



Denmark FFA Alumni & Supporters Newsletter

~ Fall 2018 ~

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Thoughts from our Alumni President:

Hello Everyone,

Where has the summer gone? I would like to first start off by thanking everyone for all their help and support with the various activities our FFA Alumni has done these past few months. It would be impossible without your help to do all the events we do if you all were not so generous with your time and effort to support our youth. I hope everyone who was able to attend our appreciation party had a good time.

We are looking for three new board members along with a membership officer. Also, if someone is willing to help John Calaway with the Wallender Supply Sale, please contact the board as we would greatly appreciate hearing from you. I would like to thank Tony Pribyl for the countless hours he put into making this sale successful in the previous years.

Upcoming events include the Wallender Shop Supply Sale, the Annual Alumni Banquet, and our spring fruit sale. This year's banquet will be held at Eddie Whipp's on January 27th. Once again, thank you to everyone for their generous support and help throughout this past year. I wish everyone a happy and joyous holiday season.

Thank you,

Lester Schlies
2018 Alumni President



ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

Life Members: 608
Annual Members: 2
Associate Members: 96
New Life Members:
Brenda Melnarik
Evan Kane
Emily Nelsen
Joseph Schlies

MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY IN 2018



Donald Kratz
Randy Trembl
Ben Vanden Bergh
Orville Kudick

We will miss you as members and as friends. Our prayers are with your loved ones this Holiday season.

Farewell Retiring Board Members and Thank You for serving your members!

Mark Nelsen – 2016-17 President, Membership Chair
John Calaway – Director, Fruit Sale & Shop Supply Sale
Amy Novak – Secretary, Newsletter & Website, BC Fair



FFA Alumni & Supporters



Mr. Marty Nowak

Agriscience Instructor & MS FFA Advisor



“FFA Alumni & Supporters” ... This is the new designation adopted by the National FFA Alumni to recognize and encompass not only our Associate, Annual, and Life FFA Members, but our Supporters at large who help our agriculture and leadership programs succeed. All who take an interest in reinforcing our students and Advisors through their contributions should be recognized for the time, talents, and treasures they provide. My thanks to all who volunteer each year to continually elevate our FFA Chapters.

If you desire to join the Denmark FFA Alumni through Life Membership, this can be done at any time throughout the year. The total cost is \$350, and current FFA Student Members are eligible for a \$50 reimbursement from our local Denmark Alumni Chapter to encourage participation. This investment goes a long way to sustain future generations of youth learners and leaders. Thanks again! Contact me at 639-2167 with Membership inquiries.

Mark Nelsen, Membership Chair



Thanks to everyone who helped to make this year’s Denmark FFA Alumni food booth at the Brown County Fair such a success. We couldn’t do it without the donations and many volunteer hours put in by our Alumni, FFA members, parents and community supporters! We were blessed with favorable weather and hungry fairgoers and were able to raise over \$23,000, which will allow us to continue supporting Ag Education and FFA in the Denmark Community

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Thank you for giving me this opportunity to introduce myself. Many of you know me as I was in school with you, you chaperoned events that I participated, or you knew my siblings and/or parents as I grew up. My name is Marty Nowak and I was hired last spring to serve as your Middle School/High School Agriscience Instructor and Middle School FFA Advisor. I am a 1992 graduate of Denmark and was very involved in the FFA during my high school career participating in CDE’s, SAE’s, State FFA Choir, Speaking Contests, the Gold Emblem Exchange, and many conferences. After graduation, I attended UW-River Falls, majoring in Agricultural Education. After completion of my degree, I was hired at a small school in Southern Sheboygan County, Random Lake School District. I taught there until 1999, when I wanted to move closer to home and accepted a job at Luxemburg-Casco. I enjoyed my employment at Luxemburg Casco for 19 years, but after the referendum had passed and there was not much in it for Agricultural Education and since I had moved into the district, I decided to come back to my alma-mater as a position was opened.

My wife, Heidi, and our two daughters reside in the Eaton area in the house my mom and dad built. My daughters are in 8th grade and a sophomore. They are both involved in horses, 4-H, FFA, hunting and sports. They also raise beef animals and show horses at the Kewaunee County Fair. While not working or busy running my daughters around, I enjoy hunting, archery, camping, riding horses, working on tractors and woodworking.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with the youth of this great community and thank you for giving opportunity to our members interested in Agriculture. I look forward to meeting you at the many events and activities in which the FFA Alumni participates.



Mark your calendars and join us for next year’s fair:

August 14-18, 2019

FFA in our schools and throughout our community!



SUMMER PARADES



The Denmark FFA and Alumni teamed up to distribute over 1500 cartons of milk to parade goers at this year's Maribel and Denmark Lion's Parades.



WLC Scholarship recipients from left: Abby Wanek, Bayley Melnarik Autumn Kaminski, and Lashawna Vogel participate in this leadership workshop set in our Capital.



Seven Denmark FFA members participated in the 2018 Wisconsin State FFA Honors Band under the direction of Monte Dunnun and Kory Dahlen. The band played at the State FFA Convention in June as well as entertained fairgoers at the Wisconsin State Fair in August. Pictured from left to right: Brooke Bergelin, Leah Schilke, Max Schilke, Emily Nelsen, Joe Schlies, Cam Ducat, and Lizzy Novak.



See the FFA Alumni website for full articles on many of these activities submitted by FFA members who participated in them.

Sarah Calaway (photo to right—pictured front center with the State Officer team) continues to travel the state as our Section 9 State FFA Vice President. See the Alumni website for more updates on Sarah's travels.



Ag Venture Tent at Brown County Fair—MS FFA members helped to promote dairy education through fun activities. Participating below in the inaugural coloring wall are MS FFA members Connor Schult, Jack Thompson, Erin Van Pay, Emma Phillips, Danica Nowak and Alex Allen.



MS FFA members recently attended the FIRE Conference in River Falls where they attended workshops facilitated by the Wisconsin State FFA Officer Team. Pictured are: Alex Allen, Gavin Bradley, Morgan Brice, Brandon Chada, Kaden Foster, Danica Nowak, Evan Petrich, Emma Phillips, Dylan Propson, Connor Schultz, Kelsey Thelen, Jack Thompson, Calysta Tielens, Dana Ullman, Ava Van Erem, Erin Van Pay and chaperone Mr. Nowak, not pictured is chaperone Luke Wavrunek.



On August 24-26, the high school and middle school officer teams went to Pine Tree Lodge in Pickerel, Wisconsin. The high school officers who attended were Joe Schlies, Katrina Hoesley, Emily Nelsen, Bayley Melnarik, Owen Petrich, Lexy Nowak, Abbey Wanek, Breezy Seidl, and Lashawna Vogel. The middle school officers included Connor Schultz, Erin Van Pay, Emma Phillips, Alex Allen, Jack Thompson, and Danica Nowak. Our great advisors Mary Handrich and Marty Nowak also attended along with James Grasee.

Our first adventure was the New Zoo Adventure Park, where we got to do many amazing things: zip lining, ropes course, and rock climbing. We had all the members participate in the events, and we had great help from the staff members. That was just the start of our incredible officer retreat. When we arrived at Pine Tree Lodge we all played games and watched movies. Every group, which consisted of 2 high school and 1 middle school officer, had to plan a meal and a game. On Saturday, we shot the video for the high school FFA and later decided to go to the beach to swim. When we returned, we all showered and sat at the bonfire. Each night we had to split into our officers ground, HS officers together and MS officers together, to plan and discuss our year full of fun activities and work on teambuilding skills. On Sunday, we had one last session and had the high school officers talk with the middle school officers about jobs and roles on the officer team.

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Upcoming events of the FFA & Alumni:

- ◆ FFA Fall Fruit Fundraiser pickup—December 11, 2018
- ◆ FFA Alumni Banquet—January 27, 2019
- ◆ FFA Alumni Fruit Sale & Shop Supply Sale —January/February
- ◆ State FFA Alumni Annual Convention— February 8-9, 2019
- ◆ FFA Worker & Pie Auction—March 9, 2019
- ◆ FFA Annual Banquet—May 4, 2019
- ◆ Brown County Fair: August 14-18, 2019

You're invited...

Please join us for the 2019 Denmark FFA Alumni Annual Banquet & Senior Scholarship Presentations!

SUNDAY—January 27, 2019

Social 6 p.m.—Dinner 7 p.m.

Eddie Whipp's Dining Hall
5075 State Road 29
Green Bay, WI 54311

Family Style Chicken & Ribs—\$16.00/person
Free soda and beer following the banquet
Ticket payment can be made at the door
(RSVP appreciated)

**Please RSVP (call/text) by
Monday, January 14th to
Mark Nelsen @ 920-639-2167**



2019 Wisconsin State FFA Alumni Convention

February 8-9, 2019 —Holiday Inn & Convention Center, Stevens Point, WI

Visit <http://wisconsinffaalumni.org/events/> for more information.

Visit the FFA Alumni Website at <http://www.denmarkffa.com/alumni.html> for the latest information and photo galleries of our many activities. If you have photos you'd like added, please email them to Amy Novak at novak.amyo1@gmail.com. Have you or someone you know had a change of name, address, phone number or email? Please contact Mark Nelsen at 920-639-2167 to update alumni records.