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# ELVIS HAS LEFT THE BUILDING

An Elvis impersonator was Friday night’s entertainment at the 2003 Annual Meeting held January 30-31, 2004 at the Hilton Hotel in Springfield. “Elvis” followed an evening banquet where the following award winners were recognized. New Charters: Nashville FFA Alumni, Shiloh FFA Alumni, Southern FFA Alumni and West Prairie FFA Alumni. Outstanding Affiliates: Bushnell-Prairie City (Gold), LeRoy (Gold), Waterloo (Gold), Mt. Vernon (Silver), and Cisne (Bronze). Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award: Sally Kittinger, Eldorado FFA Alumni. Largest % of Growth: ROWVA, Orion, Herscher, Seneca, and West Prairie. One for One Chapters: Bushnell-Prairie City, Clinton, Dwight, Forreston, Freeburg, Geneseo, Heartland, Joppa, LeRoy, Mendota, Morton, Orion, Pecatonica, Pleasant Plains, Roseville, Shiloh, Southern, Tri-City, Waterloo, Williamsville, and Woodland. Most New Life Members: Mendota, Clinton, Galva, Highland, and Olney. Most New Members: ROWVA, Seneca, Waterloo, West Prairie, and Orion. Largest Affiliate: Roseville, LeRoy, Waterloo, Heartland, and Woodland.

Saturday morning brought an informative “Community Action Workshop” presented by Jay Runner, FCAE Coordinator, in which participants were given information about contacting legislators. Mr. Runner explained the main goal in 2004 is “Through small groups of individuals, meet with Illinois representatives, senators and their staff at home offices to discuss the following objectives: \*To explain where the agricultural education line item is in the legislative system, \*To give our thanks for these funds, \*To show the importance of and how these funds have helped students and teachers, \*To explain future projects and goals, and \*To show the need for increased future funding.”

Following the workshop, district caucuses were held and then the general business meeting. Business brought forth during the general business meeting included the approval of the 2003 Minutes and Financial Report, discussion regarding the Alumni Handbook, a request to review and update the Made For Excellence scholarship applications, a national convention report, a raffle report, election of the 2004 officers, an alumni scholarship presentation, and a presentation on the alumni rosters.

At the close of the general business meeting, a luncheon was held where the 2003 alumni council was recognized and the 2004 officers were introduced. The cornerstone award was presented to the Seneca FFA Alumni.

The annual meeting concluded with the live auction. An approximate \$13,000 was raised during the live and silent auctions this year. Money from the auctions is put into the scholarship fund.

The following chapters qualified for the \$100 Chapter Grant by having a representative attending the community action workshop and both days of the annual meeting: Anna-Jonesboro, Bushnell-Prairie City, Carlyle, Cisne, Cissna Park, Eldorado, Forreston, Geneseo, Jerseyville, Kewanee, LeRoy, Liberty, Mt. Vernon, Orion, Prairie Central, Roseville, Seneca, Shelbyville, Southeastern, Trico, Tri-Point, Vienna, Warsaw, Waterloo, and Wayne City.

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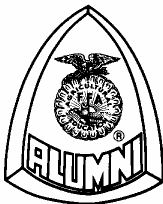
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# SUPPORTING THE ALUMNI IN 2004

Now is your chance to support the Illinois FFA Alumni and earn a chance to win a completely restored 1939 McCormick H. This antique tractor has been completely restored by an Illinois FFA chapter. Net proceeds will support the programs of the Illinois FFA Alumni.

The kick-off for this fundraiser was held in January at the Annual Meeting. The drawing will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8, 2004 at the Prairie Capital Convention Center in Springfield, Illinois during the Illinois State FFA Convention. For a \$20.00 donation, you will receive one ticket entered into the drawing. A \$50.00 donation will net you three tickets.

For more information contact the Illinois FFA Center, 3221 Northfield Drive, Springfield, IL 62702; phone: 217/753-3328; web-site: [illinoisffa.org](http://illinoisffa.org); e-mail: [lynchffa@localline2.com](mailto:lynchffa@localline2.com) or [jmccray@localline2.com](mailto:jmccray@localline2.com)

In the event that the Illinois FFA Alumni does not receive a minimum of 300 entries on or before May 15, 2004, the Illinois FFA Alumni reserves the right to withdraw all prizes. The net proceeds will then be split 50/50 between the Illinois FFA Alumni and a single prizewinner. Winners will be notified of their prize. No substitute for prizes listed. Winner assumes all fees, local, county, state, and federal taxes. Before taking delivery of tractor, all applicable taxes and fees must be paid. No warranties expressed or implied are made or offered by the Illinois FFA Alumni. Prizes must be claimed within seven days of notification. Permit Number 2004-007.

## ILLINOIS FFA ALUMNI COUNCIL MEETING

The Illinois FFA Alumni Council has a meeting scheduled for March 12-13, 2004 at the Illinois FFA Center in Springfield. If you have any items of concern or any business items you would like for the council to discuss, you should contact one of the council members listed on the first page of the newsletter so they may present your concerns/business at this next council meeting.

FFA Leadership Camp and WLC scholarship applications will be judged and winners selected at this meeting. The council will also review the annual meeting evaluation forms at this meeting.

## DISTRICT V ALUMNI MEETING

District V will hold a District alumni meeting on March 29, 2004 at Rend Lake College, Ina, IL. The meeting is held in conjunction with the District Ag Sales CDE and the SIU Advisory Council meeting. A meal will be provided for alumni members attending. The meal will begin at 4:30 p.m. All District V alumni affiliates are encouraged to have at least one representative attend this meeting.

# LOCAL AFFILIATE NEWS

Local Affiliate news can be included in the state newsletter by sending an article (and pictures if desired) to:

Sally Kittinger, Illinois FFA Alumni Reporter

3305 Cottonwood Rd

Eldorado, IL 62930

sally729@yahoo.com (put "Alumni Newsletter" in the subject line for e-mails)

Please include the author's name and phone number along with your article. Following is the 2004 deadlines for article submissions:

April 30<sup>th</sup> to be included in the May newsletter

July 31<sup>st</sup> to be included in the August newsletter

October 31<sup>st</sup> to be included in the November newsletter

We will also start posting local affiliate news on the alumni web-site. Articles can be submitted at any time to be posted on-line. All articles will be reviewed for content and can be edited at our discretion.

## FFA ALUMNI COUNCIL MEMBERS

At the 2001 Annual Meeting, the Constitution and By-Laws were ammended so that all individuals running for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Reporter must turn in an intent to run for office no later than October 1<sup>st</sup> to the State FFA Center. According to ARTICLE III, Section A 1-d "Should an office fail to receive an intent application, the Executive Council shall serve as a nominating committee to complete the ballot of candidates prior to the Annual Meeting." No individuals may be nominated from the floor according to these constitution and by-laws changes. So why am I giving you this information again? This past year, the Executive Council had to fill two positions prior to the annual meeting.

While each alumni council sets their own meeting times, generally the council meets once in March, once at the FFA Convention in June, once at the FFA Leadership Camp at the end of July, again in November and, if necessary, at the state Crops and Dairy CDE in December. The council also conducts the annual meeting in January. Council members make themselves available to speak with newly charting alumni affiliates as well.

Anyone with questions about specific duties the alumni council performs can contact any member (past or present) of the alumni council or the State FFA Center. The alumni council would like to give it's members the opportunity to choose their representatives as opposed to having to fill the positions. If being part of the alumni council sounds like something you would be able to do, we strongly encourage you to fill out an intent form this fall.

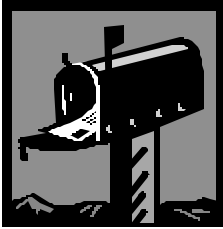
## MADE FOR EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

The following individuals received a scholarship to attend the Made for Excellence Conference in January 2004. Kayla Tunget, Barry FFA; Ashlee Lambrich, Cisne FFA; Brittany Hosselton, Clay City FFA; Sttacey Dehlinger, Olney FFA; Nolan Paxton, Geneseo FFA; Blair Garris, Joppa FFA; Andrew Fulton, Lincoln FFA; Wade Williams, Mt. Vernon FFA; Jason Mewes, Nashville FFA; Megan Seys, Orion FFA; Annette Brotsmeyer, Pinckneyville FFA; Hannah Thomas, Roseville FFA; Luke Shriver, Unity (Mendon) FFA; Amanda Barrow, Unity (Tolono) FFA; Nicole Iatropoulos, Windsor FFA; and Billy Bretzman, Woodland FFA. Congratulations to these scholarship recipients!

Visit [www.illinoisffa.org](http://www.illinoisffa.org) and click on the alumni link to view the alumni web-site. Suggestions for information you would like on the site would be greatly appreciated.

# IMPORTANT DEADLINES!

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3221 Northfield Dr  
Springfield, IL 62702



**National FFA Alumni**  
6060 FFA Dr  
PO Box 68960  
Indianapolis, IN  
46268-0960

**Remember that your membership rosters must have been postmarked and returned with dues to the State FFA Center by March 1, 2003 to qualify for alumni scholarships. Rosters must show 10 or more active members and include a list of officers. Dates listed are the postmarked dates due.**

March 1, 2004	Membership Rosters due to State FFA Center to qualify for scholarships
March 1, 2004	IL Leadership Camp Scholarship Applications due to State FFA Center
March 1, 2004	Washington Leadership Conference Scholarship Applications due to State FFA Center
March 1, 2004	Team Ag Ed – National Distinguished Contributor Award due to State FFA Center
July 1, 2004	FFA Alumni Scrapbook due to National FFA Alumni
August 1, 2004	Final alumni roster due to State FFA Center
August 15, 2004	Legion of Merit App due to National FFA Alumni
Sept. 15, 2004	Chapter Grant Applications due to National FFA Alumni
October 1, 2004	Intent to Run for Illinois FFA Alumni Council due to State FFA Center
October 1, 2004	EDGE Conference Scholarship Applications due to State FFA Center
Nov. 1, 2004	MFE Scholarship Applications due to State FFA Center
Nov. 1, 2004	Outstanding/Pioneer Affiliate Award Application due to State FFA Center
Nov. 1, 2004	Outstanding Achievement Award Application due to State FFA Center

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