

Letters From Laura



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Summer 2016

It's the beginning of another great year!

I cannot wait to meet all of you fantastic Section 3 FFA members this year, and see what awesome things your chapters are doing!

This issue is going to be packed with summer fun, introductions from your new Section 3 State Officer, and a look at this upcoming year!



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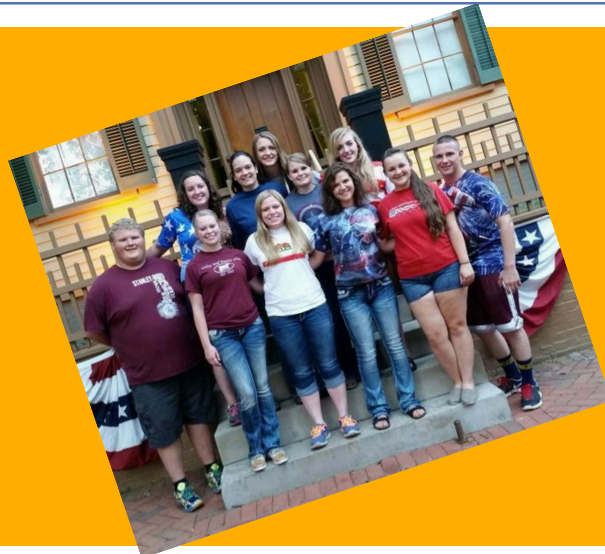
2016-2017 Wisconsin State FFA Officers



Back Row: Rylee Black, Section 1 State Treasurer; Caleb Green, Section 2 State Vice President; Travis Cadman, Section 10 State Sentinel; Laura Munger, Section 3 State Secretary;

Middle Row: Hannah Taylor, Section 6 State Reporter; Brenna Bays, President; Ciera Ballmer, Section 5 State Vice President

Front Row: Kari Fischer, Section 4 State Parliamentarian; Sarah Van Asten, Section 9 State Vice President; Ashley Zimmerman, Section 7 State Vice President; Dani Angotti, Section 8 State Vice President



Trip to Springfield, IL!

The State FFA Officer team took a trip to Springfield, IL, over the fourth of July for NLC SO! While we were in Springfield, we celebrated the fourth by watching fireworks in the park with the Illinois State Officers and our National Western Region Vice President, Sarah Draper! During that week, we met some amazing people, and were able to participate in the Escape Springfield activity. We also had the chance to put on our history caps when we visited President Lincoln's homestead and burial site.



Who's that tall girl from Section 3???

Hello Hello! My name is Laura Munger from the Holmen FFA Chapter. I grew up just outside the village of West Salem with my parents, Don and Jane Munger, my older sister, Hannah, and my younger brother, Ian. Although I never grew up on a farm, I always wished I had. On our one little acre of land, we had multiple flower and vegetable gardens, eleven laying hens, and a few goat kids during the spring and summer months. When I was little, I was determined to live on a farm however, and would frequently ask my parents, "Do we live on a farm yet?" every time we added a new animal to our acreage.

Even though we lived on a more urban setting than rural, it never stopped me from wanting to be involved in agriculture, and FFA. I joined FFA as soon as I could in my school district, which was my freshmen year. I started my high school career at West Salem High School, but ended open enrolling in the Holmen School District to be more involved in their FFA chapter. I always tried to be a part of everything I could. I enjoyed speaking competitions, specifically Creed, Parliamentary Procedure, and Extemporaneous Speaking. Besides competitions, I enjoyed participating in community activities through my FFA, including our Empty Bowls fundraiser, concession stands, our Farm 2 School and Food For America Programs. When I was not busy with chapter activities, I was working on my SAE's. By the time I was applying for my state degree, I had three SAE's, Dairy Goat Placement, Dairy Cow Placement, and Equine Placement.

I am so excited to meet each and every one of the Section 3 members this year! I cannot wait to hear about your SAE's, your chapter activities, your future plans, and much, much more!

My career and State Officer goals...

1. One of my goals this year is agricultural literacy. Agricultural education is SO important, and I will work to spread positive energy about agriculture to the public, FFA members, and students.
2. My other goal for this year is to help strengthen FFA Chapters in my section. Through my high school experiences, I have been a part of both a developed and underdeveloped FFA Chapter, and I hope to use what I have learned to help strengthen chapters in need.
3. This year I am a student at South Dakota State University studying Biology. My goal is to go into Pre-Vet, Pre-Med, or find a career within Agricultural Researching.



Laura Munger
State FFA Secretary
Wisconsin Association of FFA

Summer Fun!



Farm Technology Days!

From July 18-21, the state officer team was in Walworth County celebrating Farm Technology Days. This year, the event was held on Snudden farms. During the week, the state officers helped out with the State Safe Tractor Driving Contest, and gave tours of the farm to the public. The tours included visiting the heifer and calf facilities, the milking parlor, the grain processing area, and the manure storage and sand separation systems on the farm.

State Fair!

The state officer team was able to participate in the Discovery Barnyard and Veggie Races at the Wisconsin State Fair August 4-14. It was so much fun being able to bring agriculture into such a large urban setting. There is no better feeling than when you see a person make the connection in how their food is grown.

It was great seeing some of our local FFA Chapters exhibiting their projects at State Fair! They all looked excellent!

Mark your Calendars!

Chapter Visit Schedule!

October 5~ Melrose-Mindoro
October 6~ Black River Falls
October 11~ Holmen
October 12~ Holmen Middle School
October 13~ Independence
October 14~ DeSoto
October 25~ Sparta
October 26~ LaFarge
October 27~ Sparta Middle School
October 28~ Brookwood
October 31~ Bangor
November 4~ Kickapoo
November 7~ West Salem

November 8~ Cashton
November 9~ Hillsboro
November 10~ Blair-Taylor
November 14~ Westby
November 15~ Viroqua
November 16~ Tomah
November 17~ Whitehall
November 18~ Tomah Middle School
November 21~ G-E-T
November 22~ Arcadia
November 28~ Cochrane-Fountain City
November 2~ Wonewoc Center
November 29~ Lincoln ACHM
November 30~ Royall

Workshop! Workshop!

All of the Jackets Down in Blue-Ville

Come join us for the 2016 Sectional Leadership Workshop! Here's your chance to start the year off strong Dr. Seuss style! Are you a new FFA member? Returning member? New officer? Whatever it may be, this is the place for you! Come learn about FFA, your specific office position, how to become more involved, and how to help make Section 3 an even better place to be!

When: September 26th

Where: Holmen High School
1001 McHugh Rd,
Holmen, WI 54636



SLW

Building Your Foundation: One Brick at a Time

You're invited to join us for the annual FIRE Conference! Open to any 7th, 8th, or 9th grade FFA members. During this action packed day you'll be learning about what opportunities FFA has to offer, the history of FFA, and how you can show your FFA pride! Come find your place in FFA and start building a foundation for your future!

When/Where: September 24th at UW Madison
October 1st at FVTC Appleton
October 8th at UW River Falls

Can't wait to see you there!



FIRE

State Convention Highlights!

Specialty Animal Production

Proficiency

Steven Gamroth-Independence FFA

Creed Speaking

Blake Johnson, Holmen FFA- 3rd Place

3 Star Leader Award

Collin Weltzien- Arcadia

Angela Klinkner- Cashton

Jordan Kaczorowski- Cochrane Fountain City

Alyssa McCathie- Holmen

Pete Schroeder- Tomah

Kenneth Thorn- Whitehall

Land Evaluation Career

Development Event

Cashton FFA-First Place

Arcadia FFA- Second Place

Veterinary Science Career

Development Event

Cochrane Fountain City FFA- First Place

Safe Tractor Operating Contest

Seth Byom-G-E-T FFA

Membership Awards

100% Membership-Tomah

Affiliated Chapter Award- Arcadia

P.R.I.D.E. – Holmen

La Farge

Royall

Sparta

Tomah

Scholarships

Hannah Thelen- La Farge

Vanessa Ponterio- Melrose-Mindoro

Allison Hardy- Viroqua

Joelle Liddane- Tomah

Agriscience

Power, Structure and Technical, Division 4-

Jacob Markhart and Benett Bucck, Black

River Falls FFA

Social Systems Division 1- Abby Field,

Wonewoc-Center

National Chapter Award

Community Development- 8th Place, Holmen

FFA

National FFA Talent Nominee

Carter Sime- Holmen FFA



Congratulations Everyone!!

What's happening in Section 3??

HUGE congratulations to the Cashton FFA chapter for placing FIRST in the Land Evaluation contest. The team consists of Angela Klinkner, Rebecca Gronemus, Taylor Hanley, and Trevor Hemmersbach. AWESOME job representing Section 3, so proud of you all!!! Good luck at the national competition in Oklahoma next May!!



A very LOUD shout out to Seth Byom from the Gale-Ettrick-Treampealeau FFA Chapter for WINNING the State Safe Tractor Operator contest. This contest tested the member's knowledge through both a written exam and hands on work. Congratulations Seth!

The "What's happening in Section 3" page of the newsletter is to recognize chapters or members with outstanding accomplishments. Send your FFA Achievements to lmunger@wisconsinffa.org with a picture to have them highlighted in my fall, winter, or spring issue! Let's show Wisconsin FFA that Section 3 is the place to be!

National Convention: Coming to you in Louisville, Kentucky from October 18th-22nd!

FFA Concert

Keynote Speakers

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 19
Lucas Oil Stadium

COLE SWINDELL & CHRIS YOUNG



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The Henningsens
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Storyteller &
Financial Expert

Jason Brown

Farmer & Former
NFL Player



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