



# Wise Owl

Dell Rapids Public Schools

Dell Rapids, South Dakota

4th Quarter 2021-22



**JON SCHULTE**



Mr. Schulte is a great teacher that always has great energy. He always takes care of his students and asks how they are doing. Mr. Schulte will always make time for his students and is respected by all his students.

**JAMIE WIDRIG AND  
HEIDI STRICHERZ-GERANEN**



Jamie and Heidi, all year have put their whole effort into this school year and the kiddos that they are helping. They are always ready with a smile on their faces! They are quick to offer help to teachers and do whatever is asked of them above and beyond what is needed. This year would not have been successful without Jamie and Heidi and they deserve this "You Rock" and so much more!

**JORDAN HUSKA**



Mr. Huska is more than willing to do whatever it takes to help a student succeed. He is a teacher that students look up to and he doesn't take that lightly. Mr. Huska has been a positive reinforcement for a student that has been struggling with motivation, confidence, and academics.

# QUARRIER OF THE MONTH

**LANDON HOHN**  
**FEBRUARY**



**MATTHEW GOEKEN**  
**MARCH**



**MAKAYLA DUINKERKEN**  
**APRIL**



**Quarrier Pride**  
*“We Empower Each  
Other To Excel”*

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Congratulations to our March Students of the Month:



5th Grade: Kason Lebahn & Liam Zellmer

6th Grade: Thomas Monroe & Jerzi Miller

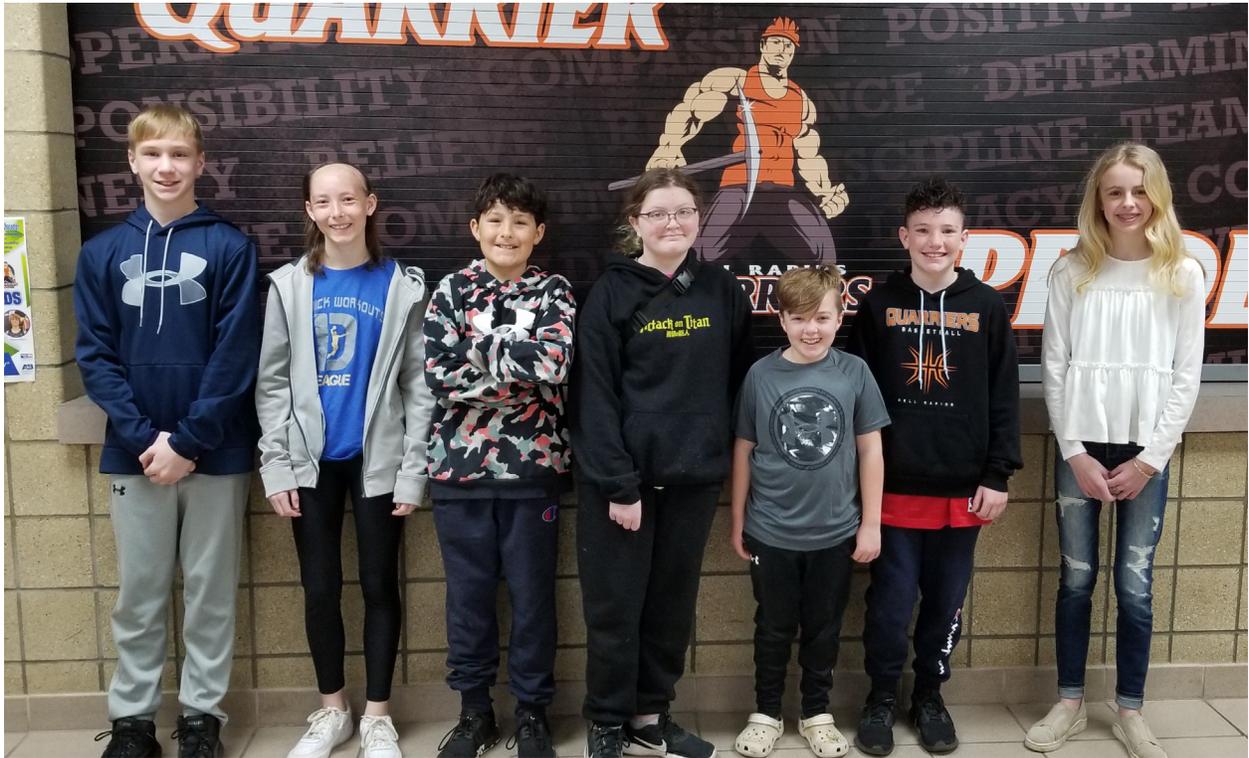
7th Grade: Avah Harkema & Annea Lynaugh

8th Grade: Devin Lodmell & Jack Paterson

\*Not pictured: Jerzi M

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**Congratulations to our April Students of the Month:**



5th Grade – Olivia Gruneich & Parker Wheeler

6th Grade – Asher Carpenter & Willow Reitz

7th Grade – Sierra Berg & Paxton Davis

8th Grade – Ryan Baker & Madyn Lacey

\*Sierra Berg (not pictured)

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**Congratulations to our May Students of the Month:**



5th Grade – Teagyn Burggraff & Jeremiah Geraets

6th Grade – Kaylin Hebert & Logan Behan

7th Grade – Brooklyne Powelson & Josiah Lau

8th Grade – Kenny Swanson and Olivia Gladis



We were excited to welcome back Junior Achievement (JA) for the 2021-22 school year! JA volunteers shared their knowledge with our students about careers, money, owning a business, and ethics.

JA volunteers teach hands on interactive lessons while sharing their own career journey. By sharing their personal and professional stories it allows students to start making a connection between their schoolwork and their future careers. We appreciate the time JA volunteers spend in the classroom making an impact on South Dakota's future workforce!

JA strives to empower students to achieve their dreams and seeks to instill hope for a promising future. This year, nearly 2,000 JA classroom volunteers committed to teaching JA programs reaching over 50,000 South Dakota students.

Please extend a special thank you to the volunteers and teachers listed below who participated in JA during the 2021-22 school year. If you are interested in sharing your knowledge and business experience with students in our community or would like to sponsor a student for \$25, please contact the JA office at (605)336-7318 or [jasd@ja.org](mailto:jasd@ja.org).

## **Dell Rapids Junior Achievement Volunteers and Teachers for Program year 2021-22 Dell Rapids High School**

| <b>Grade</b> | <b>Teacher</b>    | <b>Volunteer</b>  | <b>Employer</b>                    |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1            | Shannon Ahlbrecht | Lisa Doppenberg   | Speedy Cash                        |
| 1            | Sarah Hochstatter | Joan Murphy       | PREMIER Bankcard                   |
| 1            | Erin Matthiesen   | Autumn Meier      | Sammons Financial                  |
| 1            | Jenna Reiff       | Brittany Moeller  | Dell Rapids Carnegie Library       |
| 2            | Marcy Anderson    | Tylene Schwebach  | First PREMIER Bank                 |
| 2            | Jailyn Hemmer     | Autumn Meier      | Sammons Financial                  |
| 2            | Emma Huntimer     | Autumn Meier      | Sammons Financial                  |
| 2            | Katie Wolff       | Michelle Bunkers  | The First National Bank            |
| 3            | Karla Gruis       | Sarah Gross       | Keller Williams Realty Sioux Falls |
| 3            | Theresa McMahan   | Justin Evans      | Alfa Laval                         |
| 3            | Bobbi Snyder      | Ben Pierson       | Sioux Valley Energy                |
| 3            | Kennedy Sweeter   | Skyler Loewenberg | Sky Technologies Inc.              |
| 4            | Lisa Craig        | Kinsey Griffin    | Dell Rapids Carnegie Library       |
| 4            | Brooke Hall       | Kinsey Griffin    | Dell Rapids Carnegie Library       |
| 4            | Ryan Kooima       | Rochelle Murphy   | Wells Fargo                        |

## Students compete in Junior Achievement Stock Market Challenge

Four senior students from Dell Rapids High School had the opportunity to compete in the Junior Achievement Stock Market Challenge on April 27th at the Sioux Falls Arena. Landon Ruesink, Austin Henry, Ian Mason, and Victor Knuppe represented Dell Rapids High School in the competition after completing an Invest For Your Future Junior Achievement course in Mr. Hansen's Personal Finance class. The Junior Achievement volunteer for the students' classroom was Principal Drew Bunkers, and he was excited to see a student team from Dell Rapids compete in the Stock Market Challenge. This event brought over 20 student teams from around the area to try their hand at investing. The competition provided the students with a realistic look into Wall Street and the real-time trading of stocks. Although the boys did not come home with a first-place finish in the stock market challenge, they did manage to win the investing trivia game! How they did not win the best-dressed team (which was an actual award) will be an unsolved mystery for years to come.



On Friday, April 29, the Dell Rapids FCCLA Chapter helped to sponsor, prepare, and serve breakfast at the Banquet in Sioux Falls. Over 200 guests were served. In the above picture members and other volunteers are shown following the morning's service project.



## SD FCCLA Leadership Conference

Over 1200 members of the South Dakota Association of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (SD FCCLA) Chapters gathered at the Ramkota Hotel & Convention Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for the 2022 SD FCCLA State Leadership Conference. Members, advisers, and special guests attended the FCCLA Leadership Conference held on April 10-12, 2022. The theme was “Shoot for the Stars and Make It Count.” Members competed in STAR Events (Students Taking Action with Recognition), vied for state leadership teams, attended career related workshops and a college fair, and completed service projects for various causes. Involvement in STAR Events help members develop and refine skills for career success in the career pathways - Human Services, Hospitality & Tourism, Education & Training, and Visual Arts & Design.

Members were inspired by keynote speaker Holly Hoffman’s message, “Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending.” – Maria Robinson. Multiple workshops and hands on learning experiences were hosted by State Leadership Teams, business and industry representatives, and individuals who shared personal survival stories. The 2022 State Leadership Conference concluded with the installation of the new state officers and Rylee Rinehart, Dell Rapids, ending her term for 2021-22 as the SD FCCLA President.

Chapters also received recognition for their community service efforts and their advancements as leaders. The Dell Rapids chapter received a Gold for the Merit Chapter Award for their overall accomplishments for the past year. They were also recognized for their participation in the National Programs Award recognition. Faithe Larson completed her term as a member of the Advocacy Leadership Team. Syanne Randolph tried out for a position on the National Outreach Team.

STAR Event results were announced. The Dell Rapids Chapter results included: Rylee Rinehart received a Gold and Top Superior rating on her Career Investigation event, Laura Lustfield received a Gold and Top Superior on her Repurpose and Redesign, and Syanne Randolph received a Silver on her Professional Presentation event. It was announced that Rylee advanced to the national level of competition in her event and will compete this summer at the 2022 National FCCLA Leadership Conference in San Diego, CA. Local advisor is Beverly Rieck.

FCCLA stands for Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America and was first established in 1945. FCCLA was chartered in South Dakota in 1946. FCCLA is the only youth-led organization with the family as its central focus. This career-technical student organization prepares youth to assume adult roles in society as wage earners, community leaders, and caring family members by giving them important life skills needed to thrive in their families, careers, and communities. Members learn how to be active community leaders, caring family members, and prepare for life beyond high school.



## Ag In Action

The section of Wildlife and Fisheries students will wrap up a unit on wildlife management and then they will have a chance to construct wood duck nest boxes to finish up the semester. Money to purchase the material is provided by the Dakota Puddlers group out of Sioux Falls. Once the four nest boxes are finished, they are given to the Dakota Puddlers group and their members put the nest boxes out in hopes that they will be used and increase the number of wood ducks.

A field trip to Southeast Technical College in Sioux Falls is a highlight of the Fundamental Plant Science class. In addition, a tour of the horticulture and turf programs, a tour of Natural Beauty greenhouse as well as another greenhouse in Sioux Falls. The students started some seeds under the grow lights and will take those home at the end of the school year.

Working on small gas engines will be the main focus of the 16 students enrolled in Ag Systems Technology. They have the opportunity to bring in engine projects to work on ranging from just general maintenance to complete disassembly, repair and reassembly.

The 13 Introduction to Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources students will wrap up the school year going over soils. Students will cover soil texture, slope, erosion along with nutrients and fertilizer. The students will conduct a nutrient test on a soil sample to determine what nutrient levels are present in their soil sample.

March is when the career development events start. The first one we attended was hosted by Howard on March 22 with 1,208 FFA members from various chapters attending. Participating in the Agronomy event were Sierra Klein and Sydney Klein. The Livestock Evaluation event had Aric Madetzke and Cooper Hauglid participating from Dells. Haley Rydell, Brynlee Kriens and Orran O'Meara were our participants in the Milk Quality and Products event. Participating in the Natural Resources event were Katie Scherff, Josie Baumberger, Megan Geraets and Luke Geraets. We had one participant in the Vet Science event and that was Audrey Cox.

The second CDE that we attended was hosted by Flandreau on March 24 and had a total of 430 participants. Sydney placed 6th and Sierra placed 8th out of a total of 26 participants in the Agronomy event. In the Horse Evaluation event, Audrey Cox placed 1st out of the 25 participants. The Milk Quality and Products event had 18 individuals in it with Haley placing 5th and Brynlee placing 7th. Our Natural Resources team finished in 8th place with Katie, Megan and Luke making up the team. Karlie TenEyck was one of the 46 participants in the Floriculture event.

Dells FFA is one of the 11 schools comprising District 7. The event run by the Tri-Valley FFA was held at the W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds in Sioux Falls on March 28. Sierra and Sydney were once again participating in the Agronomy event. Sierra finished in 7th place for the district and Sydney finished in 9th place. Karlie TenEyck finished in 11th place in our district Floriculture event. The Horse Evaluation event found Audrey Cox placing

13th. Stefan Lowe and Aric Madetzke participated in the Livestock Evaluation event. In the Milk Quality and Products we had Brynlee Kriens finish 2nd for a gold award and Haley Rydell finish 3rd for a silver award. Gavin Miles placed 8th and Reece Kitto placed 11th to help put our team in 2nd place. Other Milk Quality and Product participants were Lane Weiland, Kain Burggraff, Orran O'Meara and Dawson Hilmoe. In the Natural Resources event, Katie Scherff placed 5th for a bronze award, Josie Baumberger placed 13th, Megan Geraets placed 19th and Luke Geraets placed 25th. The team finished in 4th place. Alexyss LaDeaux was our only Vet Science participant and placed 28th.

The final event before the state convention was held on April 11 at Lennox. Out of the 75 individuals in Horse Evaluation, Audrey Cox placed 30th. Brynlee Kriens placed 26th, Haley Rydell placed 40th and Orran O'Meara placed 87th out of the 96 individuals in the Milk Quality and Products event. The team finished in 13th place out of the 26 teams that were there. There were 121 individuals participating in the Natural Resources event with Megan Geraets placing 59th and Luke Geraets placing 89th.

The State FFA Convention was held Brookings on April 24, 25 & 26 with "Elevate" being the theme for this year. On Sunday, six members headed to Brookings with the Natural Resources team completing their entire event Sunday evening. The team consisted of Megan Geraets, Josie Baumberger, Katelynn Scherff and Luke Geraets. Since Karlie TenEyck is one of the district officers, she had a committee meeting as well as a district officer meeting. Audrey Cox went along to experience the opening session of the 94th South Dakota FFA State Convention. There were 203 individuals making up the 58 teams who participated in the Natural Resources event. Katie placed 18th for a gold award, Josie placed 47th for a silver award, Megan placed 97th and Luke placed 124th. The team finished in 13th place for a silver award.

On Monday, the Milk Quality and Products team could complete their team activity and California Mastitis Test. Later that morning Gavin Miles, Reece Kitto, Brynlee Kriens and Haley Rydell would complete the rest of the event. A total of 125 individuals comprised the 36 teams competing. Brynlee placed 29th for a silver award, Haley placed 38th for a bronze award, Gavin placed 84th and Reece placed 112th. They finished 14th as a team for a bronze award.

The Horse Evaluation event had 139 participants with Audrey Cox placing 67th, just 11 spots out the medal category.

The service project, supported by Pioneer-Corteva and Feeding Brookings, exemplified the portion of the FFA motto which states "Living to Serve" by teaming up with industry to fund a Meals of Hope, hands on project that combats hunger. SD FFA members and Pioneer-Corteva staff



measured, poured, sealed, and boxed 50,124 meals in assembly line fashion throughout the day-long event. Members stopped in between workshops and competitive events throughout convention and left the event knowing that by giving a few minutes of their time they would make a significant difference in the life of a person less fortunate than themselves.

One business session was held on Monday afternoon with each chapter encouraged to have two voting delegates. The Dells FFA delegates were Katie Scherff and Karlie TenEyck. Karlie also served on a committee and presented the committee report during the business session.

Tuesday morning was the final session that allowed members to be recognized for their Agri-Science projects, recognition of scholarship recipients, the announcement of all of the event results, the announcement of the new FFA State Ambassadors and the 2022-23 State FFA Officers. Karlie TenEyck was one of the six members selected to receive a \$500 scholarship to attend the Washington Leadership Conference. She will be attending July 26-30 along with Katie Scherff.

It was great to be able to have a National FFA Officer attend our State FFA Convention once again. Mallory White, the Eastern Region Vice President gave her keynote address on Monday evening encouraging members to “Elevate” their participation and potential.

Other than participating in the Career Development Events, member also had the opportunity to attend the Career Carnival exhibits which allowed them to talk to numerous businesses and post-secondary schools about their future opportunities. There were also numerous workshops that FFA members could attend. The three days were filled with achievements, inspiration and a passion for agriculture.

On May 1st, the Dells FFA chapter held the annual Parent/Member Banquet to recognize members on their achievements from the year. Members receiving their Greenhand FFA Degree were Brynlee Kriens and Haley Rydell. Brynlee was selected as the Star Greenhand. The members earning their Chapter FFA Degree for were Audrey Cox and Sierra Klein with Audrey being selected as the Star Chapter Degree. The DeKalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award is awarded to one FFA student per chapter who exemplifies scholarship, commitment, work ethic and passion for pursuing a career in agriculture. These students demonstrate promising young talent and are the rising stars of agriculture. This year’s recipient was Luke Geraets. Luke received a certificate and a pin and his name will be engraved on a plaque with all of the former recipients of this award

and it will be displayed in the ag classroom. This was the eleventh year our local FFA Chapter has been presenting a scholarship to a senior member based on their FFA involvement, scholarship, and leadership activities. With the donation from Dakota Access Pipeline, a \$200 scholarship was awarded to Luke Geraets. The new chapter officers for 2022-23 were announced at the end of the banquet with Sydney Klein selected as the Sentinel, Sierra Klein was selected as the Reporter, Josie Baumberger will serve as the Treasurer, Audrey Cox was selected as the Secretary, Katie Scherff will serve as the Vice President and Karlie TenEyck was selected as the President.

The summer also has opportunities for members to continue gaining skills that can be utilized in their future. On June 5-11 students could attend the SD Wildlife Federation Youth Conservation Camp near Custer. On June 8-10 and June 12-14 can attend one of the SDSU Livestock Judging Camps in Brookings to gain valuable skills in livestock selection. The South Dakota Soil/Rangeland Days will be held near Murdo on June 14 & 15 where students can learn the importance of soil and range management. Members can continue to develop their leadership skills by attending one of the State FFA Leadership Retreats. One retreat will be held June 21-24 at Swan Lake near Viborg and the other will be held July 5-8 at Storm Mountain near Rapid City. By attending one of these retreats, FFA members will develop and enhance their leadership skills and self-confidence through interactive learning. There will be workshops that help members discover the value of servant leadership, character, attitude, a focused vision, communication, trust, and responsibility. Members will be helping with the peddle tractor pull sponsored by the Dell Rapids Chamber of Commerce during the Quarry Days celebration. FFA members can exhibit livestock at the Sioux Empire Fair, which is Aug. 5-13, in the FFA division. They can also exhibit livestock and ag mechanics exhibits at the South Dakota State Fair in Huron Sept. 1-5. FFA offers a wide variety of areas for students to gain knowledge and skills that they can utilize in their future. If you have any questions about the agriculture program or the FFA organization, please contact Mr. Wolff at [tom.wolff@k12.sd.us](mailto:tom.wolff@k12.sd.us).



The 2022-23 FFA Chapter officers from left to right: Josie Baumberger, treasurer; Karlie TenEyck, president; Katie Scherff, vice president; Sydney Klein, sentinel; Sierra Klein, reporter; Audrey Cox, secretary.



Brynlee Kriens and Haley Rydell receive their Greenhand FFA Degree with Brynlee selected as the Star Greenhand.



Luke Geraets is awarded the DeKalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award and the local FFA Chapter Scholarship.



Sierra Klein and Audrey Cox receive their Chapter FFA Degree with Audrey selected as the Star Chapter Degree recipient.





**IMPORTANT DATES TO  
REMEMBER:**

**Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> - GRADUATION**

**Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> - Last Day of School 1pm release**



**Please check the Dell Rapids  
School Website ([dr-k12.org](http://dr-k12.org))  
for School Lunch Menus and  
**COMPLETE** and up-to-date  
athletic and activity schedules.**

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