

Ricebelt Wrap-Up

OFFICER SPOTLIGHT:

**Jacob Brock,
Vice-President**

Chapter: Barbers Hill

Hobbies & Interests:
Hunting, fishing, tennis
and showing goats

Favorite Food:
Mom's potato casserole

Favorite TV Show:
That 70's Show

Favorite Sport: Tennis

Favorite Music:
Country and rock

**Famous person you'd
love to meet:**
George W. Bush

Favorite Quote: "If you
do something you love,
you will never have to
work a day in your life."

Favorite CDE:
Livestock judging

Favorite LDE: Radio
and Ag. Issues Forum

Favorite SAE: Market
and breeding goats

Favorite FFA Memory:
Mrs. Wilson backed into
the air conditioned unit
with a bus.

E M P O W E R 2 0 1 0

As 2010 is well on its way to a promising start, we find ourselves reflecting on all the fun we had at camps and conventions in 2009. Remember the feeling you had at state convention or leadership camp? We should all be powered up for a new year just as great! Reflect back a little farther than just this summer. Think for a second about all the leaders in the FFA and in agriculture that have inspired us throughout 2009. Because of the past summer, the past year, and even the past century of agricultural advancements, it has become our responsibility to continue the legacy of service, passion, and progression that those great

leaders instilled in us. We are ambassadors of a dynamic organization and we have been called to feed billions of people in this world more efficiently than ever before. This may seem like an overwhelming challenge for students such as ourselves, but remember, "we must because we can." We have been given the tools and can empower progress in agriculture, in Texas, in our town and in our school! Each of us has a role in making our world better. Believe in the future of agriculture because we are the future. Ricebelt District, begin discovering your dreams this year as we empower.

S U P E R H E R O E S U N I T E

It that time of year again, Ricebelt. It is time for all of the superheroes of the Ricebelt district to unite for the 2010 District Convention! As the lights dim low and the festivities take place, we hope that you will be in attendance to cheer your hearts out for your favorite candidates and teams. In addition to the talent competition, speeches will be given by hopeful district, area, and state officer candidates during the officer runoff election segment. The evening will serve as your opportunity to elect your upcoming leaders for the 2010-

2011 school year. Please join us on Monday, February 22, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. in the Silsbee High School auditorium for an evening sure to have you on your feet! Candidates and talent teams will meet on Sunday, February 21, 2010 from 1-4 p.m. for rehearsals, interviews and tests. If you are interested in running for an officer position or have questions about the talent competition, please see your advisor for more details. We look forward to seeing each and every one of you there!

T H E Y E A R I N R E V I E W

The McGee Bend FFA District is collecting aluminum soda can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charity, an organization that serves as a home-away-from-home and more for families with seriously ill children. The money raised from recycling the

aluminum tabs benefits the maintenance of the house. All donations may be turned into Kelli Neuman from the East Chambers FFA chapter at the Ricebelt District Convention or to the Woodville FFA chapter by April 1, 2010.

SCHEDULE:

25 Ag Day at the Capitol in Austin, TX

4-21 San Antonio Livestock Exposition

17 Deadline for all ag teachers to email Keith Ming with a list of candidates for District Convention

20-27 National FFA Week

21 Ricebelt District Convention interviews, tests and rehearsal in Silsbee from 1-4PM

22 Ricebelt District Convention—4:30 PM

25 Ag Day at the Capitol in Austin, TX

27 Orange County Prospect Show

The Year in Review

If you would like your chapter to be represented in the Ricebelt District Convention slideshow, please send up to 20 chapter pictures to Michael Neuman at neuman@eastchambers.net by Wednesday, February 3, 2010. Group pictures of the district at camps, conventions, or other FFA activities are greatly appreciated, as well.