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Wisconsin FFA Alumni & Supporters Online Auction Ends Sunday

Our online auction kicked off last Monday, February 1 at 9 AM and is currently open. It is set to close at 5 PM this Sunday, February 14 . There are over 50 items on the auction, including 11 past state officer hand-painted flower pots. Proceeds from the pots go towards the Wisconsin FFA Foundation and all other items go to Wisconsin FFA Alumni & Supporters so that we can continue to offer program support to local Alumni and FFA chapters throughout the state.

Please be sure to check out the auction at the following link:

<https://www.auctionbyobrien.com/cgi-bin/mmdetails.cgi?obrien19>

The directions and procedures for bidding can all be found on this link. There are some great deals available, including agriculture products, pictures, collector toys, state FFA officer team workshops, and so much more. There is not room to list everything in this section, but they are listed on page 2. Also be sure to check them out on the web link above. All of the items have also been featured these past few weeks on Facebook. We thank everyone who contributed to the list of items, including the many businesses, FFA Alumni chapters and individuals.

The online auction is being held in conjunction with the state convention this year, since we are unable to host our usual live and silent auctions due to constraints of Covid.

Wisconsin FFA Alumni & Supporters Convention is this Weekend

Nearly 200 people are registered to attend the 41st Wisconsin FFA Alumni & Supporters annual convention this weekend. The event will be quite different this year due to covid, but it promises to provide great opportunities for those attending either in person or virtually. The one-day event is set to kick off at 10 AM, this Saturday the 13th. Stay tuned to the website at <https://wisconsinaged.org> for the opportunity to watch the recorded workshops in upcoming weeks and for award results. Special thanks to the 2020-21 state officer team for coming to help our event successful.

2020-2021 Wisconsin FFA Officers



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Grants

The first round of 2021 National FFA Alumni grant applications are due March 1 (www.ffa.org/alumnigrants.) The other two grant deadlines are June 1 and Sept. 1. These are the grants that are available to any Alumni chapter in good standing and they range from \$ 500 to \$ 5000. Wisconsin has had several chapters win grants this past couple of years. We certainly recommend that you look into this option for funding. We will be taping a workshop on how to apply for grants and what types are available later this month. Be sure to watch the website for the link under Awards and Grants.

The council has also budgeted funds for continued state grants this year. The applications for current grants can be found on the website but stay tuned for the announcement of new opportunities.

FFA Chapter Relief Grants

We are excited to report that the Wisconsin FFA Alumni & Supporters partnered with the Wisconsin FFA Foundation this winter to help sponsor 40 FFA chapter relief grants worth \$ 500 each. This grant was designed to help the many FFA chapters who have been impacted by covid and unable to conduct their usual fundraisers.

Our summer cheese products sale proceeds, generated from a generous donation from Land O'Lakes provided the funds for our portion of the sponsorship.

Chapters Are Reminded of New Branding

As things start to return to a new normal and FFA and Alumni chapters begin planning activities, we need to remind you that the National FFA has discontinued the Alumni shield logo and now utilizes the FFA emblem . Each alumni chapter has their own designed logo, specific to their chapter, and they are available by contacting the executive director.

Please begin to use the new logos so we send a consistent message to our constituents.

Auction Items Available

- ◆ Set of Kondex Concaves
- ◆ 2 lots of 6 bags of Renk Seed corn
- ◆ 2 3-hour leadership training workshops with the 2020-21 Wisconsin FFA Officers
- ◆ Toy tractor items including:
 - Farmall 350 Tractor with 2 – Row Cultivator collectible. 2022 Convention tractor prototype
 - JD 140 Lawn Tractor
 - JD 420 Crawler w/ Blade
 - Farmall 450 Tractor
 - JD 4230 1998 National Farm Toy Show Collectors Edition
 - Allis Chalmers 330 6 Row Planter
 - Ford 5000
 - JD 4020
 - JD 110 Lawn Tractor
- ◆ Kitchen items basket
- ◆ 2 Tomah Tractor pull packages
- ◆ Decorative garden shovel
- ◆ Heritage Animal Health grouping
- ◆ Thirty-one company items:
 - Gather together wooden plaque
 - Tote bag with \$ 50 Culver's card
 - Home Sweet Farm with \$ 50 Culver's card
- ◆ Fishing basket of goodies
- ◆ 2 lots of 2 plot size bags of Croplan seed corn
- ◆ Bonnie Mohr pictures:
 - Fall Reflections
 - A Place Called Home
- ◆ Rosemale plate
- ◆ Leedstone hoodie and items package
- ◆ Weekend get away package in Green Bay
- ◆ FFA mailbox
- ◆ Classic Farm Scene picture
- ◆ John Deere 4430 pedal tractor
- ◆ Chaos water park passes basket
- ◆ Steel Cow
- ◆ Wooden wishing well
- ◆ FFA Crock
- ◆ Boot Scrusher
- ◆ Cornhole board set
- ◆ Buckboard wagon
- ◆ 11 Hand-painted flower pots



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Denmark FFA Alumni & Supporters
Kondex
Renk Seed
2020-21 Wisconsin FFA State Officer Team
Walter Taylor & Oconto Falls School District

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Silver (\$ 500 - \$ 749)

Hartford FFA Alumni & Supporters
Mark Kunde - Heritage Animal Health
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Lyle Mercer, via WI FFA Foundation
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New Holstein FFA Alumni & Supporters
Oconto Falls FFA Alumni & Supporters
Pulaski FFA Alumni & Supporters
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Wilfert Farms, Dave & Terri Wilfert

Bronze (\$ 250 - \$ 499)

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