

THE GREAT SECTION EIGHT

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Summer Newsletter

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Hey everyone! My name is Danielle Angotti but I go by Dani from the Freedom FFA Chapter. I haven't met a majority of you yet so here is a little bit about me.

I don't live on a farm but I do have show steers and pigs. They stay at my grandpa's farm who lives only 3 miles away from me! I show my steers around the state with my two sisters. Their names are Samantha and Grace. Samantha will be a Junior and Grace will be a freshman. I can't forget about my parents too, Dan and Missy who help us a lot too with our animals.

I graduated from Freedom High School in 2016. I was very involved in high school in many different clubs. To name a few I was in yearbook, forensics, band, auto club, and more. I enjoyed staying very busy and active in what was going on. I will be furthering my education at the University of Wisconsin- River Falls with plans to major in agriculture education.

In FFA I participated in Prepared Speaking, Livestock Evaluation, and Dairy Products Judging. In my chapter I participated in things like our 2nd grade farm tour, highway cleanup, Rattlers Night, and more!

I am very excited to serve you all as the 2016-2017 Section VIII State Vice President and I can't wait to meet all of you!



2016-2017 State FFA Officer Team

Front Row: Kari Fischer; Parliamentarian, Sarah VanAsten; Vice President, Ashley Zimmerman; Vice President, Danielle Angotti; Vice President

Middle Row: Hannah Taylor; Reporter, Brenna Bays; President, Cierra Ballmer; Vice President

Back Row: Rylee Black; Treasurer, Caleb Green; Vice President, Travis Cadman; Sentinel, Laura Munger; Secretary

State Convention Highlights

The 2016 State FFA Convention came to a close on Thursday, June 16, 2016. Section VIII did a tremendous job. Listed below are all the Section VIII State Winners! Congratulations and way to represent!

Section VIII State Degree Recipients

Bonduel: Cynthia R. Root and Cassy Bonnin

Freedom: Danielle M. Angotti

Gillett: Logan Doll, Thomas A. Nauke, and Jacob C. Timm

Oconto Falls: Ashley M. Baeten, Emily Birr, and Danielle Bursa.

Omro: Cerrina S. Stokes

Oshkosh North: Daniel H. Abdallah and Ashely R. Sievers

Oshkosh West: Ariel Bjorge, Sam Hanson, Kaitlyn Walker, and Mikayla M. Wing

Shawano: Jared D. Beyer

Waupaca: Jared T. Borntreger, Erin R. Montgomery, Garrett T. Orr, Kimberly M. Zills, Raymond R. Zills, and Caleb S. Hamm

Weyauwega- Fremont: RYANNE N. BENZ, JENNA E. MATHWIG, MICHAEL SCHROEDER, HANNAH SROKA, and GLENN WALBOURN

Winneconne: Wanda C. Kunde, Michaela Prince, and Amanda Van Dam

Wittenberg- Birnamwood: Alex Lewandowski

State Star Farmer

Caleb S. Hamm from the Waupaca FFA Chapter won big when he was named the Wisconsin State FFA Star Farmer.

Food for America Award

Manawa FFA Chapter Wins Food for America Award. This program recognizes Outstanding Chapters who are promoting agricultural products and knowledge to elementary school children. The runner-up was the Weyauwega- Fremont FFA and placing third was the Waupaca FFA.

National Chapter Award Winners

State Winner: Waupaca FFA

Runner-Up: Manawa FFA

3rd Place: Freedom FFA

Proficiency Award Winners

Beef Production Entrepreneurship: Taylor Eilers, Waupaca

Equine Science Entrepreneurship: Erin Ktgomery, Waupaca

Home and Community Development: Liz Hillskotter, Weyauwega- Fremont

Organic Agriculture: Elisha Riley, Waupaca

Poultry Production: Leah Piotter, Waupaca

Swine Production Entrepreneurship: Cassy Bonnin

Swine Production Placement: Tanner Johnson, Waupaca

State Talent Winners

Laura Bomber (Freedom) and Georgia Mobley (Wrightstown) were this years talent winners. They sang Black Horse and a Cherry tree



Highlights from Summer Activities

Blast Off Training:

Blast Off training was a four day long training held in Spencer, WI. While attending this conference the State Officer team learned how we can make this year a great one and how to make it entirely about the members. This training was also the first time our team came together and had to work together and had to begin building relationships with each other.

Wisconsin Association of Agriculture Educators (WAAE) Conference:

The 2016 WAAE Conference was held June 26-30 in Appleton, WI. At this conference it was the first chance for the newly elected state officers to begin to meet and get to know some of the advisors in their section. The state officers also got to meet with various people where we learned about Team AgEd, FFA Alumni and Foundation, the Department of Public Instruction and much more.

National Leadership Conference for State Officers:

This five day conference was held in Springfield, Illinois. At this conference we learned how to work together as a team. We set team goals, values, and wrote mission and vision statements.

Wisconsin FFA Foundation Golf Outings:

This year's FFA Foundation's Northeast golf outing was held at the Mid Vallee Golf Course. It was great to see all the support for FFA and thank you to all who golfed and helped make it a big success.



Farm Technology Days:

This year's Farm Technology Days were held in Walworth County at Snudden Farms, LLC. The state officers were in charge of giving tours around the farm and talking to people at our booth about agriculture education.

Wisconsin State Fair:

The Wisconsin State Fair was held August 4-14 in West Allis, WI. The state officers stayed in the dorm rooms for these ten days and worked in the Badgerland Financial Discovery Barnyard doing the grocery store activity. We educated children about their food and where it comes from. They also worked the veggie races in the DATCP building educating children all about their vegetables.



Sectional Leadership Workshop “All the Jackets down in Blueville”

Week One:

Monday, September 12: Poynette (Section 6)
Tuesday, September 13: East Troy (Section 10)
Wednesday, September 14: Clinton (Section 5)
Thursday, September 15: Argyle (Section 4)

Week Three:

Monday, September 26: Holmen (Section 3)
Tuesday, September 27: Stanley-Boyd (Section 2)
Wednesday, September 28: Amery (Section 1)

Week Two:

Monday, September 19: Wrightstown (Section 9)
Tuesday, September 20: Freedom (Section 8)
Thursday, September 22: Spencer (Section 7)

Section 8 Sectional Leadership Workshop Information

Who?... Any current FFA member or officer.
Learn about FFA, leadership, and how to
make a positive influence.

When?... Tuesday, September 20th

Where?... Freedom High School
N4021 County Road E
Freedom, WI 54130

I can't wait to see you all there!



FIRE Conference “Building Your Foundation: One Brick at a Time”

Who...?

Any 7th, 8th, or 9th grade member interested in learning about the opportunities FFA has to offer, the history of FFA, or how to show your FFA pride! Come Find your place and start building the foundation for your FFA future!

When and Where:

September 24th: UW- Madison
October 1st: Fox Valley Technical College
October 8th: UW- River Falls



National Convention Highlights

The 2016 National FFA Convention is taking place October 19-22nd in Indianapolis, IN



Keynote Speakers:

- Jason Brown- Farmer and Former NFL Player
- Colin Ryan- Storyteller and Financial Expert

Concert: Wednesday, Oct. 19 8:30 p.m

- Cole Swindell and Chris Young
- Special Guests: The Henningsens



National FFA Days of Service: Members will make a difference at 11 sites around Indianapolis. The 11 sites are:

1. Big Car Collaborative
2. Christamore House
3. Downtown Indy Inc.
4. Gleaners Food bank
5. Growing Places Indy
6. Indiana State Fair Commission
7. Indianapolis Cultural Trail, Inc.
8. Indy Reads Books
9. The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
10. MapleLawn Farmstead
11. Woodruff Place and Civic League

Chapter Visit Schedule

October:

3rd: Seymour
4th: World Dairy Expo
5th: Pulaski
6th: Clintonville
10th: Weyauwega
11th: Waupaca
12th: Manawa
13th: Almond
14th: New London
25th: Oshkosh North
26th: Oshkosh West
27th: Shawano
28th: Bonduel

November:

1st: Antigo
2nd: Birnamwood
3rd: Bowler
4th: Tigerton
7th: Winneconne
8th: Omro
9th: Gresham
10th: Freedom
14th: Coleman
15th: Lena
16th: Oconto Falls
17th: Gillett
18th: Suring
21st: Marion

This schedule is not final. Please email any conflicts to dangotti@wisconsinffa.org and I will work to switch your visit with another school.

*Thank you,
Leadership Partners!*



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