

LAYTEN'S LINEUP



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**“The fastest way to change someone’s mind is to connect with their heart” -
Craig Groeschel**



As we cultivate throughout this year, we are going to grow connections, leadership, and community - one story at a time.

Meet Your State Officer



Section 9,

Well, I guess the time has officially come to welcome you to my first newsletter! It's hard to believe that school will be starting up quickly, and we will fully get back into activating all of our connections, contests, and projects throughout this upcoming year. First, let's get to know me. My name is Layten Sobieski from the Berlin FFA Chapter back in Section 6. While I am from Section 6, I can't wait to serve and meet all the amazing chapters, members, and alumni across Section 9. Currently I am studying agriculture education at the University of Wisconsin, Platteville, where I will be going into my sophomore year. Back at home in Berlin, I grew up on my family's cash crop and beef farm. While our main focus has always been the crops, throughout the last couple of

years, we have been able to start adding beef cattle to our farm because of my passion for animals. We currently run about 2000 acres between custom & our work, while raising anywhere from 12 head of cattle to 30 head between both feeder steers and our show cattle. While the farm I hold very close to my heart, I also hold FFA very close to me.

My FFA journey started when I was a freshman in high school, where I started with the FFA Creed Speaking Contest, and since then, I have fallen in love with the organization, which is my family to me. Some of my favorite FFA events were Leadership Development Events, Halftime Conference, Ag Day on the Farm, Alumni Event, Chapter Banquet, and Doughnut Dash at the chapter level. Outside of FFA, I am involved in several different groups, from Ag Ed Society, Collegiate Farm Bureau, 4-H, and our family's foundation, Unimaginable Hope. A fun fact that not a lot of people know is that when I was in high school, I was our Stage Manager and Student Director for musicals and plays.

As we look forward to this upcoming year, I am ready to start meeting all of you and build connections. We can grow, lead, and serve together through our challenges and successes that we have along the way. If at any point throughout the year you need anything from me, don't be afraid to reach out, whether that's attending a chapter event or just a question you have regarding an application or anything.

See you all soon!

Layten Sobieski

Section 9 State FFA Sentinel

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2025 State Convention Recap

State Convention 2025 was a great one! Let's take a look at some of our Section 9 Highlights from State Convention. Congratulations to all of our members who received high honor! Good luck to all members who moved on to compete at Nationals!



Career Development Events (Teams)

Agricultural Sales:

Wrightstown- State Winner, Advance to National Competition

Team members: Sienna Stautz, Venna Vandwalle, Logan Collard, Graycee Fernandez

Environmental and Natural Resources:

Green Bay Preble- State Winner, Advance to National Competition

Team members: Landon Morella, Noah Sigmund, Gwendolyn Valentine, Jame Voelker, Jacqueline Zinuga Rangel

Forestry:

Bay Port- State Winner, Advance to National Competition

Team members: Riddik Weber, Lauren Weed, Kyle Schahczinski, and Jaycie Fischer. Riddik Weber.

Poultry CDE:

Brillion- State Winner, Advance to National Competition

Team members: Brylee Stedl, Ayla Peterson, Amaya Brooks, Ariana Holcomb

Career Development Events (Individuals)

Agricultural Education:

Sheybogen Falls Abby Schleicher-

State Winner, Advance to National Competition

Forestry:

Bay Port Riddik Weber-

Top individual at State Level

Horse Evaluation:

Chilton Emma Wagner-

Top Individual at State Level



2025 State Convention Recap

Proficiency Awards

Agricultural Communication 4th Place

Marisa Mancheski - Denmark

Agricultural Education 4th Place

Judy Jentges - Random Lake

Agricultural Sales Placement 5th Place

Caleb Schwahn - Reedsville

Agricultural Service 4th Place

Kylee Brooks - Random Lake

Agricultural Service 3rd Place

Dylan Propson - Denmark

Agricultural Service 5th Place

Micheal Vander Kinter - Denmark

Beef Production Placement 3rd Place

Daisy Post - Denmark

Diversified Crop Production Placement 4th Place

Caleb Schwahn - Reedsville

Diversified Horticulture State Winner

Aidan DeMunck - Plymouth

Forage Production 4th place

Logan Schmidt - Brillon

Small Animal Production & Care 3rd Place

Delaney Gallagher - Bay Port

Swine Production Entrepreneurship 3rd Place

Michael Vander Kinter - Denmark

Vegetable Production 4th Place

Julie Koeppel - Mishicot

Highest Membership Increase Award

Mishicot, Section 9 Winner
61 new members

National Chapter Award

Denmark - State Winner



Three Star Leaders

Daisy Post - Denmark
Owen Moore - Mishicot

Agriscience Fair

Animal Science Divison 4
Gold Rating & National
Competitor

Wrightstown

Team Members:

Lydia Meulemans & Lainey Slater

Middle School Essay

Leanna Somers
Green Bay Preble
3rd Place

Pride Awards

Algoma
Bay Port
Mishicot
Reedsville
Valders

Food For America

Denmark
Mishicot

Reactivation Chapter

Algoma

2025 State Convention Recap

Section 9 State FFA Degree Recipients

Bay Port

Chloe Baranczyk
Caden Cornette
Delaney Gallagher
Nedia Harrig
Riley Huth
Juila Revall
Michaela Vandenack
Riddik Weber
Megan Rochleau

Brillion

Logan Schmidt

Chilton

Brianna Lemke

De Pere

Josie Kinnard
Jay Salm

Denmark

Daisy Post
Michael Vander Kinter

Kiel

Lily Schipper

Mishicot

Julie Koeppel
Owen Moore
Dawson Valenta
McKenzie Wotachek

New Holstein

Camden Kraus

Plymouth

Austin Lau

Random Lake

Amanda Tezloff
Judy Jentges

Wrightstown

Victoria Watzka
Madison Wiese

State Honors Band

Denmark

Kayleigh Seriven - Flute
Eric Allen - Trombone

New Holstein

Christopher Last - Trumpet
Vicki Kessler - Flute

Random Lake

Haylie Habeck- Clarinet

Reedsville

Garett Taddy - Flute

State Honors Choir

Denmark

Luis Salas - Bass

West De Pere:

Avery Berenr- Alto

Luxemburg Casco

Christoper Last - Alto

Mishicot

Alexa Reza - Soprano
Adeline Butler- Soprano
Abigail Pappathopoulos - Soprano
Aerabelle Hess - Soprano
Jazlin Ewald - Soprano
Trinity Popp - Soprano
Elizabeth Wallander - Alto
Cooper Brouchoud - Alto
Maggie Butler - Alto

Wrightstown

Madelynn Meulemans - Soprano

State Officer Summer Recap

What an amazing summer it has been with the team! From getting elected to serve the 27,551+ Wisconsin FFA members, to base camp, to state fair it's been an amazing experience. Checkout all the different events that we have completed throughout the summer. Can't wait to get back on the move this fall with Chapter Visits, Fall Leadership Workshops, and F.I.R.E Conferences.



Base Camp

Right after state convention the team traveled to Marshfield to have the first official week of training. Throughout the week we learned more about ourselves, learned more about our teammates, and how we can use our strengths to better serve all the members across the state of Wisconsin together.

WAAE

WAAE, Wisconsin Association of Agricultural Educators conference was by far one of my favorites of the summer. The team worked on planning and preparing for the amazing year ahead. We got to meet our amazing agricultural educators across the state. To top of the week the team meet with the previous team where we recieved our first association jacket.



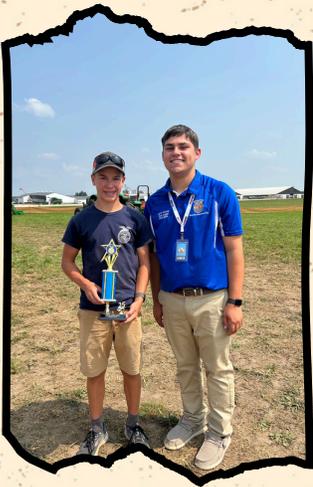
Checkpoint #1

Back to Marshfield we went for a week of learning how to plan and prepare workshops and speeches. We also learned more about each other, teamwork, and so many life skills that we need. We met with the Wisconsin Corn Growers Association a huge supporter of the FFA. We were able to learn tons from our amazing trainer Stephanie. We worked together to complete an escape room successfully. It was a great week of learning and fun.

State Officer Summer Recap

Southern Golf Outing

In July, we attended the Wisconsin FFA Foundation Southern Golf Outing. These events enable supporters of FFA to come together and raise money to support FFA members throughout the state. It was great to talk with local supporters of FFA, like John Deere Financial, about how they support the members. Some of us got our first golfing experience also. We are so incredibly thankful for all the supporters that support the members in everything they do.



Farm Technology Days

It was a great two days at Farm Technology Days. We got to help with the Safe Tractor Operator Contest one day, and the other day, we got to work the Progressive Agriculture Foundation Safety booth, teaching the public the importance of grain safety, Power Take Off (PTO) safety, and ATV/UTV safety. It was an amazing couple of days that we got to be spent.

Jag Lake

What an amazing week spent at Jag Lake! It was time for work, team bonding, reflection and understanding association goals and personal goals! It truly showed how grateful we have to be for everything around us and the experiences that we get. Overall, it was an amazing time and work to finalize all of our details for Fall!



State Officer Summer Recap



Wisconsin State Fair

The best 11 days of summer was pretty amazing! The team got work the Discovering Barn answering questions to the community about the agricultural industry. While it may have rained a lot, it was a great time filled with memories. We also got to meet some pretty amazing band and chorus members aswell.

Walworth County FFA Food Stand

Who doesn't love a good Rodeo? In July Amalia, Max and myself went down to Walworth County to help with their food stand which was taking place on a night of a rodeo. We got to interact with members, guest, advisors and learn about what they are looking forward to this year, while building connections. Yes of course we had to try their famous shakes, they where delicious.



See Next Page for State
Officer Summit

Fall Leadership Workshop

Registration Information

Registration: Is open on the Wisconsin Ag Ed Website

Registration Closes:
September 24th

Arrival Information

Registration Start Time:

3:30 pm

Program Start Time:

4 pm



*Wednesday
October 1st 2025 at
New Holstein
High School*



Meal Information

A meal will be provided for members upon arrival before the program starts

*All members are
welcome to attend*

FIRE & National FFA Conference



FIRE CONFERENCE DATES IMPORTANT DATES

FIRE conferences are designed for students in 5th-9th grades. At this conference, students will dive deeper into the basics of the organization and opportunities.

Dates Of Conferences:

October 10: UWSP- Marshfield Campus
October 17: FVTC- Appleton
October 18: UW- River Falls
February 26, 2026: SWTC- Fennimore
February 27, 2026: SWTC- Fennimore

Registration Due:

September 26: UWSP- Marshfield Campus
October 3: FVTC- Appleton
October 4th: UW- River Falls
February 12, 2026: SWTC- Fennimore
February 13: 2026 SWTC Fennimore

NATIONAL FFA CONFERENCE IMPORTANT DATES

This year conference will be Mission/ Impact Conference. The Mission Conference is made for freshman and sophomores, while the Impact Conference is made for Junior and Seniors. More information regarding the conference is coming soon!

Dates Of Conferences:

November 13-14
Chula Vista Resort –
Wisconsin Dells, WI

Registration Due:

October 14

Housing Due:

October 14th, more info coming

Note: Dates are subject to change

Chapter Visit Information

Schedule

September :

10: Mishicot

October:

6: Reedsville

7: Southern Door

8-9: De Pere

13-14: Edison Middle School

15: Luxemburg-Casco

21-22: Green Bay Washington Middle

23-24: Green Bay Lombardi Middle

November:

3: West De Pere

4: New Holstein

5: Denmark High School

6: Denmark Middle

10: Sheboygan Falls

18: Green Bay Preble

20: Wrihstown

21: Random Lake

24: Chilton

25: Green Bay Southwest

December:

12: Kiel

Preferred Date Scheduler

If you have not yet please fill out this google form regarding preferred dates you want your chapter visit, so we can work together to get a chapter visit schedule.



Pre Chapter Visit Form

After I have confirmed your date, please fill out this pre-chapter visit form.



Seek Peek in National Convention

National Chapter Award Finalists

Denmark - Model of Excellence

National Chapter Star Chapters

Denmark- 3 Star

Career Development Events

Agricultural Sales: Wrightstown FFA

Team Members: Sienna Stautz, Venna Vandwalle, Logan Collard, Graycee Fernandez

Environmental and Natural Resources: Green Bay Preble FFA

Team Members: Landon Morella, Noah Sigmund, Gwendolyn Valentine, Jame Voelker, Jacqueline Zinuga Rangel

Poultry: Brillion FFA

Team Members: Brylee Stedl, Ayla Peterson, Amaya Brooks, Ariana Holcomb

Agricultural Education: Sheybogen Falls

Member: Abby Schleicher

Other Awards From National Competition

Agriscience Fair Animal System Division 4:

Wrightstown FFA- Bronze

Team Members: Lainey Slater & Lydia Meulemans

Diversified Horticulture Proficiency:

Aidan Demunck, Plymouth FFA- Silver

National Officer Candidate



Alyssa Schauer

East Troy FFA
Section 10

American Degree Recipients

Makenzie Frisch - Bay Port
Elisha Vogel - Denmark
Samantha Chynoweth - Mishicot
Atley Jeanty - New Holstein
Vicki Kessler - New Holstein
Christopher Last - New Holstein
Courtney Steffes - New Holstein
Cora Kohlman - Plymouth
Joseph Mugan - Plymouth
Brandon Schultz - Plymouth
James Steinhardt - Plymouth
Haylie Habeck - Random Lake
Zoe Bratz - Wrightstown

UPCOMING DUE DATES

September

- 1: Documents for National FFA Ag Issues, Marketing Plan, Prepared Speaking and Employment Skills Due
- 24: Registration Closes for FLW
- 26: Registration Closes for FIRE at Marshfield

October

- 3: Registration Closes for FIRE at FVTC
- 4: Registration Closes for FIRE at UW- River Falls
- 14: Registration for National Leadership Conference

November

- 15: National & State SAE Grants Applications

December

- 1: Initial FFA Membership Rosters
- 1: Chapter Program of Activities and Constitution/Bylaws

Note: Days are subject to change

Member of the Month & Teacher Appreciation Applications

Member of the Month

Do you know a member
in Section 9 who is
deserving of reaction? If
so, scan the QR code to
the right for the
application and
nominate them!



Teacher Appreciation

Do you have an
agriculture teacher who
deserves to be
recognized? If so,
nominate them through
this application.



SAE Sunday & Chapter Service Projects Nominations

SAE Sunday

Know a member with an outstanding SAE? Nominate them today to be recognized for their outstanding hard work and dedication.



Service Project

Is there a chapter with an outstanding service project? Nominate them today to be recognized.



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