



NEWSLETTER

of the Denmark FFA Alumni & Supporters

Thoughts from our Retiring President

2020 has been very challenging year for everyone. We have seen students miss out on opportunities, families struggle to makes ends meet, and non profit organizations struggle without their annual fundraisers. With that being said, there has been some bright spots in 2020. As an Alumni Board we have seen FFA Offices and Members find new avenues for communicating with members and achieving their goals. State FFA Officers had once in a life time experiences. As a board we were able to support other non-profits in the Denmark area, which support our friends and neighbors. The Denmark FFA Alumni was very lucky to have their Brown County Food Tent. The Alumni Members and Community members that help this summer are greatly appreciated! Their generosity helped us support the FFA and community in 2020. Thank you very much! Being on the Alumni Board the past two years has shown me the great thing the Denmark FFA Alumni does to support some awesome kids.

We are very lucky to have this group in Denmark.

Sincerely,

Matt Wavrunek

2020 FFA Alumni President

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ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

LIFE MEMBERS: 609

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: 96

Wallander Supply Sale

The nut and bolt sale will start the week of January 25th. Randy Wallander along with Tony Pribyl, Dave Salzeider, Mike Pribyl, John Calaway, and Pat VanRite will be making stops around the area. The sale is not just nuts and bolts but also drill bits, normal to unique tools, shovels, shop supplies, welding supplies, lubes and fuel additives and much more! The FFA Alumni made over \$3,000 on the sale last year!! If anyone wants to make a purchase from Randy throughout the year to support the FFA please call Randy Wallander @ 920-973-3466 or Dennis Schultz @ 920-615-1477.

FFA Alumni Fruit and Pizza Sale Fundraiser

The FFA Alumni Fruit & Pizza Sale starts Jan 31st and runs through February 17th. New this year will be homemade pizzas along with the favorite whole or half hams! Pick up will be on March 17 in the maintenance garage on the north side of the high school.

Jeremy Krerowicz 920-619-2296 or John Calaway 920-619-7345



A Message from State FFA Officer, Katrina Hoesly

WINTER 2021

Hello Alumni & Supporters! Has it already been six months since I was elected to serve in July? It sure does not feel like it! But, the beginning of the year has been absolutely amazing with all the things FFA members and alumni are doing to keep the FFA tradition alive! We began the year very different than years before by attending the virtual State Officer Summit put on by National FFA. Throughout the summit, we were able to learn about the importance of advocacy and how we as state officers can advocate for agriculture and ag education. We also spoke with Wisconsin legislators Representative Grothman, Representative Pocan, and Senator Baldwin on the importance of FFA and ag education! The year looked very different for FFA members, too, as we introduced a brand-new workshop for all the chapter officers! I had such a great time meeting the officers and connecting with them through Chapter Officer Workshops, or COWs! I remember my first COW ever with De Pere FFA and it feels like yesterday that we connected! Even though I only have a few chapters to work with yet, each and every officer team has only inspired me more as to the astonishing things that members can do within this organization! Now, we would usually have traveled all around the state for Sectional Leadership Workshops (SLW), but again, we had to reinvent a new way to connect with members. Fall Leadership Workshops, or FLW, was another new opportunity for all members in Wisconsin to zoom in for workshops to gain skills on leadership and help them strengthen their chapter! Over the 8 days we held workshops, I was able to get to know so many awesome members and hear what they want to advocate for! On top of this, the state officers were given the opportunity to travel around Wisconsin for Business & Industry Tours. We learned about many of the different agricultural commodities Wisconsin produces, and I mean we visited everything from a cranberry bog to an alpaca farm! We just recently wrapped up another fun-filled event, FIRE Conference where Joe, Cortney, and I were able to introduce FFA Official dress to these awesome members! It was so amazing to meet middle school members and kickstart their FFA journeys! It was a blast getting to know so many members across the state coming from all different agricultural backgrounds through these workshops! I am honored and thankful to have the opportunity to represent Section 9 this upcoming year and cannot wait to get to know you all. Within the past six months, I have learned my teammates are some of the most humble and inspiring people I have ever met! While I realize summer and fall went fast and spring is soon approaching, I hope everyone had a happy holiday season and are enjoying winter because I know my team is. Keep your eye out for spring because you will not want to miss out on all the action happening with the FFA and FFA Alumni! If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to reach out at khoesly@wisconsinffa.org or 920-279-8712. All the Best, Katrina



Katrina Hoesly

20-21 State FFA Parliamentarian

Membership Attention FFA Alumni members and FFA members:

The Denmark FFA Alumni offers \$175 towards the cost of lifetime membership for any FFA member who chooses to become a life member before the annual FFA banquet.

Please fill out the sheet on pg 3 and return to Kathy Vander Kinter with your payment.

Current Lifetime FFA Alumni Members:

Technology and people are moving at a fast pace, so we are trying to improve our communication with our membership. We want you all to be informed as to what is going on and that means we need to update our records. Our goal is to have all 600 plus members fill out the information on page 3 and return to: (Email or text is preferred)

Kathy Vander Kinter
N1554 County Rd V
Denmark WI 54208

Email kvanderkinter@gmail.com
text a picture to 920-375-0569

DENMARK FFA ALUMNI EARNS TOP IN THE NATION

This past October the 93rd National FFA Convention was no other. It was a very different year due to Covid 19 for everything everyone and every event. The convention was held virtual for the first time in history. There were no FFA members, advisors, alumni or guests walking across the stage or sitting anxiously at the edge of their stadium seat, rather the whole convention was broadcasted over the internet and on RFDTV. Despite an odd year there was something very exciting for the Denmark FFA Alumni. The Denmark FFA Alumni was honored the outstanding affiliate award. This prestigious award acknowledges us as the number one alumni chapter in the nation. This is our second consecutive year earning this award and fifteen times all together for the Denmark FFA Alumni. Congratulations and Great Job Denmark FFA Alumni!!!



Updated or New Membership Info

- Update Membership
- New Lifetime Membership \$350
- Current FFA Member
- Lifetime Alumni Membership \$175

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Cell phone: _____ Phone provider _____

Home phone: _____ Email: _____

- Preferred method of receiving newsletters
- Mail
 - Email
 - No longer interested in receiving
- Preferred method of receiving quick updates
- Email
 - Text

I would be interested in helping with the following Alumni events:

- ___ Brown County Fair Food Booth
- ___ Alumni Fruit Sale ___ Wallander Shop Supply Sale
- ___ Serving as an FFA Alumni Board Member
- ___ Volunteering as a resource for a variety of ways needed to support FFA activities

Denmark FFA Alumni
PO BOX 23
Denmark WI 54208

Denmark FFA Alumni Banquet

When: Sunday, January 31, 2021

6:30pm Social 7:00 Dinner

At: Gatherings 43

Behind DeGrand's Family Restaurant

623 DePere Rd Denmark WI 54208

Please RSVP to Jeremy Krerowicz 920-619-2296

or Matt Wavrunek 920-680-4055

Before Jan 15th