

SAUK PRAIRIE FFA ALUMNI

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ANNUAL MEETING-MONDAY, JAN. 11, 2016 GREEN ACRES RESTAURANT

ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED

The Sauk Prairie FFA Alumni Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, January 11, 2016 at Green Acres Restaurant, Sauk City. Social hour will be 6-6:45 pm with dinner at 7 pm. The program will follow dinner at 7:45 pm. We will be collecting \$12 per person per meal this year. You can pay our Treasurer the night of the event.

Our own Sally Albers, State Wisconsin FFA President, will present as our speaker on her "hard work" experiences with the State FFA Association and her team. We will hear what the State Officer team has been doing and what they have coming up.



The agenda for the annual meeting will include the recommended budget and discussion on the new 2016 Consignment Sale event among many other items. The year in review is always fun to watch! Don't forget to send in the card below by January 5. See you then.

----- cut along here and return RSVP card -----

ANNUAL MEETING RSVP CARD

Names: _____

Food Choice Selections:

Sirloin 8 oz Steak

Chicken Breast

Salmon

Pork chops

Fee: \$12.00 each meal.

Please RSVP by January 5 to

Kathy Hartmann-Breunig, Treasurer

541 Water St

Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

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FALL FAMILY FUN NIGHT HELD OCTOBER 17, 2015 AT JOEL AND SHELLY HACKERS

Sounded like the hills were alive with laughter and fun on Saturday, October 17, 2015. Big thank you to Shelly and Joel Hacker for hosting this fall's family fun night. The fish was fried and served and the camp fire filled the air with it's beautiful aroma.

This was the sixth year of the Fall Family Fun Night and hope to keep the tradition alive yearly. If you are interested in hosting next year's evening, please let President Tim Enge know of your interest.

MEETING AT CULVER'S FRANCHISE SYSTEMS INC. HELD OCTOBER 5, 2015

On October 5, 2015 the Alumni met at 7:00 pm at Culver's Franchise Systems Inc. facility located at 1240 Water Street, Prairie du Sac, WI. President and CEO Phil Kaiser addressed the Alumni on the importance of farmers and what they do for the food industry. He also talked on their "Thank A



Farmer" campaign seen all over the US. Culver's has 555 restaurants and love to see the FFA nights at as many as possible. Kaiser has been with Culvers for 19 years and has seen many FFA students who have impressed him immensely and feels FFA is a great fit for Culver's and their values. Phil sees FFA as more of a leadership development organization and wants to be a part of that. Attending a National FFA Convention impressed him with seeing all the great, positive energy radiating from students and on stage. FFA is

a core value for society and Culver's believes farmers need to tell their story across America. Following his words was a tour by our member and guide, Rita Larsen, who works at CFSI. A short meeting followed with adjournment at approximately 9:00 pm. A huge thank you to Culver's Franchising Systems Inc. for hosting the last 2015 business tour of the year.

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO SALLY ALBERS



The National FFA Alumni Association awarded Sally Albers with the 2015 American Degree Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 at the National Convention. The National FFA Alumni Association supports and promotes the FFA and agricultural education on the local, state and national levels. The strong support and leadership of individuals such as Sally, is crucial to the success of the Association. Congratulations Sally!

UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2016

Jan. 11 - Annual Dinner Meeting-Green

Acres at 7:00 pm



Mar. 5 - Consignment Sale-9:00 am

Apr. 9 - Sportsmens' Banquet

May 27-28 - Spring Fling Tractor Pull



SAUK PRAIRIE FFA ALUMNI AMONG FIRST IN WI TO BECOME AN AFFILIATED CHAPTER!!!

The FFA Alumni Board of Directors agreed for our chapter become affiliated which means that we no longer will be collecting dues from our members. Please be sure to read the letter attached to this newsletter which explains some of the changes. Included in this mailing is also a membership form for you to update your records. Please fill this out and the service survey for the FFA Board of Directors and Agriculture Instructor to utilize. Directions for mailing this information are included on the form.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

BUSY FOR SOME

LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT GRANT AWARDED TO SAUK PRAIRIE

The National FFA Alumni Association awarded a \$1,000 grant to the Sauk Prairie FFA Chapter. The grant will be used for Bio Technology equipment to enhance the Sauk Prairie program. Sauk Prairie was recognized during the National FFA Alumni Convention.



Troy Talford and Shelly Hacker (Alumni/parent Chaperone) attend the 240 Sweet tour in Columbus, Indiana on the way to National

Convention. 240 Sweet is an Artisan Marshmallow maker that's been in existence since 2008.

SAUK PRAIRIE ALUMNI MEMBERS SERVE AS NATIONAL DELEGATES

Thank you Sally Albers, Mark Ladsten, Shelly Hacker and Jody Ladsten for serving as Wisconsin Delegates at the National Convention. Discussion was held on the Alumni logo and suggested changes but word has it Shelly stood with comments and they moved onto another item on the agenda!



[l-r) Kim Houser, Wis. Heights Advisor, Devon Rettenmund (WH), Kaitlyn Owens (WH), Melissa Sprecher (SP), Jared Mack (SP), and Troy Talford, SP Advisor, waiting for the Support Grant Award at the National FFA Alumni Convention Awards Banquet October 29, 2015 in Louisville, KY.

RECENT BARN QUILTS KEEP LISA EVERT BUSY!



This beautiful barn quilt made 8 ft x 8 ft of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch exterior plywood was drawn and painted by our Barn Quilt Artist Lisa Evert for Rita and Ed Larsen located on the corner of Hwy. 60 and Cassel Road (E8988 Cassel Road) Sauk City. The Larsens' boys were always very active in FFA with Kevin being a state officer in 2003-2004. Kevin currently teaches FFA in Riverdale High School in Port Byron, IL but will leave there the first of the year and become the District 1 Program Advisor-Facilitating Coordination in Ag Ed Projects with the Illinois State Board of Education.

This beautiful barn quilt made 8 ft x 8 ft was drawn and painted by our Barn Quilt Artist Lisa Evert for Diane and Gary Connor. It is located at S10328 Skunk Valley, Road Sauk City, WI. Lisa worked with Diane to find the right colors for their "Windmill" square that adorns the shed on their farm. For some silly reason Gary thinks he has to paint their barn first before putting the quilt on it. That's were some of us disagree. The rugged looking and worn barn is the most beautiful background for a barn quilt. We hope Gary rethinks his position. (wink.)



ALUMNI TO HOST FIRST ANNUAL CONSIGNMENT SALE AT ALUMNI PARK

The Sauk Prairie FFA Alumni will host its first annual Consignment Equipment sale on Saturday, March 5 at the Alumni Park. Let's get the word out there so individuals who don't have enough items to justify their own sale can bring them into the park the week of the sale. We will be advertising the dates and times for dropping off items and signing the necessary paperwork. Brad Anderson has offered to Chair this event so anyone call contact him at 5608-445-6057 or email him at bradleyanderson02@email.com. Members— watch for postcards on the dates please and spread the word. Anyone willing to work the day of the sale can contact Brad Anderson or Mark Ladsten at 608-215-4353.



NATIONAL CONVENTION AMERICAN DEGREE RECIPIENTS



Congratulations to (l-r) Sally Albers, Leah Statz and Rachael Leege on receiving the highest FFA Award

**The
American
Degree!**

2016 State Alumni Convention

Lodging information:

Single, Double, Triple and Quad rooms are \$89/night
Governor's Club room is \$179/Single, \$189/Double, \$199/Triple and \$209/Quad

When you call to reserve your room say you are with the WI FFA Alumni room block.

This year the convention is in downtown Madison with many tours on the UW-Madison campus. With it being so close to Sauk Prairie this year we hope to have a record attendance. Come and see for yourself what the convention is all about. The main day to attend is Saturday with the Section 6 and 10 meeting being held at breakfast. BJ Chrisler, 2017 Convention Chairman, will be holding the convention meeting at that time. The 2017 convention will be at Green Lake's Heidel House Resort. So reserve your room today for the 2016 convention or just attend the day and drive back that evening—the choice is yours! Online registration will be this year but is not currently on the website yet.



Wisconsin FFA Alumni Convention

February 5-6, 2016 Madison, WI

The Madison Concourse Hotel



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Annual Meeting is JANUARY 11, 2016

Green Acres Restaurant

**RSVP by January 5, 2016 using order form on page 1 of
newsletter.**

If anyone wishes to join us at our annual meeting, please RSVP to Kathy at
rainbowfloralsp@gmail.com