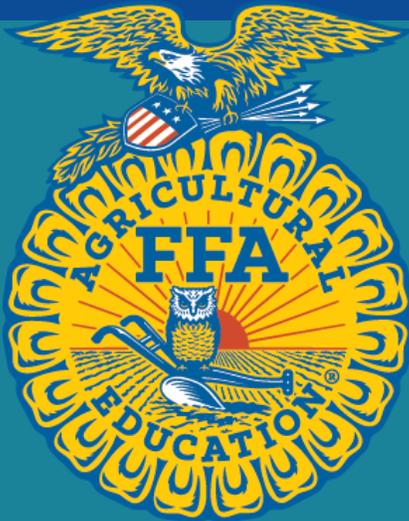


Brooke's Bits & Pieces

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2025-2026 Wisconsin State FFA Officer Team; Back row (L to R): Sam Mell, Layten Sobieski, Max Luedtke, Ava Forde, Parker Smith. Middle row (L to R): Brooke Luedtke, Corbyn Weber, Taniele Ducommun. Front row (L to R): Harley Prill, Amalia Draxler, Evan Retzlaff.



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OFFICER UPDATE

Section 6 State Treasurer



It's hard to believe how quickly this year is passing. The past few months have been nothing short of incredible, from wrapping up chapter visits to attending the Half Time Conference and FIRE Conference. This season has been filled with growth, laughter, and unforgettable experiences.

Each event has reminded me of the heart and passion within our members and the powerful impact FFA continues to have across our state and nation. One of my favorite memories so far was the Half Time Conference, where I felt once again the leadership, energy, and deep sense of community that makes FFA so special.

As we move into the final stretch of the year, I encourage you to keep showing up, trying new things, and supporting one another. Remember, FFA is about far more than contests and awards. It is about the people, the friendships, and the moments that shape who we become.

Looking back on all we have experienced, I am filled with gratitude for the chance to serve, to learn from each of you, and to celebrate what we have accomplished together as Wisconsin FFA. From chapter visits to state events, I have been inspired by your leadership, creativity, and commitment to making a difference. Thank you for making this journey so meaningful. I am proud of every one of you, and I cannot wait to see all the amazing things you will continue to achieve in FFA and beyond.

With gratitude and excitement,

Brooke Luedtke



LDE Winners

District 16



Creed Speaking

1st Place

Clara Zastrow
W.L.A FFA Chapter

2nd Place

Lucy Stowell
Waupun FFA Chapter

Prepared Speaking

1st Place

Oscar Stowell
Waupun FFA Chapter

2nd Place

Ashley Dretske
Berlin FFA Chapter

Extemporaneous

Speaking

1st Place

Sawyer Bruins
Waupun FFA Chapter

2nd Place

Ryan Beck
Ripon FFA Chapter

Employment Skills

1st Place

Oscar Stowell
Waupun FFA Chapter

2nd Place

Hope Ibeling
W.L.A FFA Chapter

Discussion Meet

1st Place

Sawyer Bruins
Waupun FFA Chapter

2nd Place

Blake Mertens
Berlin FFA Chapter

Quiz Bowl

1st Place

Markesan FFA Chapter

2nd Place

Waupun 2 FFA Chapter

Parliamentary Procedure

1st Place

Ripon FFA Chapter

Congratulations!





LDE Winners District 17



Creed Speaking

1st Place

Nicholas Dahlke
Adams-Friendship FFA
Chapter

2nd Place

Violet Richard
Sauk Prairie FFA Chapter

Prepared Speaking

1st Place

Maggie Tuttle
WI Dells FFA Chapter

2nd Place

Braelynn Meister
Reedsburg FFA Chapter

Extemporaneous

Speaking

1st Place

Todd Day
Mauston FFA Chapter

2nd Place

Josie Varney
Lodi FFA Chapter

Employment Skills

1st Place

Emma Casey
Reedsburg FFA Chapter

2nd Place

Khammi Alsum
WI Dells FFA Chapter

Discussion Meet

1st Place

Brady Hess
WI Dells FFA Chapter

2nd Place

Lilian Schell
Baraboo FFA Chapter

Quiz Bowl

1st Place

Baraboo FFA Chapter

2nd Place

Sauk Prairie FFA Chapter

Parliamentary Procedure

1st Place

Mauston FFA Chapter

2nd Place

Lodi FFA Chapter

Congratulations!





LDE Winners

District 18



Creed Speaking

1st Place

Annika Roberts
Portage FFA Chapter

2nd Place

Lillian Schmitz
Poynette FFA Chapter

Prepared Speaking

1st Place

Georgia Nashold
Fall River FFA Chapter

2nd Place

Kellyn Woodworth
Portage FFA Chapter

Extemporaneous

Speaking

1st Place

Josie Roberts
Portage FFA Chapter

2nd Place

William Homman
Rio FFA Chapter

Employment Skills

1st Place

Blake Brancel
Portage FFA Chapter

2nd Place

Katherine Hansen
Portage FFA Chapter

Discussion Meet

1st Place

Josie Roberts
Portage FFA Chapter

2nd Place

Josephine Sadogierski
Portage FFA Chapter

Quiz Bowl

1st Place

Portage 1 FFA Chapter

2nd Place

Fall River 1 FFA Chapter

Parliamentary Procedure

1st Place

Pardeeville FFA Chapter

2nd Place

Poynette FFA Chapter

Congratulations!



Half-Time Conference



Our Half-Time Conference was a resounding success! Members participated in dynamic workshops on application strategies, stress management, and leadership development. The spirit of service came alive as they crafted dog toys, which were donated to the Dane, Sauk, and Columbia County Humane Societies. From the engaging sessions to the lively dance, the energy was incredible. Witnessing our members' passion, creativity, and powerful sense of community was truly inspiring.



Winter Highlights

CHECK POINT #2



Check Point #2 focused on the officer team coming together to celebrate Christmas and reflect on the successes of the year so far. It was a meaningful time to slow down, appreciate how far we had come, and recognize the growth we had experienced both individually and as a team. During this time, we worked on preparing banquet speeches, planning upcoming workshops, and developing strategies to make these events engaging, relevant, and impactful for our members. Beyond the planning, this checkpoint strengthened our communication, deepened our trust in one another, and reminded us of the shared purpose that drives everything we do.



Winter Highlights

FARM BUREAU



The agenda was filled with engaging and meaningful activities, including observing the collegiate discussion meet, managing an FFA booth to connect with alumni, sharing meals together, and attending presentations from outstanding guest speakers. The event provided an excellent opportunity for participants to learn, network, and strengthen connections.



CORN, SOY, AND PORK EXPO

The Corn and Soy Expo was another great convention where we had the opportunity to network with a variety of businesses across the agriculture industry. It was really interesting to talk with professionals and learn more about the different roles and opportunities within agriculture. Our team also helped with the live auction, which was a fun, hands-on experience and gave us a behind-the-scenes look at how those events run. On top of that, we were able to see and try many different kinds of pork products, which made the experience even more enjoyable and memorable.

Winter Highlights

FARM FORUM



Farm Forum was a conference where students had the opportunity to hear from a variety of professionals across the agriculture industry. Representatives shared what their companies look for in employees, as well as information about available internships. The event provided students with valuable networking opportunities and the chance to build connections within the industry. Students also heard from a keynote speaker who discussed weather prediction and how significantly it impacts our lives and the agricultural industry as a whole.

ALUMNI CONVENTION



The Alumni Convention was a time to celebrate chapter achievements and recognize the hard work and dedication of members, advisors, and supporters. It was also an opportunity to host workshops that helped attendees grow as leaders, strengthen their chapters, and gain new ideas to bring back to their communities. Throughout the event, there was a strong sense of pride and tradition, as alumni and current members came together to support the FFA Organization and the important work it does. The convention also highlighted the impact of the FFA Foundation, showing how donations and continued support help provide scholarships, leadership conferences, and hands-on learning experiences for students across the state.



FFA WEEK



Albany Donkey Basketball



Day on the Hill



Mauston Pancake Supper



Pardeeville AG Olympics



Portage Pancake Supper



F.I.R.E. Conference



2026 Banquets

These are the banquets I will be in attendance for. If you do not see your banquet listed, please watch for an email from me with information about another state officer attending, or reach out to share your banquet date if I have not received it yet. I look forward to celebrating with you!

Adams-Friendship	March 15
Reedsburg	March 22
Tri-County	March 29
Oakfield	April 8
Waupun	April 9
Sauk Prairie	April 19
Portage	April 19
Pardeeville	April 19
Rio	April 20
Markesan	April 26
Poynette	April 29
Ripon	May 3
Columbus	May 6
Westfield	May 9
Baraboo	May 17
Berlin	May 17

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER

Molly Groskreutz
Westfield FFA



OCTOBER

Ashley Dretske
Berlin FFA



NOVEMBER

Jo Sadogierski
Portage FFA



DECEMBER

Nancy Hansen
Adams-Friendship FFA



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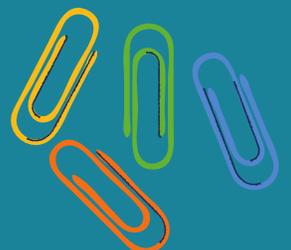
JANUARY

JJ Davidson
Poynette FFA



FEBRUARY

Logan Sorg
Sauk Prairie FFA



UPCOMING EVENTS

**Power, Structure and
Technical Systems- NextGen
Conference**
March 3-7
Raleigh, NC

EDGE/Connect Conference

March 20-21

Holiday Inn, Stevens Point

Regional CDEs

- **South Central: March 17**
- **Mid-State Technical
College, Marshfield:
March 24**
- **UW- Platteville: March 26**
- **FVTC- Appleton: March
27**
- **UW- River Falls: March 28**

State FFA CDE

Day 1 – Madison

April 17

**State FFA CDE Day 2
– Madison**

April 24



UPCOMING DUE DATES

- **March 3 State FFA Degree Applications**
- **March 8 Public Relations Team Applications**
- **March 13 State FFA Foundation Chapter Grant Applications**
- **March 13 State FFA Foundation Collegiate Scholarship Applications**
- **March 16 State Honorary Degree and Distinguished Service Nominations**
- **April 1 Final Supplemental Membership Rosters**
- **April 15 Jr. High/Middle School Essay Entries**

UPCOMING DUE DATES

- **April 21 National Chapter Applications**
- **April 21 Chapter Officer Leadership Award
(Three Star Leader)**
- **April 22 State FFA Talent Application**
- **April 24 State Officer Candidate
Application**
- **May 8 Wisconsin Agriscience Fair
Application/Written Report Due**
- **May 1 Food For America Award Application**
- **May 15 Courtesy Corps Applications**

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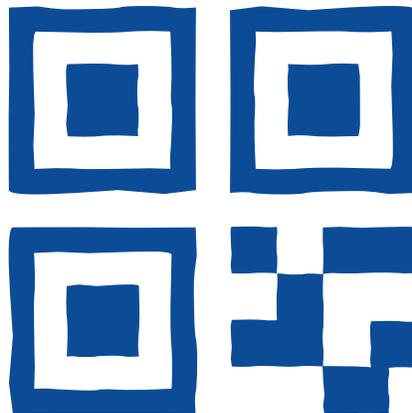
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Member Of The Month

Know an amazing Section 6 member
who goes above and beyond?
Celebrate them by nominating them
for Member of the Month right
here!



*Right-click on
the QR code.
and it will take
you directly to
the link.*

Let's Connect

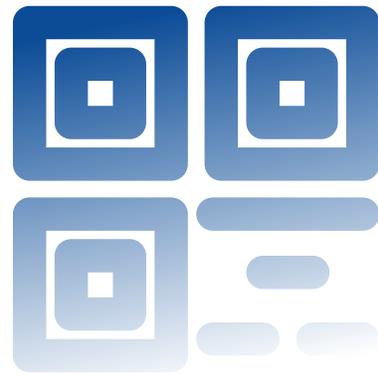
SAE Sunday

SAE Sundays are open to all members who want to showcase their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE). It's a chance for members to be recognized for their hard work and dedication.



Service Project Recognition

Service Project Recognition highlights chapters that have carried out a project to give back to their community. It's an opportunity for members and teachers to be celebrated for their impact and commitment!



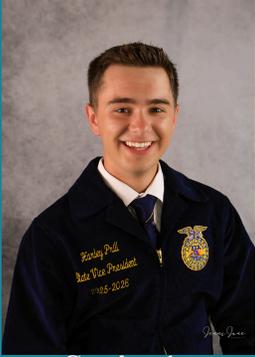
Teacher Appreciation

Is there a teacher in your life who inspires, supports, and truly makes a difference? Help us shine a spotlight on their amazing work by nominating them for the Teacher Appreciation Program, where they'll be honored on the state's social media page!



Right-click on the QR code, and it will take you directly to the link.

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