

Section 7

FFA *focus*

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NATIONAL CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



On our way down to Indianapolis, we stopped in Chicago to tour the Chicago Board of Trade, Chicago High School of Agricultural Science, and ate at the legendary Ed Debevis. This was a great way to discover the diversity of the agricultural industry.



Blake Shelton rocked the convention during his concert. Attendees waved their cell phones in the air during a song, which was an amazing sight to witness!

National Convention was filled with exciting sessions, such as this picture shows. Each session is kicked off with free t-shirts, dancing, screaming, music, and a laser show!



Alicia Hodnik was elected as the National FFA Central Region Vice President! Here, she is replacing her Wisconsin Association jacket with her brand new National FFA jacket!

The 2011-2012 National FFA Officer Team holds the convention gavel after they are duely installed. They are about to adjourn the National FFA Convention!



National Convention Review

Career Development Event Participants

Agricultural Issues: Colby FFA
 Farm Business Management: Colby FFA
 Forestry: Marshfield FFA
 Parliamentary Procedure: Marshfield FFA

National FFA Convention Delegates

Stacey Springob, Spencer
 Aaron Zimmerman, Spencer

Honorary American Degree Recipient

Cheryl Steinbach, Granton

Proficiency Award Winner

Swine Production – Entrepreneurship:
 Bridget R. Achterberg, Abbotsford



Agriscience Fair

Biochemistry/Microbiology/Food Science

Aaron Zimmerman, Spencer6th Place Gold

Environmental Science

Abigail Krause/Jessie Reise, SpencerParticipants

Engineering

Joshua Cherek, Spencer3rd Place Gold

National Chapter Award

3 Star Rating ★★ ★

Stratford FFA
 Thorp FFA

2 Star Rating ★ ★

Spencer FFA

National Choir

Jenna Kontney Stevens Point



National Talent

Christy Gilbertson Marshfield



Congratulations!

American FFA Degree Recipients

Patrick Peterson	Amherst FFA
Paul Peterson	Amherst FFA
Ethan C. Rzentkowski	Amherst FFA
Brad Schwanz	Amherst FFA
Derek John Johnson	Colby FFA
Anna Peissig	Colby FFA
Kevin G. Eibergen	Granton FFA
Hannah E. Hasz	Granton FFA
Justin T. Hasz	Granton FFA
Bradley Sternweis	Marshfield FFA

Tiffany Langteau	Medford FFA
Joshua Brediau	Neillsville FFA
Morgan D. Gerlach	Neillsville FFA
Steven Greeler	Neillsville FFA
Desiree A. Heck	Neillsville FFA
Daniel Heiman	Neillsville FFA
Craig M. Karlen	Neillsville FFA
Jake M. Mitte	Neillsville FFA
Adam Trybula	Neillsville FFA
Stephanie Wilsman	Neillsville FFA

National FFA Alumni Convention Results

State with 100% State Officer Life Membership
 Most FFA Alumni Members – 8,646
 Outstanding State Website (Gold)
 Highest Percentage of FFA Membership – 47%
 Most FFA Alumni Life Members – 5,127
 Stars & Blue Blazer Award

Local Award: Local Program Support Grant Recipient - Merrill FFA

National Convention Review

Meet the New National FFA Officer Team!



Central Region V. P.
Alicia Hodnik
Wisconsin



Eastern Region V. P.
Kenneth Quick
New York



Western Region V. P.
Seth Pratt
Idaho



President
Ryan Best
New Mexico



Secretary
Jason Troendle
Minnesota



Southern Region V. P.
Cain Thurmond
Georgia

Chapter Visits

Thank you to all of the chapters that I have already visited! This is truly an amazing experience. I am very excited for the rest of my travels this fall.

November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Marshfield CV	2 Pittsville CV	3 Wisconsin Rapids CV	4	5
6	7	8 Amherst CV	9 Almond CV	10 Stevens Point CV	11	12
		212°/360° Conference				
13	14 Merrill CV	15 Wausau CV	16 Rosholt CV	17 Mosinee CV	18	19 Deer hunting
20	21	22 Athen's CV	23	24 Thanksgiving!	25	26
27	28 Granton CV	29 Loyal CV	30 Medford CV			

Upcoming Conferences



Who: 9-10 Grade Students

212 degrees is the temperature at which water boils. At 211° water is extremely hot, but just one more degree takes it up another level and changes its state. The 212° conference challenges students to push past their limits to the boiling point of leadership. The theme for the conference this year will be growth.



Who: 11-12 Grade Students

360° takes students full circle through chapter leadership development. Attendees will learn how to develop action plans for their chapters from every angle. The theme for the conference this year is influence.

Both Leadership Conferences will be held at the same place, same time!

When: November 11-12, 2011

Where: Holdiay Inn, Stevens Point

**Registration is now closed. Both conferences are filled to capacity. To be placed on a waiting list please e-mail Mrs. Zimmerman at: wiffacenter@tznet.com

NOTICE!!

The location of these conference has moved to a different location! The Ramada in Stevens Point has closed. Thus, they will now be held at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point.



Halftime Conference

Take a time-out from your FFA year. Only the top two individuals from each chapter are selected to attend this fun-filled, exciting conference. Attendees will discover how to grow personally as well as generate ideas to develop their own chapter. This is the time to get revved up for the second half of your FFA year.

Further details including the theme and workshop names will be released in early December.

**Registration is now open until December 10, 2011 at http://wisconsinffa.org/registration_half-time.php



Upcoming Events and Deadlines

Upcoming Events

November

- 1 Parliamentary Procedure Workshop @ Marshfield
- 3 Stratford FFA Meeting, 6 pm
- 4 Wisconsin FFA Foundation Board Meeting
- 11-12 212°/360° Conference – Stevens Point
- 11 Wisconsin Team Ag. Ed. Meeting – Green Bay
- 13 Granton FFA Banquet
- 15-19 NAAE Convention – St. Louis, Missouri
- 17 Clear Lake FFA Donkey Basketball, 7 pm

December

- 3-4 Farm Bureau Annual Meeting - Wisconsin Dells
- 5-8 State Officer Meeting - Marshfield
- 8 Stratford FFA Open House, 7 pm
- 15-17 Halftime Work Day - Mauston

January

- 5-7 Halftime Conference – Holiday Inn, Stevens Point
- 6 State FFA Board of Directors Meeting
- 16 Stratford FFA Meeting, 6 pm

February

- 6 District Speaking Contest @ Thorp
- 10-12 Wisconsin FFA Alumni Convention - Janesville
- 13 District Speaking Contest @ Marathon (Ethan will attend)
District Speaking Contest @ Spencer
- 19-25 National FFA Week!
- 23-24 State FFA Board Meeting - Wisconsin Rapids
- 24-25 Farm Forum

Spring Banquet Schedule:

March 15 – Pittsville, 7 pm

April 9 – Loyal, 7 pm

April 16 – Auburndale, 6 pm

April 21 – Amherst, 5:30 pm

April 22 – Stratford, 5 pm

May 6 – Medford, 12 pm

May 6 – Marathon, 7:30 pm

May 7 – Thorp, 7:30 pm

May 8 – Colby, 7:30 pm

May 18 – Stevens Point, 6:30 pm

**These are the banquets I have scheduled so far. Please let me know when your chapter banquet date is as soon as possible. Thank you!

“Blessed are the flexible, for they will not be bent out of shape.”
- John Maxwell

Upcoming Deadlines

November

15 SAE Grant Applications Due

December

1 Initial FFA Membership Rosters Due
Chapter Program of Activities (send to state officer)

February

1 State FFA Degree Application
6 State FFA Honors Band and Chorus Applications
15 National FFA Scholarship Application
20 State FFA Proficiency Award Application

Riddle:

A rancher rode to town
on Friday, stayed two
nights and left of Friday.
How could this be?

Answer: The Rancher's horse is
named Friday.

SAE Highlights

I have added this section into the newsletter to give you more resources for your supervised agricultural experience programs. If you have any ideas, job opportunities, or workshops occurring, please send them to me at: amilonczyk@wisconsinffa.org.

SAE Grants

**Do you need help funding your SAE program?
Would you like to do something great to advance
your SAE program, but you just don't have the
money?**

National FFA will be giving 90 sponsored SAE grants for \$1,000 in a variety of areas. The list of grants and application will be available the afternoon of September 1 at:

<https://www.ffa.org/Programs/GrantsAndScholarships/SAEGrants/Pages/default.aspx>

More information can be found at the website above

Due Date: November 15, 2011

Eligibility:

1. Must be in grades 7-11.
2. Must be a current FFA member.
3. Must apply for a grant that is specific to SAE area. Only one grant per year.
4. Must demonstrate financial need.

****The advisor's statement is crucially important in establishing the financial need and eligibility of the applicant.**

Clarification: SAE vs. Proficiency

A Supervised Agricultural Experience is not a proficiency. Therefore, a student's SAE does not have to fit into a proficiency category. A proficiency is just an award a student can earn based upon their SAE. Thus, an SAE only needs to fit into a proficiency area if the student is going to apply for the award

NOTICE

The old proficiency application will still be used for the 2011-2012 year.
The new application will be used during the 2012-2013.

SAE Opportunities

Agricultural Communication

- ❖ Marathon County Fairest of the Fair

Must be between ages 18-25

Applications due December 30, 2011

<http://marathon.uwex.edu/2011/10/31/wisconsin-valley-fairest-of-the-fair/>

Dairy Production

- ❖ Badger Dairy Camp, UW-Madison Campus

June 17-19, 2012

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/dairyouth/>

Beef, Swine, and Sheep

- ❖ Marathon County Market Animal Show and Sale Mandatory Meeting
January 8, Edgar High School, 1 pm,

Home and Community Development

- ❖ Adopt-a-Family Program
Salvation Army of Wausau
Assist needy families with food and toys this Christmas

FFA Week Resources

Visit <https://www.ffa.org/events/ffaweek/Pages/default.aspx> for access to the following FFA week resources!

News releases

Chapter activity ideas

Public Service Announcement

FFA Facts

FFA week activity ideas:

- ❖ Dress up days for the entire school
- ❖ Faculty appreciation breakfast
- ❖ Pep rally for the entire school
- ❖ Veggie races during lunch
- ❖ Ag. Olympics
- ❖ FFA scavenger hunt for the entire school
- ❖ Drive your tractor to school day
- ❖ Toss FFA t-shirts into the crowd at sporting events
- ❖ Have fun FFA presentations during half-time at sporting events
- ❖ Contact your local newspapers, radio, and news stations.

I am available during the entire FFA week! I wish to visit chapters in the section to celebrate! If you have any activities/events you would like me to come to, please contact me! I will attend events based upon a first come, first serve basis.

Speaking Contests/CDE's

Speaking Contest Dates (Districts):

District 19	Spencer	February 13
District 20	Thorp	February 6
District 21	Marathon	February 13

A member can participate in a maximum of two individual and one team event. All contests are for students in grades 9-12, except for those specified below.

Available Contests:

Individual

- Job Interview
- Extemporaneous
- Prepared Public Speaking
- Discussion Meet
- Creed Speaking (7th-9th grade only)

Team Events

- Parliamentary Procedure
- Quiz Bowl (7th and 8th grade only)

Career Development Event Dates (regionals):

Janesville	March 17
Platteville	March 22
UW-River Falls	March 31
Appleton	March 31

Available Contests:

- Agricultural Mechanics
- Agricultural Sales
- Agronomy (run at World Dairy Expo)
- Dairy Cattle Evaluation (run at World Dairy Expo)
- Dairy Cattle Showmanship (run at World Dairy Expo)
- Dairy Foods (run at World Dairy Expo)
- Environmental Sciences
- Farm Business Management
- Floriculture
- Forestry
- Horse Evaluation
- Livestock
- Meat Judging
- Nursery/Landscape
- Poultry
- Wildlife

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