

# LUEDTKE LOWDOWN

## Volume 3

### THE 2025-2026 STATE FFA OFFICER TEAM



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# NOTE FROM THE SECTION 10 STATE VICE PRESIDENT

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## What's up, Section 10?!

How are we already this far into the year?! It seriously feels like we were just getting things kicked off, and now we've already had Half-Time, District LDEs, Farm Forum, and FFA Week. Half-Time fired me up, seeing so many of you ready to keep that chapter momentum rolling and illuminate leadership within yourselves. Then, at District LDEs, watching everyone step out of their comfort zones and absolutely crush it was awesome! And Farm Forum? The conversations about the future of agriculture got me excited, knowing leaders like YOU are going to make the industry successful.



FFA Week is always one of my favorites, and this year did not disappoint. From Day on the Hill to all your chapter celebrations, seeing you advocate for ag education and everyone wearing their blue jacket with pride was incredible! Thank you to everyone who invited me to events! Getting to meet more people, build new connections, and see the awesome things you're doing is hands-down the best part of serving as you!

Now we're rolling into banquet season, CDEs, and all the spring activities and I couldn't be more excited! I cannot wait to keep traveling across Section 10 and cheering you on. And before we know it, we'll all be together at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison for the State Convention! Finish this year strong, it's going to be FFAntastic! And as always...

**Keep Being YOU! Keep Being Awesome! Keep Enjoying FFA!**

*Max Luedtke*

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# DISTRICT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

## EVENTS RESULTS – DISTRICT 28

### *Creed Speaking*

*1st Place*

*2nd Place*



**Kilyan Lubensein**  
Lomira FFA



**Temperance Grahl**  
Campbellsport FFA

### *Employment Skills*

*1st Place*

*2nd Place*



**Karley Westfall**  
Slinger FFA



**Josie Knapp**  
Hartford FFA

### *Extemporaneous Public Speaking*

*1st Place*

*2nd Place*



**Owen Hemling**  
Beaver Dam FFA



**Abby Strupp**  
Hartford FFA

### *Prepared Public Speaking*

*1st Place*

*2nd Place*



**Brock Breitlow**  
Lomira FFA



**Bailey Gualt**  
Hartford FFA

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## EVENTS RESULTS – DISTRICT 28

### *Discussion Meet*

*1st Place*

*2nd Place*



**Brock Breitlow  
Lomira FFA**

**Abby Strupp  
Hartford FFA**

### *Middle School Quiz Bowl*

*1st Place*

*2nd Place*



**Campbellsport  
FFA**

**Horicon  
FFA**

### *Parliamentary Procedure*

*1st Place*

*2nd Place*



**Hartford  
FFA**

**Beaver Dam  
FFA**

# DISTRICT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

## EVENTS RESULTS – DISTRICT 29

*Creed Speaking*

*1st Place*

*2nd Place*

*Employment Skills*

*1st Place*

*2nd Place*



**Celia Olson**  
Lake Mills FFA



**Brooke Barnes**  
Jefferson FFA



**Lexi Lambert**  
Watertown FFA



**Alexis Staude**  
Jefferson FFA

*Extemporaneous  
Public Speaking*

*1st Place*

*2nd Place*

*Prepared*

*Public Speaking*

*1st Place*

*2nd Place*



**Carlie Wagner**  
Jefferson FFA



**Jasmine May**  
Watertown FFA



**Kinsley Kutz**  
Lakeside Lutheran  
FFA



**Stella Schmocker**  
Lakeside Lutheran  
FFA

# DISTRICT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

## EVENTS RESULTS – DISTRICT 29

*Discussion Meet*

*Middle School Quiz Bowl*

*1st Place*

*2nd Place*

*1st Place*

*2nd Place*



**Taylre Tietz  
Watertown FFA**

**Jack Salzman  
Oconomowoc FFA**

**Watertown  
FFA**

**Palmrya-Eagle  
FFA**

## *Parliamentary Procedure*

*1st Place*

*2nd Place*



**Waterloo  
FFA**

**Watertown  
FFA**

# DISTRICT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

## EVENTS RESULTS – DISTRICT 30

### *Creed Speaking*

*1st Place*

*2nd Place*



**Liana Simonsen**  
Elkhorn FFA

**Jayce Henningfeld**  
Bigfoot FFA

### *Employment Skills*

*1st Place*

*2nd Place*



**Rebecca Konkel**  
Big Foot FFA

**Callie Lohse**  
Big Foot FFA

### *Extemporaneous Public Speaking*

*1st Place*

*2nd Place*



**Lucy Ehlen**  
Elkhorn FFA

**Makenna Zess**  
East Troy FFA

### *Prepared Public Speaking*

*1st Place*

*2nd Place*



**Gianna Kud**  
Big Foot FFA

**Adalina Adsit**  
East Troy FFA

# DISTRICT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

## EVENTS RESULTS – DISTRICT 30

### *Discussion Meet*

*1st Place*

*2nd Place*



**Lucy Ehlen  
Elkhorn FFA**

**Ramona Holden  
Waterford FFA**

### *Middle School Quiz Bowl*

*1st Place*

*2nd Place*



**East Troy  
FFA**

**Delevan-Darien  
FFA**

### *Parliamentary Procedure*

*1st Place*

*2nd Place*



**Big Foot  
FFA**



**Waterford  
FFA**

# WINTER RECAP

## Checkpoint #2 Training



At Checkpoint #2, our team came together for some more training on speech writing and delivery and additional team dynamics. It was a great time to slow down and reflect on the year so far and how to effectively serve moving forward!



We had a great opportunity to attend the Farm Bureau's annual meeting and young farmer conference. We got to watch some amazing discussion meet competitions and hear from some inspiring speakers how to navigate challenges within the agriculture industry



## Farm Bureau Annual Meeting



# WINTER RECAP

## Half-Time Conference



Halftime Conference was an absolute blast. Corbyn, Taniele, and I had the privilege of teaching about different ways to leave a legacy behind in our chapters. Thank you to everyone who attended and learned how to illuminate their own leadership!



Farm Forum was a great event put on by Wisconsin Farm Bureau to allow members to discover different opportunities within the agriculture industry. Thank you for putting on such a wonderful event!



## Farm Forum



# WINTER HIGHLIGHTS

## Wisconsin Corn/Soy Expo



At the Wisconsin Corn and Soy Expo, our team worked the registration booth as well as assisted with carrying around auction items. I enjoyed interacting with many different industry leaders and seeing them come together to discuss ways to progress forward!



Alumni Convention was truly a blast. Seeing the passion to support members in the room was heartwarming. Thank you to all alumni and supporters who give their time, talents, treasures, and testimony to FFA. It doesn't go unnoticed!



## Wisconsin FFA Alumni & Supporters Convention



# WINTER HIGHLIGHTS

## Day on the Hill



Seeing members come together at the capitol to advocate for one common goal: The future of the FFA, was truly inspiring. Props to everyone who showed up and educated their legislators about what their local FFA does for their community!



We wrapped up FIRE conferences with the last two in Fennimore. The energy that the members brought was contagious and shows the future of our organization is bright. Brooke and I enjoyed magnifying in on different agricultural careers with you all!



## FIRE Conferences



# WINTER HIGHLIGHTS

## Chapter Activities

Thank you for all the invitations to such wonderful events! Whether it's a chapter bowling party, alumni breakfasts or dinners, officer retreats, or even donkey basketball, I truly appreciate every opportunity to be a part of those moments. I have genuinely enjoyed getting to know each of you better. Thank you for your hospitality and enthusiasm to make every visit special!



# BANQUET SCHEDULE

~~Fort Atkinson - 3/2~~

Mayville - 3/12

Jefferson - 4/6

Lake Mills - 4/12

Whitewater - 4/15

Badger - 4/16

Hartford - 4/18

Campbellsport - 4/19

Burlington - 4/22

Watertown - 4/22

Delevan-Darien - 4/23

Big Foot - 4/25

Slinger - 4/26

Waterford - 4/26

Horicon - 4/26

Waterloo - 4/29

Kewaskum - 4/30

Union Grove - 5/4

Beaver Dam - 5/6

East Troy - 5/27

Oconomowoc - TBD

Lakeside Lutheran - TBD

Elkhorn - TBD

Dodgeland - TBD

Lomira - TBD

Hustisford - TBD

Milwaukee Vincent - TBD

Nathan Hale - TBD

Palmyra-Eagle - TBD

\*Dates as of March 3

***If your chapter has any cool events coming up, let me know! I would love to attend!***

# LOOKING AHEAD IN SECTION 10...

## March

- 6- State Proficiency Judging
- 11- Sectional LDE's
- 17 - Janesville CDE
- 20-21 - Edge/Mission Conference
- 24 - Mid-State CDE
- 26 - UW-Platteville CDE
- 27 - FVTC Appleton CDE
- 28 - UW-River Falls CDE

## April

- 10 - State Envirothon
- 17 - State CDE's Day 1
- 24- State CDE's Day 2

## May

## June

- 16-18 - State FFA Convention

## Interested In State Office?

*Check Out State Officer Academies!*

- March 31 - Year Overview
- April 7 - Election Process Overview
- April 14 - Stakeholder Overview
- April 21 - Questions & Answers

*All of these meetings are via Google Meet! Parents and Advisors are encouraged to join on April 14 to answer questions about what their role will be during the year. See you then!*

## Upcoming Due Dates

**March 3:** State FFA Degrees

**March 8:** Public Relations Team Application

**March 13:** State Foundation Chapter Grant Applications

**March 13:** State Foundation Collegiate Scholarship

**March 16:** State Honorary Degree and Distinguished Service Nominations

**April 15:** Middle School Essay

**April 21:** National Chapter Applications

**April 22:** State FFA Talent Application

**April 24:** State Officer Application

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## Member of the Month

Section 10 is full of members doing great things! If you think someone deserves some recognition, nominate them here!



## Teacher of the Month

Has your ag teacher done something above and beyond, or just deserves extra recognition? Nominate them here to be featured as teacher of the month!



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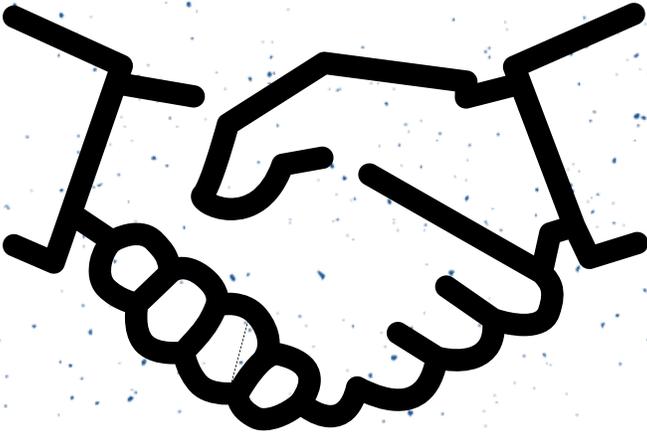
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