

Wisconsin FFA Alumni

Looking for Stories



As Section Reps we are proud to showcase our Section to the rest of the State.

Did you know that the Section 1 Newsletter not only gets distributed to all of the Alumni Chapters in our Section, but the rest of the State Sections too.

Did you know that the Section 1 Newsletter is not only for FFA Alumni

news, but also for the FFA Chapters.

We will be running a Section 1 Newsletter every 4 months. Our goal is to have newsletters posted at the end of: April, August and December.

If you have an upcoming event please let us know. If your FFA or FFA Alumni Chapters had an event or

the students attended an event, please let us know and we will get it posted in the newsletter. Pictures are also welcome as they can enhance your story.

Thanks for you help with the Newsletters.

Mike & Randy

Wisconsin FFA Alumni Elect New Vice President

Section 1 Reps:

- Mike Richter, Rice Lake; mrichter@wisconsinffaalumni.org; (715) 296-3684
- Randy Bader, Luck; rbader@wisconsinffaalumni.org; (715) 554-1255

Ricky Kreif of the Kewaskum affiliate was elected as the Wisconsin FFA Alumni Association Vice President at the 2011 State FFA Convention business meeting. Ricky started his FFA journey as a freshman at Kewaskum High School. He was in FFA all four years. Ricky joined the Kewaskum FFA Affiliate in 1991 where he served as the vice president and then went on to serve as president for 10 years. Ricky has done an outstanding job of

membership recruitment within his affiliate. This past year he was honored with the Legion of Merit Award at the National level for signing up 13 new lifetime members!

Ricky married his wife Wendy 5 years ago. They have a son Matthew who is 18-years-old and graduating in June. Matthew has been an FFA member throughout high school and is looking forward to going to school for welding. Ricky and

Wendy's 14-year-old daughter Samantha is currently in 8th grade, involved in the FFA and showing steers for the first time this year.



Washington Leadership Conference

The Wisconsin FFA Alumni is pleased to announce that we were able to award 17 WLC Scholarships this year. Congratulations to the following recipients:



Aaron Zimmerman, Spencer
 Derrick Lehman, Spencer
 Thomas Larson, Viroqua
 Gabes Rabb, New Richmond
 Brittany Iverson, Oconto Falls
 Deanna Cahoon-Draus, Oconto Falls
 Jackson Remer, Omro
 Janna Marie Crowley, Omro
 Rachel Hill, Reedsville

Kelsey Braukhoff, Janesville Parker
 Crysta M. Lovgren, Glenwood City
 Maddie Erickson, Glenwood City
 Kallie Rank, Gillett
 Abbie Hildreth, Johnson Creek
 Katie Brummel, Black Hawk
 Roy S. Rogers, Clear Lake
 Lisa Phillips, Adams-Friendship

Luck FFA & Alumni Celebrate Annual Banquet

The banquet was held at Hog Wild on February 20th. We started off the program with a welcome from Bruce Nelson. After an invocation and the meal, Dean and Summer Johnson introduced their officer team. Isaiah Tretsven performed his creed speaking, which he later went on to the Sectional competition. A representative from Herb

Kohl's office spoke next. The parliamentary procedure team showed us their abilities.

Mr. Wesle handed out some awards which included: Discovery Degree, for middle school members, Greenhand Degree, for first year high school members, Chapter Degree, for members who meet the minimum

requirements. He also handed out leadership awards. Kelly Johnson was presented with her American Degree.

Amy Kringle, the Section 1 state officer, spoke to the group. Summer Johnson presented her monologue that she performed as her talent for Miss Luck. The plaques were presented to the sponsors. Mr. Palmer gave a few final words.



Milwaukee Brewers Game Day



WI FFA Alumni Summer Outing
Sunday, July 10th, 1:10 pm
Miller Park - Milwaukee, WI
Milwaukee Brewers vs. Cincinnati
Tailgate party 11 am – 12:30 pm

Check out the WI FFA Alumni Website for more information.

www.wisconsinffaalumni.org

Rice Lake FFA Alumni Wins Awards

The Rice Lake FFA Alumni was recognized at the 2011 State FFA Alumni Convention held in Stevens Point.

Again this year Rice Lake took home:

- \$1000 Grant from the National FFA and Tractor Supply for their restoration project of a Minneapolis Moline tractor. Once restored the tractor will be featured at the MM National Show being held at the "Hungry Hollow" grounds near Rice Lake. The

tractor will then be auctioned off as a fundraiser for the FFA Program.

- 2nd overall place in the Chapter News Letter Competition – Gold Rating.
- Bronze rating in the scrapbook – large book division.

2012 State FFA Alumni Convention

"Don't be the Missing Piece"
Janesville, Wisconsin
February 10th – 12th, 2012

Section 1 Summer Get-Together?

We are exploring the idea of holding a Section 1 Summer Get-together and meeting. This could be anything from a potluck picnic to a local baseball game. It is wide open.

If you have an interest or any ideas for a Summer Outing please let one of us know and we will explore those options.



The 2011 State FFA Alumni Council

Local Program Grants

The Local Program Support Grant Program offers FFA chapters (that have an active FFA Alumni) the opportunity to apply for up to \$1,000 for projects related to curriculum, leadership development and the FFA.

An active FFA Alumni has a current roster sent in by May 1st with at least 10 state and national members. You can download the application from the National FFA Alumni website. Remember, this

application is due July 1st!

Calendar of Events: Mark These Dates On Your Calendar!

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May 1	Rosters and dues due to National FFA Alumni to qualify for awards
May 1	Deadline for FFA Alumni Brewers Outing Ticket Purchases
May1	WI Draft Horse & Mule Association Field Demonstration of Yesteryear, 10:30 am – 4:00 pm. Luck School Field
May 10	Ag on the Lawn, Luck
May 15	Legion of Merit Applications due to National FFA Alumni
May 19	Luck FFA Alumni Meeting – 8 pm Hog Wild
June 1	Alumni Development Conference (Little Rock, AR) registration due to National FFA Alumni (see next page).
June 4	Barron County Dairy Breakfast – Young Farms
June 12	Rice Lake Alumni Meeting – 7 pm Perkins
June 13-16	State FFA Convention in Madison
June 16	Luck FFA Alumni Meeting – 8 pm Hog Wild
June 25	Alumni Council Meeting in Tomah
July 1	Local Program Support Grant Applications
July 1	Outstanding/Pioneer Affiliate, Outstanding State Affiliate, Outstanding Achievement, Affiliate Newsletter, State Newsletter, Affiliate Website, State Website, National Distinguished Contributor applications and Scrapbooks due to National FFA Alumni
July 1	Council Nomination Applications due to National FFA Alumni
July 10	FFA Alumni Brewers Outing
July 12-14	Farm Technology Days – Marathon County
July 13-17	Barron County Fair
July 18	Northwest Golf Outing. Wild Ridge Golf Course, Eau Claire
July 20 - 23	National FFA Alumni Development Conference – Little Rock, Arkansas
July 23	Luck Tractor Pull & Show
July 28-31	Polk County Fair
September 16 -17	Council Meeting in Rice Lake Area
October 20-21	National Alumni Convention
November 11-12	Council Meeting in Prairie du Sac

2011 FFA Alumni Development Conference - July 20-24, 2011 - Little Rock, AR.



Alumni from across the nation will be doing a little Rockin' in Little Rock, Arkansas for the 2011 FFA Alumni Development Conference. Mark your calendars July 20-24, 2011, hosted by the Arkansas FFA Alumni Association.

The National FFA Alumni Association is 40 and on the Grow! Learn more about the Alumni growth at the 2011 ADC, where you will sharpen your advocating skills, refine your recruiting techniques and learn to promote your Alumni associations at all levels.

In 2012 it will be time to head west. To all Western Region states, if you are interested in hosting the 2012 ADC and would like further information about the application process contact the National FFA Alumni Association at alumni@ffa.org. This is a great opportunity to showcase your region!

<https://register.ffa.org/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x20806abcd>

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