falls, studying Agricultural Education. In FFA, I have participated in LDEs such as **Parliamentary Procedure and Employment Skills, and I have also** competed in the Forestry CDE. Alongside these activities, I completed an SAE in Food Service. Balancing my workplace project with competition preparation, I was always excited and ready to attend any leadership Conference! During my year of service as a State Officer, I am very excited to learn more about FFA as a whole and to help members discover their passion within the organization.

### **State Convention Standouts**

## ++ State Degree Recipients ++

Boyceville

Abigail Bauer

Eau Claire

Claire Janiak

Ellsworth

Peyton Berg
Madison Bowen
Genevieve Cady
Samuel Hines
Chrysler Huron
Isabelle Johnson
Aiden Kelly
Ava Kolodzienski
Chase Plummer
Landyn Rusch

Elva Strum

Isabelle Davenport Alyson Wojcik

Garrett Gullicksrud

Glenwood City

Samuel Cassellius

Elsja Meijer

Hudson

**Christopher Banes** 

Alexis DeFlorin

Shailee Jones-Pfannes

Cecelia Richert

<u>Menomonie</u>

Madison Kwak

Mandavi

Kaianna Borsheim

Mason Meier

New Richmond

Eli Bell

River Falls

Isabelle Davenport

Annabelle Olsen

Mariah Sandberg

Riley Schmidt

John Swenson

Maxwell Van

Overbeke

Stanley-Boyd

Heidi Keeku



### **State Convention Standouts**

<u>LDEs</u>

**Employment Skills 1st** 

Isabelle Davenport River Falls FFA

Parliamentary Procedure 4th

Stanley-Boyd FFA

Middle School Quiz Bowl 4th

River Falls FFA

Prepared Speaking 2<sup>nd</sup>

Olivia Luther River Falls



<u>WLC Scholarships Recipients</u>
Eli Bell, New Richmond
Elizabeth Zimmerman,
Osseo-Fairchild



CDES

Dairy Cattle Evaluation & Management:

**Baldwin-Woodville FFA** 

Food Science and Technology:

**Stanley-Boyd FFA** 

Horse Evaluation:

Chippewa Falls FFA

Livestock Evaluation:

**Spring Valley FFA** 

Veterinary Science:

**Ellsworth FFA** 



### **State Convention Standouts**



**Animal Systems (Division 3)** 

Henry Cash

Osseo-Fairchild FFA

Food Products and Processing Systems (Division 3)

Sophie Pernsteiner Osseo-Fairchild FFA

**Plant Systems (Division 2)** 

Laurie Zimmerman and Layla Leinon

Osseo-Fairchild FFA

**Plant Systems (Division 3)** 

Holden McCray
Osseo-Fairchild FFA

<u>Scrapbook Contest</u>

Digital

3<sup>rd</sup> Place- Hudson FFA

Talent Contest

4<sup>th</sup> Place-Lorraine Taylor New Richmond FFA



<u>Membership Alward</u> Durand-Arkansaw +64

### National Chapter

#### **Gold**

Chippewa Falls FFA Stanley-Boyd FFA Osseo-Fairchild FFA

#### <u>Silver</u>

St. Croix Central FFA
Glenwood City
Baldwin-Woodville

#### **Building Communities**

Chippewa Falls-6th Place Stanley-Boyd-10<sup>th</sup> Place

#### **Strengthening Agriculture**

Chippewa Falls- 6<sup>th</sup> Place

### **State Convention Standout**

#### State Honors Band

Emily Kragness-Chippewa Falls
Mason Scheffer- Osseo-Fairchild
Brody Bechel-Durand-Arkansaw
Jace Ridgeway-Durand-Arkansaw
Kobin Bechel- Durand-Arkansaw
Alexander Anderson- Fall Creek



### State Honors Choir

Aiden Kelly-Ellsworth
Adam Capatske-Ellsworth
Emily Brenner- Stanley-Boyd
Chloe Isenberger- Stanley-Boyd
Emily Kletsch- Stanley-Boyd
Allison Patten- Stanley-Boyd



#### Three Star Leaders

Ella Omann- Baldwin-Woodville Eliana Swoboda-Chippewa Falls Sam Casselius- Glenwood City Elizabeth Zimmerman- Osseo-Fairchild Heidi Keeku- Stanley-Boyd Pride Award
Boyceville FFA
Durand-Arkansaw FFA
Eau Claire Area FFA
Spring Valley FFA

## Summer with State Officers

### **Base Camp**

After being elected to state office we started our journey together at basecamp. At base camp we got to learn about who we are as individuals to become the best leaders and mentors for Wisconsin FFA members. With learning about ourselves we got the chance to learn more about each other. Base camp was an amazing learning experience for myself and my team.



### WAAE



After attending Base Camp, we had the opportunity to participate in WAAE. At this Conference, we engaged in conversations and learned more about Wisconsin's agricultural educators. While connecting with them, we also continued planning for upcoming Conferences and events throughout the year.

### **Checkpoint #1**



Checkpoint #1 was a great opportunity to reconnect with my team and learn more about development for creating workshops and speeches. It was an exciting learning experience for all of us. While attending Checkpoint, we also had the opportunity to strengthen our team connections.

One of my favorite activities was completing an escape room with my team without using any clues!

### **State Officer Summit**

State Officer Summit was an incredible experience where we learned more about advocacy and how we can effectively advocate for FFA and agricultural education. We attended sessions with other state officers from across the nation to explore how we can make an impact through our advocacy. In addition to learning, we also had the opportunity to visit the amazing monuments in Washington, D.C.





At the Southern Golf Outing, we had the opportunity to work with the Wisconsin FFA Foundation. We helped with activities ranging from a putting competition to assisting at the refreshment center. It was amazing to see agricultural teachers and FFA partners come together at this event to raise funds for Wisconsin FFA.

## **Southern Golf Outing**



### **Wisconsin State Fair**



We worked in the Discovery Barn, teaching youth about advancements in technology within the agriculture industry. We also served as animal ambassadors by answering questions about production animals. In our free time, we explored the fair, enjoyed some amazing food, and went on a few adventurous rides.

### **Farm Tech Days**



Farm Technology Days provided us with a great opportunity to educate attendees on the importance of safety when operating ATVs/UTVs, working with PTOs, and being around gravity grain bins.

We also had the chance to explore the event ourselves and learn more about the latest innovations and technology in the agriculture industry.

**Jag Lake** 

Jag Lake was a great opportunity to reconnect with the team! We spent time reflecting on our speeches and preparing for the FLW and F.I.R.E. workshops. While we focused on business, we also enjoyed a relaxing retreat away from work with camping and adventure.



### **National Convention**

### Agriscience Fair

#### **National Finalist**

**Animal Systems Division 3** 

Henry Cash

Osseo-Fairchild

Food Production & Processing Division 3

Sophie Pernsteiner

Osseo-Fairchild

Plant Systems Division 2

Laurie Zimmerman & Layla Leinon

Osseo-Fairchild

#### **Bronze**

Plant System Division 3

Holden McCray

Osseo-Fairchild



### National Chapter Stars

#### 3 Star Chapter

Chippewa Falls

Osseo-Fairchild

**2 Star Chapter** 

Stanley-Boyd

### American Degree

**Cadott** 

Nicholas Goettl

Colfax

Alison Schmitt

Amelia Schmitt

**Glenwood City** 

Amalia Draxler

<u>Menomonie</u>

Emily Zukowski

**River Falls** 

Ava Welman

Stanley-Boyd

Taniele Ducommun

### **Upcoming Events**

#### Fall Leadership Workshop

Where?

Stanley-Boyd High School

When?

September 17th, registration at 3:30pm

Join us to learn more about FFA and leadership skills through exciting workshops



#### F.I.R.E. Conference

Where & When?

UWSP Marshfield Campus-October 10th FVTC- Appleton- October 17th UW-River Falls- October 18th SWTC Fennimore- February 26th & 27th

Come learn more about FFA and how you can get involved within your chapter!



#### **National Convention**

Where?

Indianapolis Lucas Oil Stadium When?

October 29th-November 1st

Come down to Indianapolis and learn more about FFA and meet members from across the nation!



### National Leadership Conference

Where?

Chula Vista, Wisconsin Dells When?

November 13th & 14th

Learn about yourself and leadership to become a great leader within your FFA chapter



### **Chapter Visits**



**New Richmond Stanley-Boyd Boyceville Baldwin-Woodville Cadott Saint Croix Central Eau Claire Fall Creek Elva-Strum Augusta Elisworth Glenwood City** Colfax **River Falls Menomonie Elk Mound Durand-Arkansaw** Hudson **Chippewa Falls Plum City Osseo-Fairchild Elmwood Spring Valley** 

Mondovi

**October 6th October 7th October 8th October 9th October 13th October 14th October 15th October 20th October 23rd October 24th November 3rd November 5th November 6th November 7th November 12th November 20th November 21st November 25th December 8th December 10th December 19th TBD TBD** 

**TBD** 





#### **Section 1**



Harley Prill

### **Section 2**



Taniele Ducommun

### **Section 3**



Corbyn Weber

#### **Section 4**



Ava Forde

#### **Section 5**



#### **Section 6**



Brooke Luedtke

#### **Section 7**



Parker Smith

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# **I►FFA** Leadership

**Platinum** 





Gold







#### Silver

AgCountry Farm Credit Services
Culvers
Seneca Foods

#### **Bronze**

Case IH / CNH Capital
Elkhorn FFA Alumni
Wisconsin Pork Association
GreenStone Farm Credit Services