



Milk Machine Up & Running

The Rice Lake FFA Alumni's goal of installing a milk machine at the Senior High School was realized this August. Through private donations and pledges, the Alumni was able to purchase the vending machine and storage refrigerator outright.

Through the first three weeks of school the students have purchased nearly 400 bottles of milk. The school staff has been very supportive of the milk and the student comments have been positive as well.

Currently, there are seven of the original eight flavors of milk & shakes being sold (2% was removed due to lack of sales).

They are: Chocolate, Low Fat Chocolate, Chocolate Malt, Low Fat Strawberry, Vanilla Shake, Chocolate Shake and Cookies & Cream Shake.

Finally, a big thanks goes to those sponsors that made this goal happen: AgStar Financial Services, Barron County Ag Promoters, Barron County Holstein Breeders, The National FFA Alumni, Burnett Dairy Coop, Ellsworth Coop Creamery, Saputo; additional pledges from The Barron County Dairy Promoters and the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board.

Section 1 Meeting Notes

For the first time in several years Section 1 of the Wisconsin FFA Alumni held their Fall Sectional Meeting. The meeting was held September 26th at the Norske Nook in Rice Lake. There was a good turnout with Alumni members attending from Rice Lake, New Auburn, Clear Lake and Luck and FFA Advisors from Rice Lake and Amery. Also in attendance were Section 1 Representatives Randy Bader (Luck) and Mike Richter (Rice Lake); State Representatives in attendance were Ken Harter, President (Oconto Falls) and Herman Seebandt, President Elect (Neillsville).

There were many items of discussion, including: affiliate "non-profit status" information, taxes, insurance, affiliate news and the interest of a "Winter Social" for the Section 1 Members.

All in all it was a very successful first meeting for Section 1.

"The Rice Lake FFA Alumni supports students by helping develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success."

Fruit Sale Update

The Alumni will be assisting our high school students again this year with the fall fruit sale. This year we are advertising the sale by having fliers included in the Rice Lake Chamber of Commerce October newsletter, hoping to entice businesses to purchase fruit as Christmas gifts for employees. The sale will start around the middle of October and run to the second week of November. If you are interested in ordering or helping, please call Mark Gargulak at 651-7032.

World Dairy Expo

Senior Rice Lake FFA Member Taylor Chandler represented the chapter in the 2009 FFA Dairy Cattle Evaluation Contest held at Madison's World Dairy Expo on September 29th. Chandler did an exceptional job ranking 20th high individual out of over 375 competitors.



Pictured L-R: Arlaina Meyer, alumni member; Haley Chilson and Katie Bischoff, Cumberland FFA judges; and Taylor Chandler, Rice Lake FFA judge



Rice Lake FFA Chapter Update

There are several activities coming up that are of interest to the Alumni. Dates include:

Oct. 22- Chili Feed at the high school football game in Rice Lake

Feb. 22-26- National FFA Week

Feb. 26 @ 7:30 pm- Donkey Basketball game at high school

April 16- Chapter FFA Banquet

*We will be looking for support and participation in these activities, so please mark your calendars!

*There are several other fall activities students will be participating in as well. High school students have a radio interview with Bob Bosold and will be going to the World Dairy Expo judging contest. The Sectional Leadership Workshop for both high school and middle school students will be held in Amery this year. Middle school students will travel to UW-River Falls for the FIRE Conference. In early October, students will also cut cornstalks to decorate Main Street.

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L to R: Damon Meyer, Norb Pintens, Arlaina Meyer, Lisa Barta, Mark Gargulak, Mike Richter next to new Milk Machine

Meeting Minutes – September 19th, 2009

Members in attendance:

Mike Richter, Mark Gargulak, Arlaina & Damon Meyer, Norb Pintens, Lisa Barta, Russell Rindsig, Darren Rohde, Tony Rohde

Old Business:

*Members took photo by the new milk machine and discussed decorating and listing sponsors. Things seem to be going very well so far with good sales.

*Barron County fair awards were sponsored.

*FFA Alumni Convention will be taking place Oct. 22-23, no one will attend.

*Post cards were sent to members. Current meeting time does not work for many people, but if asked many are willing to help with events.

*Scrapbook contest deadline is coming up soon. It was decided that we will wait until next year to put one together.

*State FFA Convention went well.

New Business:

*Website photo gallery is done!

*Middle School students had their first meeting with about 25 in attendance. They will be attending the FIRE Conference in early October.

*High School students had their first meeting and plan to send one student to World Dairy Expo. Students will also have a float for the upcoming Homecoming parade. Mr. Pintens was hoping to hand out string cheese at the parade and Darren Rohde said he would ask AMPI for a donation. Students were also going to be interviewed by Bob Bosold on the radio.

*FFA Chili Feed is Oct. 22. A committee including Norb Pintens, Lisa Barta & Mark Gargulak will meet to discuss details. Mr. Pintens will have the high school reporter put together an article for the Chronotype to promote it.

*Fruit sale is coming up. Mark G will put an article in the Chamber of Commerce newsletter.

*Donkey Basketball is Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. Riders will be recruited from the Alumni! Mike R discussed getting insurance for bigger events like that.

*Sectional FFA Alumni meeting is September 26.

*The non-profit status of the Rice Lake FFA Alumni is officially updated.

*The Alumni grant we received for the milk machine will be mailed out to us.

*Mike R would like to see the FFA Alumni get an accountant to help with tax forms and accountability. He would also like the Alumni to consider insurance.

*Mike R would like everyone to think about setting a cap on checks that can be written with one signature and discuss at the next meeting.

*The meeting agenda will be made available a week ahead of time starting next meeting.