



# NEWSLETTER

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## *of the Denmark FFA Alumni & Supporters*

### **Three Denmark Alumni Members Seek Nomination for 2024 Alumni Board of Directors**



I'm Mike Konop, recently semi retired and ready to volunteer. I am married to Dawn, we have 2 children and 2 grandchildren. Volunteering is a part of our life, to serve others and our community. We have coordinated meals for NEW Community Shelter for over 30 years, deliver to families for the Denmark CHOW program, as well as active members of the Prince of Peace Church Community. As semi retired, my schedule now allows time for deeper involvement in the Denmark FFA Alumni, we enjoy serving our community and lay ground work for our youth. Our granddaughter, Samie is a member of the Middle School FFA chapter. As both, our grandchildren, Samie and Evan, see Grandpa involved in FFA Alumni, they recognize this is a great example of giving back to the community and supporting our school district and our future generations.



Hi, my name is Jeremy Krerowicz, I am a 2002 Graduate of Denmark High School. I am married to my wife Katie and we have two boys, and I also have one stepson. FFA started for me in seventh grade with Mrs. Fischl. and all the way through high school with Ken Seering. I was very thankful of having such great FFA Advisors. I was the FFA President when I was a senior in high school. Also was the top fruit salesman all the way through high school. I was granted a Lifetime membership of the Denmark FFA Alumni in the spring of 2002. I started helping out at the Alumni food stand at the fair when we first started that all we had was a charcoal grill and household refrigerator, Look at how far it came today The Denmark FFA Alumni Food stand at the Brown County Fair. I served on the Denmark FFA Alumni Board in 2012-2014 as a director. Then in 2018 I was re elected to the FFA alumni Board where I served as Vice President, Then in 2019 I became the Denmark FFA Alumni President. And 2020 I was past president of the Denmark FFA Alumni and Supporters. In the fall of 2020 I was nominated Outstanding Achievement award by our FFA Alumni. I received

a gold rating on my application from the Wisconsin State FFA Alumni and Supporters at the annual state FFA alumni and supporters convention. In August of 2021 I was notified by The National FFA Organization that I was the National winner of the Outstanding Achievement Award. I got to go down to Indianapolis, and received my award. This is very special to me to be one of the two winners at the National Level, knowing you are one of the best of two in

the Nation. I have such a passion for the FFA, and looking forward to serving again on The Denmark FFA Alumni and Supporters Board.



Hello, I am Rob Juneau  
I was never involved in FFA as the schools I went to didn't offer it, but I was always involved in agriculture. From helping out my grandpa and neighbors when I was a kid to taking over the farm and milking cows until a few years ago. Now I just cash crop 300 acres. In addition to the farm, I work at

Wisconsin Public Service as an Agricultural Consultant helping farmers in Brown and Door County. I am also the Manager of the WPS Farm Show. I am also treasurer for Brown County Dairy Promotions and I am co-chair of the Brown County Breakfast on the Farm. I live in the Town of New Denmark with my wife Tracy and 3 kids. I am interested in joining the board to help out for all the help and support you have given others.

## Ms. Handrich named one of six top Ag Teachers Nationwide



Ms. Handrich was recognized for her continued dedication to the youth and agricultural programs and named one of the best in her field nationwide. She was presented her award at the annual NAAE convention in Phoenix Arizona.

Thank you Mary Handrich for your devotion to both youth and agricultural and its future in FFA!



Our annual FFA Alumni Banquet is Saturday, January 27, 2024. See invite enclosed!  
Outgoing board members include:

Jared Post  
Angie Bielinski  
James Grasee

Thank you for serving our membership over the last 3 years!

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are urgently working to update our email address and phone & address listing for all members. Our preferred method of communication is email. We are asking all members to please email

[ffaalumni.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ffaalumni.newsletter@gmail.com)

or text 920-362-6366 your updated info with updated address, phone and email information. The

preferred method of communication is email. We can reach so many more people with member updates!

Anyone who updates their info by Jan 31st, 2024 will be entered into a special gift card drawing!

## Thoughts from the Retiring Denmark FFA Alumni President

Hello Everyone

I would like to first thank everyone for all of the member support and dedication that you all have given to the Denmark FFA Alumni throughout this past year. Our fundraisers were once again strong and in some cases better than they have ever been. This would not be possible without your support.

In turn, having success through our fundraisers, we have been able to give tremendous support to the Denmark FFA and various organizations in the community.

I hope in the year to come we can continue this forward growth and provide opportunities for the alumni and Denmark FFA students.

Here's to what's to be in 2024!

Mark Olson

Denmark FFA Alumni President 2023

## Upcoming 2024 Events

Watch your email and Alumni Facebook for more info!

February 10th - Designer Bag Bingo

February 22nd - Whitetails Banquet

March 4th - Worker & Pie Auction

March 5th - Snow Tubing

April 6th - Farmer Appreciation - Maribel Grain

May 2nd - 4th - Opening Weekend Spring Plant Sale

May 10th - 11th - Spring Plant Sale

May 11th - FFA Banquet

May 17th - 18th - Spring Plant Sale (Until Sold Out)

## Wallander Supply Sale

The annual Denmark FFA Alumni tool sale will occur during the week of January 21st.

Randy Wallander and an FFA Alumni member will be stopping at farm and business locations visited in past years to discuss tools, parts, and products available through Wallander Tools. Randy Wallander is also able to check for warranty on your broken tools.

If you would like to be added to the list or want to check the date they'll be stopping at your location, please call Dennis Schultz at 920-615-1477

## FFA Alumni Fruit Sale Fundraiser

Every spring the Denmark FFA Alumni and Supporters hold their annual fruit sale selling delicious navel oranges, grapefruit, cuties, pears, apples, peanuts, potatoes, and pizzas. FFA members help make pizzas and organize fruit, making it a team effort. This is the Alumni's second largest fundraiser and the support is greatly appreciated! Watch for order forms for this year's sale early February 2024! Please call Jeremy 920-619-2296 with questions

## Whitetails Unlimited

### Banquet

The Annual Whitetails Unlimited Denmark Area Chapter Banquet will be held on Thursday, February 22, 2022 at Beverly Gardens. The event will include games, raffles and a social hour beginning at 5:30 P.M. and a family-style dinner at 7:00 P.M. Tickets should be ordered ahead of time by Feb 9th through James Grasee or online at [www.whitetailsunlimited.com](http://www.whitetailsunlimited.com)

Whitetails Unlimited is a nonprofit organization with the purpose of raising funds in support of educational programs, wildlife habitat and acquisition, and the preservation of the shooting sports and hunting tradition for generations to come. This year the Denmark FFA has been chosen to receive the proceeds from this event. If you are interested in attending or helping at the event please contact James Grasee from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. at 920-863-5539

## Farmer Appreciation

**APRIL 6th FROM 7:00 AM  
UNTIL 11:00 AM AT  
MARIBEL GRAIN FOR  
BREAKFAST SANDWICHES.**

### DID YOU KNOW?

Annual membership is **FREE** and open to anyone interested in supporting and advocating for FFA, agricultural education, agriculture or volunteerism through their gifts of time, talent, and financial resources on a yearly basis.

Lifetime membership is a one-time \$350 **INVESTMENT** in the future of our organization. Your investment ensures that the FFA and FFA Alumni will be around for future generations of agriculturalists and to help us reach as many members as we possibly can so that they can exert an influence in their home and community.

Feel free to reach out to Christy Chervenka @ 920-362-6366 for more info or to join today!

## FFA & Alumni Snow Tubing Event

On Tuesday, March 5th, the FFA and FFA Alumni have rented the Winter Park Snow-tubing Hill in Kewaunee. All FFA members and their family members and FFA Alumni members and their family members are invited to tube for free starting at 5:30 PM. Bus Transportation will be available for students who do not have other family members attending.

We ask that if your last name begins with an A-M, you bring a dish/dessert/snack to pass and if your last name begins with a N-Z, you bring a beverage (Soda, Water, Juice, etc.) to pass.

We hope that this will be a great way for our alumni members to get to know our FFA students and have a chance to mingle with other alumni members. Those parents who have a student in FFA will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn about the alumni also! Contact Marty Nowak to reserve your spots  
[Nowakm@denmark.k12.wi.us](mailto:Nowakm@denmark.k12.wi.us)



## Denmark FFA Alumni & Supporters Annual Banquet & Meeting

Saturday, January 27, 2024

Gatherings 43  
6 pm Social  
6:30 pm Dinner

Meeting & Scholarships to Follow  
RSVP by January 17th to  
Jared Post  
920-676-0072

## 2024 State Convention

⌚ Time's ticking! Don't miss out on the Wisconsin FFA Alumni & Supporters Annual Convention - there's still time to register! 🌾

Secure your spot now! 🔗 ↓

Location: KI Convention Center,  
Green Bay, WI

Date: February 2-3, 2024

<https://www.wisconsinaged.org/alumni-state-convention>

## 2023 National FFA Convention



Denmark was recognized on stage as a  
Three Star Gold chapter this year!  
The highest ranking possible.

## Steinhorst Farms Supports the Alumni & Supporters



 Bayer Fund

AMERICA'S FARMERS GROW  
Communities

Through the Bayer America's Farmers Grow Communities grant, Steinhorst Farms graciously gave grant money to the FFA Alumni & Supporters to be used for scholarships and school greenhouse improvements

**Denmark FFA Alumni!**  
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