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## **THE DENMARK FFA ALUMNI CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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| October 3, 2005     | Student FFA Meeting, DHS                      |
| October 13, 2005    | Section IX Meeting, 6:30 pm DJ's Bar, Denmark |
| October 18, 2005    | Alumni Board Meeting, 8 pm, Eric Treml's home |
| October 19, 2005    | Student FFA Fruit Sale Kickoff                |
| October 22, 2005    | Alumni Appreciation Night, 6:30 pm, The Coop  |
| October 25-29, 2005 | National FFA Convention, Louisville, Kentucky |
| November 28, 2005   | Student FFA Fruit Sale Wraps-up               |

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# THE DENMARK FFA ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

*Supporting our agricultural youth by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education*



SEPTEMBER 27, 2005

## SECTION IX MEETING – DJ’S BAR



*October 13, 2005*

6:30 pm cocktail; 7:30 pm dinner

Please contact John Leiterman at 920.863.2737 with your reservation. There will also be an auction during the evening with proceeds going to the Washington Leadership Scholarship fund. If you would like to donate an item for the auction please contact Mr. Leiterman or just bring it with you on October 13, 2005. Cost for the dinner will be \$10 per person.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL ALUMNI APPRECIATION NIGHT -- THE COOP

*October 22, 2005 -- 6:30 pm cocktails; 7:30 pm dinner*

Please bring a dish to pass – A-M salads; N-Z desserts. Dinner will include beef tips and potatoes.

Cost for dinner, beer and/or soda . . . . FREE. You’ve earned it. Please pass this invitation onto anyone who has assisted with any of the Alumni activities throughout the year, whether they are Alumni members or not. We would not be as recognized as we are without the assistance of the many, many volunteers!



Please contact Dan Steinhorst at 920.863.8959 with your name and number of attendees no later than October 19, 2005..

## NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION AND NATIONAL FFA ALUMNI CONVENTION

Opportunities are still available for any FFA Alumni member to join the Denmark FFA in traveling to the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, October 25 – 29, 2005. If you would be interested in assisting the students as a chaperone or driver, please contact Joshua Rusk at the Denmark High School.

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A few of our Alumni members will be receiving the Legion of Merit Award [sponsorship of five members to the Alumni association]. You’ll have to wait until the November newsletter to find out the winners!

Also, our very own John Leiterman, is a candidate for the National FFA Alumni Council. Those who will be able to be in Louisville for the general session on Friday morning, October 28, 2005, should contact Jayme Buttke, Executive Director for the Wisconsin State FFA Alumni at 608.274.6228 or by email at [wiffaalumni@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wiffaalumni@sbcglobal.net). We need all Wisconsin “hands” in attendance to ensure that John is voted onto the council!



## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

Dear Friends:

The older a person gets the faster time flies. Where did the summer go? September 22 was the first day of fall and corn silage is in the silos weeks ahead of normal. The hot and dry summer pushed corn crops ahead and I was surprised how good the corn was.

In August the Brown County Fair was a huge success for the Alumni again this year. I would like to thank all the volunteers – members and non-members – along with the FFA students. It was wonderful to have enough help for each day as this event is a huge undertaking. I had one customer tell me that he came to our tent because he saw individuals grilling fresh hamburgers. Our tent had lots of compliments regarding our prices, excellent food, fresh cheese curds, milk chugs, brats, hamburgers, shredded turkey, sweet rolls, and ice cream bars. Big thank yous go out to Mike's Bakery, Trega Cheese & Birdseye for the discounts on sweet rolls, cheese curds, and milk; Dalebroux Packing for free processing and long hours of making hamburger patties; Good Humor/Breyers for donating ALL the ice cream bars; Terry's EZ Go for storing our milk and donating the ice for all five days; Kane Rent-a-Tent for the discount on the tent at the fair, and other events through the year and most of all Paul and Karen Hazaert for organizing each day. Their dedication is what makes this event such a huge success.

At the fair I started to talk to a Carnie (who had a little drinking problem). He told me about the night before the fair and it went something like this: The other day, I was invited to a "boys night out" party. Before I left, my wife asked what time I would be in, so I said before midnight. Anyway, at the party, the beer went down far too easily. I looked at my watch and discovered it was nearing 3:00 am. The next thing I knew I was staggering home. As I got in, the cuckoo clock cuckooed three times. I knew that the noise would wake up my wife, so I cuckooed nine more times. Impressed with my quick thinking, I found my way up the stairs and flopped into bed. The next morning my wife asked me what time I got in. I told her 12:00 am. She didn't look bothered. Then she said, "we need a new cuckoo clock." When I asked her why, she said, "last night it cuckooed three times, paused, cuckooed four more times, cleared its throat, cuckooed twice more, giggled, cuckooed three more times, then tripped over the cat and farted!"

Earlier this month the Northeast Live Stock Show was held.. The Alumni received 36 letters in the mail from FFA members wanting the Alumni to bid on their animals. The Alumni bid on all the animals and purchased only nine. The kids ended up with a good experience and good prices for their animals. We had lots of help thanks to the excellent volunteers. Also to all the buyers that came to support the kids; without them the show would not be.

Don't forget to attend the Fall Section IX meeting on October 13, 2005, at DJ's in Denmark and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual appreciation night at The Coop on October 22, 2005. Expanded details on the first page of this newsletter.

Sincerely,

Jim Wavrunek



# KEEPING YOU UP-TO-DATE

*NOTE: All "thank you" letters from Denmark FFA students and other FFA students throughout Wisconsin are printed in their entirety, as written, by the students. It is necessary to print even letters "which are a little old" so that the Alumni is aware that students are grateful for our efforts.*

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Thank you Denmark FFA Alumni,

I would like to take this time to thank you for the 2005 Northeast Champion Pork Carcass award. This award meant a lot to me and I think it is a great honor.

Thanks, Courtney Kuenzl  
(Mears of Oshkosh)

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Dear Denmark FFA Alumni,

Hello. My name is Kim Wavrunek, daughter of Joe and Jean Wavrunek.. I am a member of the Denmark FFA. During the summer, I raised a pig and a dairy steer for the Northeast Livestock Show. This is going to be my first year showing.

This letter is an invitation to you to come to the auction, held at the Brown County Fair Grounds in De Pere. The bidding starts at 9:00 AM on September 12, 2005. It would be wonderful to see you there and also to have you bid on my animal. Thank you.

Sincerely, Kim Wavrunek

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Dear Jim Wavernek:

Elizabeth and Nicole Calaway, daughters of John and Lori Calaway, will be participating in the Northeast Wisconsin Livestock Show on September 10-12, 2005. We will be each exhibiting two crossbred pigs and Elizabeth will be showing two steers a Hereford-Limousine steer and a Holstein steer. We are raising the steers and pigs on our dad's farm, Van De Hei Dairy Farm. The weighing and ultrasound will be on Saturday September 10th. Sunday September 11th will be the showing of all the animals starting at 9:00 A.M. The auction of the steers and pigs will be on Monday, September 12th, starting at 9:30 A.M. The Livestock Show is at the Brown County Fair grounds.

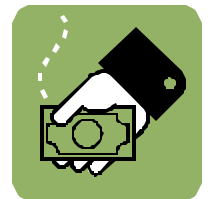
We are looking for your support to be a bidder for the auction on Monday September 12th. Please come out and support us on our projects.

Sincerely, Elizabeth Calaway and Nicole Calaway

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Dear Mr. Jim Wavrunek,

Hello, my name is Isaac Oshefsky and I am 18 years old and I will be attending the University Wisconsin Oshkosh this fall. I will be participating in the Northeast Livestock Show on September 10th, 11th and 12th at the Brown County Fairgrounds in De Pere. I have been working hard with my hogs getting them ready for the Show. I hope I can count on your support.



Hope to see you there!

Isaac Oshefsky

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Dear President Jim Wavrunek:

Our names are Tyler and Brandon Loritz and we attend school in Denmark. Our parents are Joe and Lonnie Loritz. We have been busy this summer raising hogs to take to the Northeast Livestock Show. Our hogs are really looking good and we look forward to presenting them at the show.

We would like to invite you to join us at the Northeast Livestock Show where we will be showing our hogs to be auctioned off.

The show is on Monday, September 12th at the Brown County Fairgrounds in De Pere. The auction is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. starting with the lambs, followed by steers and finally the hogs.

We would really appreciate your support and possibly a bid on our hogs.

Hope to see you at the show and "Thanks" for all of your past support to this program. Denmark's FFA Alumni is #1!

Sincerely, Brandon Loritz and Tyler Loritz

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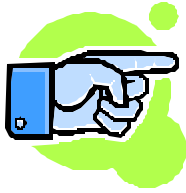
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Dear Mr. Wavrunek/FFA Alumni,

My name is Amanda Pontzloff. I am 17 years old and am the daughter of Dennis and Jennifer Pontzloff. I will be participating in the Northeast Livestock show auction on Monday September 12th, and would greatly appreciate if you would come and consider bidding or even possibly buying one of my market hogs. The money I get will be going directly into savings for college so that I may get my masters in nursing. Thank you for your time, and I look forward to seeing you at the auction. The auction will began on Monday at 9:00 a.m. If you have any questions you can contact me at 863-8664.

Sincerely, Amanda Pontzloff

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Dear Mr. Wvrunek

Hello, My name is Rebecca Leiterman I'm the daughter of Steve and Wendy Leiterman. I'm 11 years old and I'm in 6th grad at All Saints School.

I will be exhibiting 2 market hogs at the Northeast Livestock Show Sept. 10-12. I would like to ask you to consider bidding on a hog of mine or maybe even buying one. The starts at 9:30 AM Monday Sept, 12. They go in the sale order of Sheep- Beef- and then hogs.

The money I make on my hogs goes into my savings account for my future, like collage and future live stock animals.

Sincerely, Rebecca Leiterman

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Dear Mr. Jimmy Baby,

Hi, our names are Alex and Shane Michiels the son's of John and Lynn Michiels. This year we are each showing two hogs in the Northeastern junior Livestock show. The Livestock Show helps us learn responsibility and teaches us how important it is to keep our animals healthy to be in their best condition for the show. This will be our 4th and 5th year showing pigs at the Livestock Show. We have spent a lot of time with our hogs, and hope that we can have your support by being there Monday September, 12th to make this year as successful as the past ones. We both know how much you do for all of the Alumni and its members. Not to mention that your farm has got some of

the best flippin' milk in the country. Thank your for your time and support and we hope to see you at the show.

Sincerely, Alex Michiels and Shane Michiels

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Dear Buyer,

Hello, My name is Tammy Schlies. I'm ten years old and I will be in fifth grade this year, at the Denmark Elementary School. I'm the daughter of Lester & Nancy Schlies. I've been showing pigs at the Northeast Livestock Show already for the past 2 years.

The Northeast Livestock Show will be Sept. 11, 12, 13, Sat. will be weigh in, Sunday is show day. Monday the 13th will be sale day. the order of sale will start with Z to A.

I would like to THANK YOU for you're past support at the Northeast Livestock Show. Hope to see you at the show again this year.

Sincerely, Tammy Schlies

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Dear Buyer,

Hello. My name is Jennifer Schlies. I'm fifteen years old and I will be sophomore this year, at the Denmark High School. I'm the daughter of Lester & Nancy Schlies. I've been showing pigs at the Northeast Livestock Show for the past 5 years.

The Northeast Livestock Show ill be Sept. 11, 12, 13. Sat. will be weigh in, Sunday is show day. Monday the 13th will be sale day. The order of sale will start with Z to A.

I would like to THANK YOU for you're past support at the Northeast Livestock Show. Hope to see you at the show again this year.

Sincerely, Jennifer Schlies

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Dear Buyer,

Hello. My name is Tyler Schlies. I'm twelve years old and I will be in seventh grad this year, at the Denmark Middle School. I'm the daughter of Lester & Nancy

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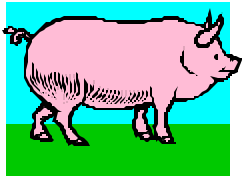
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Sincerely, Tyler Schlies

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Dear Mr. Jim Wavrunek,

My name is Christopher Buresh; I am currently ten years old and the son of Frank and Mary Buresh from Denmark, Wisconsin. I am writing to you on behalf of the Northeastern Wisconsin Livestock Show. I have raised two pigs for the Livestock Show, which is to be held at the Brown County Fair grounds in De Pere on Saturday, September 10; Sunday, September 11; and Monday, September 12. Weigh-in for the pigs is on Saturday, the show is on Sunday, and the auction is on Monday. The auction begins at 9:30 a.m., starting with the sheep, then the steers, and finally, the pigs. I would really appreciate your support and possibly our bid on my pigs. Thank you.



Sincerely, Christopher Buresh

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Dear Mr. Jim Wavrunek,

My name is Elizabeth Buresh; I am the 15 year old daughter of Frank and Mary Buresh from Denmark, Wisconsin. I am writing to you on behalf of the Northeastern Wisconsin Livestock Show. I have raised two pigs for the Livestock Show, which is to be held at the Brown County Fair grounds in De Pere on Saturday, September 10; Sunday, September 11; and Monday, September 12. Weigh-in for the pigs is on Saturday, the show is on Sunday, and the auction is on Monday. The auction begins at 9:30 a.m., starting with the sheep, then the steers, and finally the pigs. I would really appreciate your support and possibly our bid on my pigs.

Sincerely, Elizabeth Buresh

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Jim Wavrunek:

Hello I am Dean Laabs from the Denmark FFA. I am bringing in a steer to the Northeastern Livestock Show. I would really like it if you came to the Livestock Show to help represent our Denmark FFA. His name is Billy, number 17, mostly black but his under belly and feet are white. He is about 5;4" and weighs about 1280. He also likes to lick what ever he can get to.

I am Dean John Laabs, I am in 8th grade and in football. I moved here in 1998 from Wrightstown when I was in 1st grade. I have a mom Karrie, a dad Gregg, and a brother Zach he's in 10th grade. We live on a farm that raise steers mostly, but this year we raised two hundred chickens. I have two ducks on Mr. Quackers (older) and mini Quackers (younger). We also raise pigs for friends and family, they like to eat chicken feathers.

I would really like if you came to support our Denmark FFA at the Northeastern Livestock show. Thank you.

Your FFA member, Dean Laabs

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Dear Jim,

My name is Zach I was just inviting you to come to the Northeastern Livestock show on Sept, 10, 11, and 12. The Denmark FFA is sponsoring me. My Holstein steer is about 1,100 lbs. He is mostly black with some spots of white on him. His name is buddy.



I am the oldest child in my family of four. We moved to Denmark about seven years ago. We have a small farm with 40 acres. We raise beef to sell, and we have calves and heifers. I have a white face cow that had a white face and charlai mix steer also a white face bull. We have two dogs; also my brother had 12 ducks and 3 geese.

Your FFA Member, Zach Laabs

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Dear Denmark FFA Alumni,

My name is Tiffany Binsfeld and I'm a freshman this year at Denmark High School. It is my second year of taking

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part in the Northeast Junior Livestock Show. My brother Travis is a fourth grader at Denmark Elementary School and this is his first time in the Northeast Junior Livestock Show. We are very excited and can't wait.

We have raised two steers for the show and have worked hard all summer feeding and caring for them. My brother and I will be each showing one steer. My steers' name is Billy and my brother's steer is named Bob. Bill and Bob can't wait for the show!

We are writing to you in the hopes that you might be able to attend the auction on Monday, September 12th, 2005, where our steers will be auctioned off. The auction will take place in De Pere at the Brown County Fairgrounds beginning at 9:30 a.m. Sheep will be sold first, then beef, and then hogs.

We would greatly appreciate your attendance, as our family has enjoyed doing business with you for many years. Our parents are Larry and Cary Binsfeld.

If time allows, you are also very welcome to come and watch the showing take place on Sunday, September 11th, also at the Brown County Fairgrounds.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely, Tiffany and Travis Binsfeld

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After two years of performing for the Wisconsin State FFA Choir, Deanna Schlies has been selected to perform as part of the 2005 National FFA Choir. The National FFA Choir is made up of 100 of the best voices from across the United States to perform for over 50,000 FFA members during the 2005 National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky October 26 – 29, 2005.

Deanna will fly to Louisville on Saturday, October 22, 2005, four days before her fellow classmates will leave Denmark and just five days before her first performance, to meet the rest of the choir and begin marathon practice sessions daily. National FFA Choir Director, Mrs. Patty LaJoye, of Hastings, Michigan says:

“The National FFA Chorus experience is not only a musical treat but also a wonderful social adventure. Few students have the opportunity to get to know, spend a week with and perform with peers from across the nation. There are not many experiences available that demand this

level of commitment, concentration, preparation and involvement. Students need to begin now developing a mindset that will allow them to get fully involved in their performance for one week. Students must give it their best while learning to work with new talents and personalities from coast-to-coast. They can expect and incredible week!” After a week filled with practices and performances Deanna will fly home on Sunday, October 30, 2005, just a day before returning to school.

Deanna is the second Denmark FFA student in almost 15 years to be nominated and accepted into a National Choir/Band from Denmark. Last year, Angela [Kujawski] Dantine, oboist, had the honor in performing with the National FFA Band.



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Jacob Van Groll – Garst  
Seeds (Larry Pennings)

Allison Van Groll –  
Cooperative Services of

Denmark

Chris Van Groll – Denmark State Bank

for purchasing hogs at the Manitowoc County Fair.

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The 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Northeast Wisconsin Livestock Show was held September 10-12, 2005 at the Brown County Fairgrounds in De Pere. Fifty-three (53) Denmark FFA members exhibited a total of eighty-two (82) head of livestock. Weigh-in was held on the Saturday morning the 10<sup>th</sup> with the livestock show following on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup>. On Monday, the exhibitors returned again this time to auction of their animals and reap the rewards of their hard and dedication. The fifty-three Denmark FFA members earned a staggering combined total of over \$56,000.00. The FFA and its members would like to thank those individuals that continue to support this great educational opportunity and the members of the Denmark FFA. It is the supporters and volunteers that make this a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premiere leadership, personal growth, and career success.

The following is a list of all fifty-three students and their buyers. Please thank these businesses for supporting the students of the Denmark School District.

| Species       | First Name  | Last Name                    | Duyer 1                        | Duyer 2                      |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Swine         | Christopher | Buresh                       | Denmark State Bank             | Goral Farms                  |
|               | Elizabeth   | Buresh                       | MPM Farms                      | MPM Farms                    |
|               | Nicole      | Callaway                     | Spartan Construction           | Denmark Cooperative Services |
|               | Katie       | Goral                        | Greenstone Farm Credit         | Denmark State Bank           |
|               | Jacob       | Jaeger                       | Denmark FFA Alumni             |                              |
|               | Chris       | Johanek                      | MPM Farms                      | Denmark Cooperative Services |
|               | Andy        | Kraynik                      | Spartan Construction           | Maplewood Meats              |
|               | Eric        | Kraynik                      | Denmark Cooperative Services   |                              |
|               | Jacob       | Kraynik                      | Maribel Grain                  |                              |
|               | Joshua      | Kraynik                      | VanDeHei Dairy Farm            |                              |
|               | Kayla       | Krueger                      | Northern Concrete Construction |                              |
|               | Kyle        | Krueger                      | Denmark FFA Alumni             | Denmark FFA Alumni           |
|               | Logan       | Krueger                      | Denmark Lions Club             | Denmark FFA Alumni           |
|               | Amanda      | Lacenski                     | Denmark State Bank             |                              |
|               | Craig       | Le Fevre                     | Wavrunek Farms                 | Denmark FFA Alumni           |
|               | Jennifer    | Leiterman                    | Belgioioso Cheese              | McDonald/Zeamer Insurance    |
|               | Becky       | Leiterman                    | Shirley Feed Mill              | Denmark FFA Alumni           |
|               | Brandon     | Loritz                       | PTS Contractors Inc.           | Denmark State Bank           |
|               | Tyler       | Loritz                       | Bayland Financial Services     | Deterville Lumber            |
|               | Robert      | Mancheski                    | Binsfeld Dairy Farm            | Union State Bank             |
|               | Jake        | Mancoske                     | VanDeHei Dairy Farm            | Denmark State Bank           |
|               | Joe         | Mancoske                     | Denmark FFA Alumni             | Shirley Feed Mill            |
|               | Alex        | Michiels                     | Van Rite Trucking              | Denmark Lions Club           |
|               | Shane       | Michiels                     | Dalebroux Meats                | Union State Bank             |
|               | Isaac       | Oshefsky                     | Shirley Feed Mill              | Denmark FFA Alumni           |
|               | Amanda      | Pontzloff                    | Soukup Cattle Co. Inc.         | Denmark State Bank           |
|               | Colton      | Potts                        | Echelon Beauty Salon           | Elk Hills Ranch              |
|               | Jackie      | Rentmeester                  | Seidl Livestock Sales          | Van Rite Trucking            |
|               | Jennifer    | Schlies                      | Binsfeld Dairy Farm            | Northern Concrete            |
|               | Tammy       | Schlies                      | Maribel Grain                  | The Bar & DJ's               |
|               | Tyler       | Schlies                      | The Bar & DJ's                 | Denmark Cooperative Services |
|               | Elizabeth   | Valenta                      | Denmark Lions Club             | Denmark Trophy Case          |
|               | Jacob       | Van Groll                    | Maxgro Spraying, Inc.          |                              |
| Alex          | Van Rite    | Good Humor/Breyers Ice Cream | Diane Kane                     |                              |
| Brian         | Van Rite    | Larry Van Rite Trucking      | Denmark State Bank             |                              |
| Tyler         | Van Rite    | Diane Kane                   | PTS Contractors, Inc.          |                              |
| Adam          | Wavrunek    | Denmark State Bank           |                                |                              |
| Brianna       | Wavrunek    | Denmark State Bank           | Luxemburg Motors               |                              |
| Joanna        | Wavrunek    | Maribel Grain                | Belgioioso Cheese              |                              |
| Mark          | Wavrunek    | Shirley Feed Mill            |                                |                              |
| Matt          | Wavrunek    | Denmark State Bank           |                                |                              |
| Sara          | Wavrunek    | Luxemburg Motors             | Shirley Feed Mill              |                              |
| Sheep<br>Beef | Jamie       | Renier                       | Pets At Rest                   | Denmark State Bank           |
|               | Tiffany     | Binsfeld                     | Denmark Cooperative Services   |                              |
|               | Travis      | Binsfeld                     | Denmark State Bank             |                              |
|               | Elizabeth   | Callaway                     | Vander Kinter Custom           | Denmark State Bank           |
|               | Adam        | Wavrunek                     | Denmark State Bank             |                              |
|               | Kim         | Wavrunek                     | Spartan Construction           |                              |
|               | Mark        | Wavrunek                     | Denmark State Bank             |                              |
| Matt          | Wavrunek    | Denmark FFA Alumni           |                                |                              |

