

Section 7

FFA focus

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A Little About Me!



College

I am currently a sophomore at UW-Madison.
Majors: Animal Science and Dairy Science
Plan after Bachelor's Degree: Attend UW-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine.
Intended Career: Small and large animal veterinarian.

The Basics

I have lived in Stratford, Wis. my entire life.
Parents: Bob and Linda Milonczyk.
Siblings: 1 brother, Josh, who is married and has 2 children.
Pets: Tropical fish, 2 cats, 6 horses.

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Equine Science – I train, show, and manage a herd of 6 horses. I have also worked as a stable hand for a trainer and shadowed at an equestrian veterinary clinic.

Small Animal Care and Production – I have trained, showed, and managed 2 black Labrador Retrievers. I also give training advice and lessons often. I raised two kittens from birth and, now, also manage them.

Veterinary Medicine – I shadow at several veterinary clinics and was employed as a veterinary assistant. This past year, I was chosen to help run clinical trials for a canine study at the UW-Madison, School of Veterinary Medicine.

Top Accomplishments

- Job interview, State Participant
- Chapter President
- State FFA Degree

Just for Fun!

Hobbies: Swimming, hiking, water sports, volleyball, horseback riding, animal training, camping.

Collections:

- Barbie dolls
- Beanie Babies
- Rocks

Future Dreams:

- Run for Wisconsin Valley Fair, Fairest of the Fair
- Possibly run for Alice in Dairyland
- Study Abroad
- Build my own house
- Run my own veterinary clinic

Top on Bucket List:

1. Skydive
2. Eat at the world's largest McDonald's (Moscow)
3. Swim in the world's largest pool (Chile)
4. Ride camels to the Great Pyramids
5. Mush a dog sled
6. Times Square on New Year's Eve
7. Do a polar plunge
8. Swim with dolphins

State Convention Review

State Talent

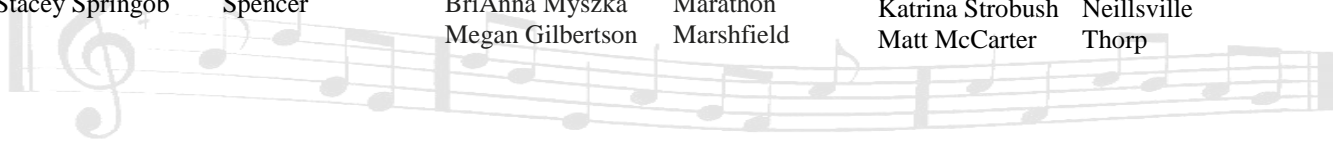
Jenessa Freidhof Colby
 Sawyer Wirkus Colby
 Kimberly Boor Colby
 Keenan Rood Marathon
 Christy Gilbertson Marshfield
 Stacey Springob Spencer

State Band

Sarah Solberg Athens
 Kelsey Zettler Athens
 Kimberly Boor Colby
 Jenessa Freidhof Colby
 Jade Baumgartner Loyal
 BriAnna Myszka Marathon
 Megan Gilbertson Marshfield

State Choir

Alex Gumz Abbotsford
 Elizabeth Lueth Abbotsford
 Danielle Dykes Almond-Bancroft
 Sawyer Wirkus Colby
 Robin Lavigne Gilman
 Katrina Strobush Neillsville
 Matt McCarter Thorp



Junior High Essay Contest

State Winner: Ashley Zimmerman, Spencer

Opening/Closing Ceremonies

State High School Runner-Up: Stevens Point
 State Junior High Winner: Spencer

High School Quiz Bowl

Semi-finalist: Spencer

Food for America Award

Runner-up: Stevens Point

Career Development Event Winners

Agricultural Issues: Colby
 Farm Business Management: Colby & Janessa Freidhof, Colby
 Forestry: Marshfield & Calob Feit, Marshfield

Proficiency Award Winners

Ag. Mech. Repair & Maintenance Placement: Andrew Heiman, Marshfield
 Grain Production – Entrepreneurship: Derrick D. Lehman, Spencer
 Swine Production – Entrepreneurship: Bridget R. Achterberg, Abbotsford

Scholarships

Walter and Delores Bjorker Endowment Fund: Josey Pukrop, Stevens Point
 Washington Leadership Conference: Aaron Zimmerman, Spencer
 (Sponsored by Wisconsin FFA Alumni) Derrick Lehman, Spencer



Agriscience Fair

Biochemistry/Microbiology/Food Science

Aaron Zimmerman, Spencer..... Gold/National
 Ashley Heil, Stratford..... Silver
 Paula Cortese & Paige Hunt, Thorp..... Bronze

Botany

Morgan Elsinger & Melissa Tornke, Spencer. Silver

Engineering

Joshua Cherek, Spencer Gold/National



Anthony Altman, Auburndale
 Jenessa Freidhof, Colby
 Sierra Coulthard, Neillsville
 Mikayla Kopp, Spencer
 Jessica Tyler, Granton
 Josey Pukrop, Stevens Point
 Rachel Martin, Stratford
 Leah Behm, Thorp

State FFA Degree Recipients

Bridget Achterberg, Abbotsford
 Alex Gumz, Abbotsford
 Danielle Dykes, Almond-Bancroft
 Kailey Brandenburg, Amherst
 Brian A. Hoffmann, Amherst *
 Jordan Lutz, Amherst
 Melissa Peterson, Amherst *
 Christine Stuczynski, Amherst
 Kimberly C. Boor, Colby
 Jenessa Freidhof, Colby
 Jessica Stuttgart, Colby

Carissa Napierala, Edgar
 Bethany Pelch, Edgar
 John Richmond II, Granton
 Ryan J. Wucherpfennig, Granton
 Lacy Johnson, Greenwood
 Staci L. Suda, Greenwood
 Luke M. Luchterhand, Loyal
 Max Luchterhand, Loyal
 Steven Weyer, Loyal
 Rebecca A. Dahlke, Marathon
 Tyler Brueggen, Marshfield *

Joel Franseen, Marshfield *
 Rachael Bloch, Merrill
 Brent Bredlau, Neillsville
 Dylan Eilers, Spencer
 Phillip Ivacic, Spencer*
 Mikayla J. Kopp, Spencer
 Ryan H. Krause, Spencer
 Josey Pukrop, Stevens Point
 Leah Behm, Thorp
 (* Denotes Stars Over Wisconsin Finalist)

State Convention Review, Cont.

National FFA Convention Delegates

Stacey Springob, Spencer
Aaron Zimmerman, Spencer

Finalist: Alex Gumz, Abbotsford

Sneaking Contests

Job Interview

Sectional finalist: Ashley Heil, Stratford

Extemporaneous Speaking

Third Place: Kimberly Boor, Colby

Parliamentary Procedure

State Winner: Marshfield

Discussion Meet

Sectional finalist: Alyssa Brostowitz, Spencer

Prepared Speaking

Sectional finalist: Mikayla Kopp, Spencer

Creed Speaking

Fourth Place: Denette Plansky, Thorp

Jr. High Quiz Bowl

State Winner: Stevens Point



State Star Farmer

Runner-Up: Tyler Brueggen, Marshfield

Finalist: Melissa Peterson, Amherst

State Star in Agricultural Placement

State Winner: Joel Franseen, Marshfield

Third Place: Brian A. Hoffman, Amherst

Finalist: Phillip Ivacic, Spencer

Chapter Awards

Increased Membership

Section 7 Winner: Greenwood (+ 23)

National Chapter Award:

Runner-up: Spencer

Top Chapter Development Chapter: Spencer

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.

My Summer Activity Highlights

Week 1: **BLAST Off Training** *Spencer, WI*

Our first week together focused on individual personal growth in order to focus on team dynamic at NLCSO. This was the best training I have ever received! We were pushed out of our comfort zones, yet built our confidence and trust in each other. We were also happy to have some team bonding time!

Week 2: **Wisconsin Association of Agricultural Educators (WAAE) Conference** *Green Bay, WI*

At the WAAE Conference the team learned about the logistics of our association. We received updates from the Alumni and Foundation, along with beginning to plan workshops and a theme for the upcoming year. We were also able to meet many advisors. Finally, we spent fun time together by relaxing at Bay Beach Amusement Park and going to the movie theater!

Week 3: **National Leadership Conference for State Officers (NLCSO)** *Springfield, IL*

National officers, Riley Pagett and Tiffany Rogers, facilitated this team-based training. NLCSO focused on utilizing individuals to come together to form a strong team. We also learned what it takes to create workshops. Bonding time with Missouri State Officers, Illinois State Officers, Riley, and Tiffany was very memorable. We watched fireworks at the capitol on the Fourth of July, toured the Abraham Lincoln Museum, and even made a pit-stop at Sonic!

Week 4: **Farm Technology Days** *Marshfield, WI*

Finally, our first time in the public eye! Before the event began, Andrea Bloom and Nicole Nelson facilitated training about communication with FFA stakeholders. At the event we gave farm tours and talked with people at our booth in the Youth Tent. I was so happy to see everyone from Section Seven! Thank you for all of your help! In the evenings, we had a cookout with Stratford FFA and Spencer FFA. Oh, the memories we made!

Week 5: **Golf Outing** *Eau Claire, WI*

The golf outings are a fundraiser for the Wisconsin FFA Foundation. The money raised helps to support Wisconsin FFA and all of its members. In Eau Claire, Ashleigh, Isaac, and I were able to meet with all of our wonderful partners, who support the FFA, while also assisting with raffles and watching hole-in-one competitions.

Week 6: **National Institute of Cooperative Education** *Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN*

Having minimal knowledge on cooperatives, I was very excited to attend the NICE conference with Stacey, Kayla, and Ethan. High school and young college students attended from all over the nation! At the conference we learned that cooperatives are owned by it's members (customers) and follow seven basic principles. We put this knowledge to the test through a simulation where we actually formed a cooperative, and participated in a case study, where we acted as a cooperative board who had to make a decision based upon a problem in the community. We were also able to tour a wind farm, watch an electrical demonstration, and meet with several cooperatives. In our free time, we went to Indiana Beach Amusement Park, took a dinner cruise with a dance, and performed in a skit/dance competition called Song Fest! We all enjoyed making many new friends and great memories!

Week 7-8: **Wisconsin State Fair** *West Allis, WI*

After two weeks of being apart, the whole team came back together at the Wisconsin State Fair! Here, we ran veggie races for young children and worked in the Discovery Barn, which has several animals and fun, interactive stations. We were also able to experience the joys of State Fair, such as the epic Cream Puff! Cream Puff Champion on our team: Isaac, who ate 13 cream puffs over the 11 days!



Sectional Leadership Workshop Preview

Uncover the Treasure

Ahoy, mateys! Raise the jolly roger because Sectional Leadership Workshops are anchoring down in Section Seven! Bring all of your shipmates and learn what your role is as a member of the crew. Mateys, bring yourselves and we'll supply the map to your very own treasure. Search for the key to the hidden treasure and "Unlock the Legacy!"

Workshop Topics:

- Member recruitment and retention
- Community Service
- SAE
- Communication and Speaking Contests
- Etiquette and first impressions
- Leadership Development
- Goal Setting and Time Management
- FFA Partners and advocating for Agricultural Education
- Agricultural Careers

Date: Thursday, September 15, 2011

Registration Begins:

SLW Begins:

Where: Stratford High School



FIRE Conference Preview

Race to Success

Attention all new FFA members! Are you fueled up to be a new FFA member? Let the state FFA officer team help rev your engines for the FFA. Are you curious about all of the opportunities available to you? What do you know about the FFA? Get a head start on all the rest. Come to the FIRE Conference to ignite your future! Learn of opportunities, have fun, and gain skills so that you can get a jump start and begin your race to success.

When:

Saturday, September 24 @ Fox Valley Tech., Appleton

Saturday, October 1 @ UW-River Falls

Saturday, October 8 @ UW-Madison

Workshop Topics:

- Official Dress, Professionalism, and Etiquette
- FFA Opportunities
- FFA and Agriculture Basics
- Communication and Social Networking
- SAE
- How to be an Effective Member

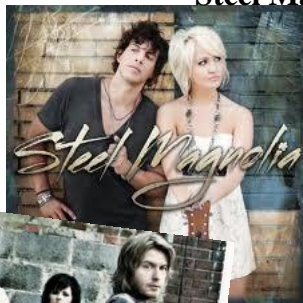
National Convention Preview

Entertainment



Blake Shelton

Steel Magnolia



Little Big Town

Also . . .

- ❖ Three Hills World's Toughest Bull and Broncs
- ❖ Hypnotists
- ❖ Talent
- ❖ Band and Chorus Concert

Other Highlights:

- Career Show (Over 1,300 Exhibitors!)
- Workshops
- National FFA Alumni Auction
- Tours

You Can Help!

- Courtesy Corps
- National FFA Days of Service

Keynote Speakers

Dave Roever

As a man drafted into the Vietnam War, Roever was not prepared for an event that would change his life. He was burned beyond recognition when a phosphorous grenade exploded in his hand. His message is of hope with a foundation of faith, due to his miraculous survival. You do not want to miss out on Mr. Roever's amazing stories, humor, and inspirational messages.

Vernice "FlyGirl" Armour

As America's First African-American Female Combat Pilot, Armour flew over the deserts of Iraq. After returning home, she realized that many people just wanted to make breakthroughs in their own lives, but they didn't know how. From her experiences, she created a seven step process called the "Zero to Breakthrough" Success Plan. Do not miss this success plan for your life!

David Garibaldi

When he was young, Garibaldi was a graffiti rebel in the streets, unable to graduate high school, until a high school teacher challenged him to make his art more purposeful. After turning his life to a positive direction, he was shaped into a world-renowned painter and performer. He shares his personal struggles, triumphs, and message: "Live your life as a platform, and live with passion and purpose."



All of this and more can be found at:
<https://www.ffa.org/Events/NationalFFAConvention/Pages/default.aspx>
Registration is now open!

National Proficiency Award Winners:

Andrew Heiman – Marshfield FFA
Ag. Mechanics (placement)
Gold Rating

Derrick D. Lehman – Spencer FFA
Grain Production (entrepreneurship)
Gold Rating

Bridget R. Achterberg - Abbotsford FFA
Swine Production (entrepreneurship)
National Finalist

National Chapter Award

Stratford FFA	3 Star
Thorp FFA	3 Star
Spencer FFA	2 Star

150 Wisconsin American Degree Recipients! 20 are from Section VII!



Who: 9-10 Grade Students

212 degrees is temperature at which water boils. At 211° water is extremely hot, but just one more degree takes 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: Ramada Hotel, Stevens Point

**Registration will open soon on the Wisconsin FFA website:
www.wisconsinffa.org.

Meet the New State Officer Team

Ethan Giebel
President

Collects toy tractors, always striving to improve

Isaac Christenson

Section 1 – Reporter

Funny, loves Apple®, good at AV productions

Ashleigh Schlewitz

Section 2 – Vice President

Personable, caring, loves to laugh

Brian Guza

Section 3 – Treasurer

Funny, loves tractor pulling and his motorcycle

Abbie Baker

Section 4 – Vice President

Loves wrestling, likes to be real

Katie Dreier

Section 5 – Vice President

Loves to have fun like a child, loves animals

Sara Raschein

Section 6 - Sentinel

Happy, giddy, loves being corny/cheesy

Alissa Milonczyk

Section 7 – Vice President

Optomistic, always asks questions, full of ideas

Stacey Kunde

Section 8 - Parliamentarian

Gardener/landscaper, loves the packers



(All listed from right to left)

Top Row: Nicole Petrie, Brian Guza, Isaac Christenson, Alissa Milonczyk

Middle Row: Katie Drier, Ethan Giebel, Ashleigh Schlewitz

Bottom Row: Abbie Baker, Kayla Hack, Stacey Kunde, Sara Raschein

Kayla Hack

Section 10 – Vice President

Dedicated to Service, caring

Nicole Petrie

Section 9 - Secretary

Really loves rabbits, judges rabbit shows

My Fall Calendar

September 2011

CV = Chapter Visit
 *This is a tentative calendar for chapter visits.
 Please contact me if your chapter visit date will not work.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 Labor Day	6 SLW Work Day - Mauston	7	8 Stratford CV	9	10
11	12 Section 1 SLW Amery	13 Section 2 SLW Fall Creek	14 SLW Work Day - Spencer	15 Section 7 SLW Stratford	16	17
18	19 Section 10 SLW East Troy	20 Section 6 SLW Sauk Prairie	21 Section 8 SLW Winneconne	22 Section 9 SLW Kiel	23	24 FIRE Conf. Appleton
25	26 Section 4 SLW Mineral Point	27 Section 5 SLW Wisconsin Heights	28 Section 3 SLW Blair-Taylor	29 Neilsville CV	30	

October 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 FIRE Conf. UW-River Falls
2	3 Spencer CV	World Dairy Expo				8 FIRE Conf. UW-Madison
9	10 Gilman CV	11 Thorp CV	12 Owen-Withee CV	13 Greenwood CV	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
National FFA Convention						
23	24 Abbotsford CV	25 Colby CV	26 Edgar CV	27 Marathon CV	28	29
30	31 Auburndale CV					

November 2011

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

Section Seven Spotlight!

A New Chapter Rising: Owen-Withee

Owen-Withee has not had an agricultural education program since the 1980's and the technology education program was very limited itself. During the 2011-2012 school year that will change, as Mr. Travis Engel has been hired to bring technology education back up into shape and then start an Ag. program.

Mr. Engel has a Bachelor's Degree in agricultural and technology education from UW-River Falls and UW-Stout respectively. He attended Owen-Withee high school, while also being a member of the Abbotsford FFA. He was involved in many activities throughout high school and college.

Mr. Engel's plans for the upcoming school year include rejuvenating the FFA Alumni, beginning a student interest group, finding new program funding, and developing a curriculum. Agricultural courses will be in the 2012-2013 edition of the Owen-Withee Course Prospectus.

As Mr. Engel says, "I will continue to seek opportunities to accelerate the return of FFA and agriculture to Owen-Withee. The importance of both in our area of the state is vital to the very fabric of the industry."



Meet Our New Chapter: Almond-Bancroft

The Almond-Bancroft FFA Chapter was introduced during the fourth session of the 82nd Wisconsin FFA Convention in Madison on Wednesday, June 15, 2011.

The school is located in the town of Almond in Portage County. The newly chartered FFA Affiliate already has 22 members on its roster. The chapter's advisor is Jody Meyer, who currently teaches animal science courses at the school.

Mr. Engel

Say Hello to Our New Advisors!

Mr. Gary Wirkus, Mosinee

Mr. Wirkus is the new agricultural teacher at Mosinee High School, but he is not unfamiliar with this position. He taught agricultural education at Colby high school for the past 15 years, and then at Lena 3 years before that. During his time at Colby, he was most proud of the string of state FFA officers who were elected from his chapter. Mr. Wirkus graduated from UW-River Falls with an Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Education. As an Edgar high school FFA member, his most memorable moment was when Edgar FFA beat Marshfield FFA in the 1987 sectional speaking contest and went on to win state. Mr. Tim Heeg (Marshfield FFA advisor) was crushed. He is really looking forward to his move into Mosinee and he has a great group of FFA officers to work with. Mr. Wirkus's words of wisdom: "Never be afraid of a new challenge."



Ms. Tiffany Cichon, Rosholt

Ms. Cichon is the new agricultural education teacher at Rosholt High School. In high school, she was an active member of the Stratford FFA. After graduation she attended UW-River Falls and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Education. She has just adopted a cat named Lala. No specific FFA experience sticks out in Ms. Cichon's mind, but as she looks back, combined they had an immense impact on her life. Recently, she was looking back at the Wisconsin member photo from National Convention. She was amazed by all of the people she recognized in that photo, whom she met after it was taken and how they influenced her throughout the years. Ms. Cichon's words of wisdom, "Always set your goals higher than you think you can reach and don't let anyone plan your future for you."



Ms. Melissa Ploeckleman, Colby

I am the new agricultural teacher at Colby High School! You can call me Ms. Ploeckelman pronounced like "Pluck," as though you are plucking an apple off a tree! How appropriate for an agriculture teacher! My teaching experience can be described to a tee by Garth Brooks' song, "The River." "Trying to learn from what's behind you. . ." I remember joining the Colby FFA in 2001 and getting the best piece of advice from my advisor I have ever received! "Speak in public as often as you can to the best of your ability." Because he told me that, I spoke all the time in high school and into college at UW-River Falls. I became a State FFA Officer in 2006-07, a county Fairest of the Fair in 2008 and the State Fairest of the fair in 2009 because of all my practice! I have found my destination here at Colby high school and will be enjoying a new journey down the river! I can't wait to start in the classroom and watch students grow!



Mrs. Lisa Kopp, Gilman

Mrs. Kopp is the new Agricultural Education teacher and FFA advisor of Gilman High School in Gilman, WI. She graduated from Hartford Union High School in Hartford, WI. During her high school years, she was an FFA member. Mrs. Kopp's favorite memory as an FFA member was going to National Convention in Kentucky. She loved, "seeing all the other blue jackets and meeting new FFA members from other states." After high school, she attended UW-River Falls and graduated with an Agricultural Education Major and an Animal Science Minor. Mrs. Kopp currently has two horses and a dog. She also has a few words of advice, "Live in the moment - Life goes by too fast to not appreciate everything you encounter."

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