

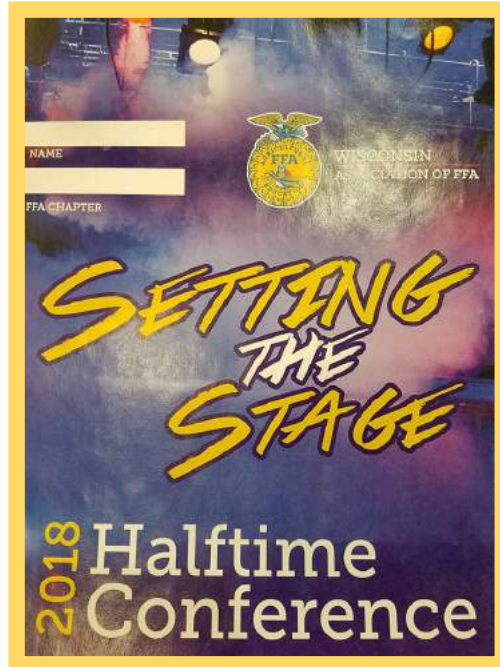
Babbling Brooke





2018 Halftime Conference

-Setting The Stage-



Thank you to all of the FFA Chapters from across the state who attended this years Halftime Conference! We had a great time setting the stage together for the rest of the year, and cannot wait to see how you **'Take Action' and continue to build, strengthen, and progress your FFA chapters and communities across the state!**



National FFA Week

February 18th – 24th



I CAN. WE WILL.

\$7,300,000
State FFA Associations
\$18,500,000
National FFA Foundation
\$25,800,000



National FFA Week



National FFA Week will always hold a special place in my heart. It was during this week two years ago that the picture to the right was taken. In this picture we will see my mom and I in our Blue corduroy jackets, alongside my mothers FFA Advisor Archie Abbott, and my FFA Advisor Jean D'Angelo. To me this week is a chance to recognize all that agriculture allows us to be through the FFA Organization. Agriculture shapes us into leaders and advocates, it strengthens our desire to help others, be genuine in our actions, and have patients to overcome challenges. Mr. Abbott is a great example of how the FFA Organization and Agriculture Industry can leave a lasting impact on all who are fortunate enough to experience it.

Mr. Abbott was a part of one of the greatest generations of Agriculture Instructors who helped modernize agriculture education. His career began when he graduated from the University of Wisconsin River Falls in 1951. He first taught at Neillsville for one year followed by five years at the Dunn County School of Agriculture and Domestic Economy. In July of 1957 Vocational Agriculture began at Menomonie High School, and the vacant Ford Garage across the street from the high school served as the classroom, lab, and Ag shop for Mr. Abbott's students. In the winter of 1961 the agriculture program was moved into the new high school building and within 10 years the Ag I, Ag II, Ag III, and Ag IV classes were put in place as semester courses. Mr. Abbott built up a program that has changed the lives of many throughout our community, including mine.

Mr. Abbott, I want to thank you for being such an inspiration in my life, for loving my family as if it were your own, and for believing in me each step of the way. This picture has been tucked away in my blue corduroy jacket for the first 6 months of my state officer year, and the values in which you have instilled in my will remain there too. Thank you Mr. A, for believing in the future of agriculture.

District Leadership Development

Winners

Congratulations to all participants and qualifiers throughout Section Two! Take pride in knowing that the skills you gain through participating in Leadership Development Events will last you a lifetime! I enjoyed visiting with so many of you, and seeing what you've accomplished throughout the new year! Keep up all of the great work in the months ahead!

Best of luck to all moving on to the Sectional Contest!

FFA Creed

District 4:

1st – Lauren Thompson

2nd – Sara Kara

District 5:

1st – Baily Gilbertson

2nd – Jocelyn Prissel

District 6:

1st – Jade Fredrickson

2nd – McKenzie Derks

Prepared

District 4:

1st – Mae Buttles

2nd – Jordan Hoff

District 5:

1st – Ben Styer

2nd – Kylee Lund

District 6:

1st – Larissa Danielson

2nd – Emily Mahr

Discussion

District 4:

1st – Jillian Tuberville

2nd – Nathan Thompson

District 5:

1st – Kittrick Singerhouse

2nd – Amber Gilbertson

District 6:

1st – Cole Wozniak

2nd – Emily Metcalf

Quiz Bowl

District 4:

1st – St. Croix Central

2nd – Ellsworth

District 5:

1st – Mondovi 2

2nd – Mondovi 1

District 6:

1st – Osseo-Fairchild

2nd – Stanley-Boyd

Parli-Pro

District 4:

1st – Ellsworth

2nd – Baldwin-Woodville

District 6:

1st – Stanley-Boyd

Extemporaneous

District 4:

1st – Ashley Peterson

2nd – John Jamieson

District 5:

1st – Allison Hackbarth

2nd – Rachel Gray

District 6:

1st – Luke Spaeth

2nd – Tyler Jenkins

Employment Skills

District 4:

1st – Jessica Moor

2nd – Lindsey Augustine

District 5:

1st – Branden Gilbertson

2nd – Allison Hackbarth

District 6:

1st – Ella Koenig

2nd – Allison Vitont

Sectional Leadership Development Event

Who: Section 2 competitors who placed first or second in their given events at the District level

What: Sectional Leadership Development Event

Where: Menomonie High School – 1715 5th Street West. Menomonie, WI 54751

When: Thursday, March 22nd – Registration will begin at 3:00

Why: Develop real world skills, connect with FFA members from across Section 2, gain helpful insight from local business and industry representatives, make the most of the opportunities before you!





Wisconsin FFA Alumni



Thank you to the Wisconsin FFA Alumni for all that you do to promote Premier Leadership, Personal Growth, and Career Success! The Local and State Alumni are a key component of all that we do within this organization, and without their support we wouldn't have the opportunities to promote, encourage, and strengthen agriculture!



Who:
High School
FFA members

What:
Conference that focuses on
current and future agricultural
issues, preparation for
agricultural careers and an
introduction to Farm Bureau

Where:
Hotel Mead in Wisconsin
Rapids

When:
Friday, February 16th
starting at 11:00 a.m.
and
Saturday, February 17th
ending at 1:30 p.m.

Why:
Connect with
agriculturists across
the state, engage in
workshops focused
around agricultural
careers, listen to great
keynote speakers, and
learn more about the
Farm Bureau!

Presented By:
Wisconsin Farm
Bureau Foundation



2018 FFA
Farm Forum





Banquet Schedule



As spring approaches I am so excited to visit with FFA Chapters across Section 2, and see what you have accomplished throughout the course of this year! FFA Banquets are a great way to recognize the hard work and dedication of FFA members and advisors, thank community and Alumni members for their unwavering support, and enjoy the opportunities the agriculture industry provides for us all!

Below are a list of FFA Chapters scheduled for this spring:

Please contact me if you would like me to attend your Chapter Banquet!
Hope to see you all this spring!

April 8th – Mondovi and New Richmond

April 9th – Augusta and River Falls

April 15th – Boyceville

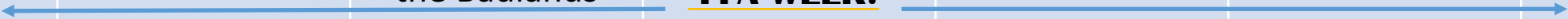
May 6th - Stanley-Boyd

May 11th – Menomonie

May 14th – Saint Croix Central

February Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Durand District LDE	8 CTSO Legislative Day – Madison	9 State FFA Alumni Convention – Appleton	10 State FFA Alumni Convention – Appleton
11 Travel Home	12 Blaire-Taylor District LDE	13 Mail out Newsletters	14	15 Board of Directors Meeting - Wisconsin Rapids	16 Farm Forum – Wisconsin Rapids	17 Farm Forum – Wisconsin Rapids
18	19	20 Snow tubing at the Badlands	21 <u>National FFA WEEK!</u> Ellsworth	22 Elmwood	23	24
25	26	27	28			



March Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 YES Coop Tour - Eau Claire	6 Eau Claire Farm Show →	7	8	9	10 State Proficiency Judging – Wisconsin Dells
11	12	13	14	15 Board of Directors meeting → - Madison	16	17
18	19	20 National Ag Day!	21	22 Sectional LDE - Menomonie	23 Edge/212 Conference – → Manitowoc	24
25	26	27 WPS Farm Show - Oshkosh →	28	29	30	31

April Calendar and Banquet Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Mondovi New Richmond	9 Augusta River Falls	10	11	12	13	14
15 Boyceville	16	17	18	19 Radio Interview	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 State Career Development Events - Madison	27	28
29	30					

May Calendar and Banquet Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Stanley-Boyd	7	8	9	10	11 Menomonie	12
13	14 Saint Croix Central	15	16	17	18 Convention Script Reading →	19
20 Convention Workdays	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



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