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A Mid-Year Message from Your Alumni President

We are halfway through another very successful year in the Illinois FFA Alumni. Once again we set a record with our scholarship auction at the annual meeting, bringing in \$17,000.00 which helped more than 60 FFA members attend the various leadership conferences offered by the state and national FFA organizations. Plans are currently underway for a bigger and better auction this year. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

We recently completed an ATV raffle on a machine donated by Arctic Cat, resulting in a \$19,000.00 net gain, in addition to \$12,000.00 awarded to FFA chapters who participated in promoting this event.

Coming up very soon (October 1) is the deadline for officer intents to be sent to the State FFA Office. If you have a desire to serve on our governing council as an officer, we encourage you to fill out the intent form and mail it to the office prior to October 1. In accordance with our by-laws, this is the only way your name can be placed in nomination. We strongly encourage more participation.

Please watch in the next few months for information concerning the annual meeting and scholarship auction in January. We will be offering incentives for attendance and will be publishing our sale bill for the auction.

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ILLINOIS FFA ALUMNI COUNCIL NOMINATION GUIDELINES

- ◆ An intent to run for Illinois FFA Alumni Council must be submitted to the Illinois FFA Center with a postmark no later than October 1, 2005—NO EXCEPTIONS.
- ◆ The intent to run for Illinois FFA Alumni Council must be completed in full for consideration.
- ◆ The intent to run for Illinois FFA Alumni Council should indicate each office of interest.
 - One year terms:
 - President (must have served at least 2 years on the council.)
 - Vice President
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Reporter
 - **Duties and responsibilities of each office are available from the FFA Center.
- ◆ Intentions will be announced and the biography portion presented in the newsletter prior to the annual meeting and will be presented as the ballot of officers at the Illinois FFA Alumni Annual Meeting in January. No additions will be made to the ballot of officers, unless approved by the Illinois FFA Alumni Council.
- ◆ The biography portion of the intent to run for Illinois FFA Alumni Council will be printed in the state newsletter and the entire form will be put on the Illinois FFA Alumni web page and be made available for members to review at the annual meeting.
- ◆ District Directors will still be elected during the District Caucuses at the Illinois FFA Alumni Annual Meeting. The Directors need not complete an Intent form but can fill one out if they wish.



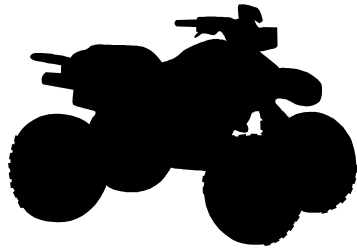
Message from the President continued...

We need delegates to help represent our state at the National FFA Alumni Convention in Louisville, KY on October 27-28, as our current council treasurer Bill Brown is running for a position on the national alumni council. We are the second largest alumni in the nation and would like to have a full delegation of 25 members to support Bill at the election. If you can attend, please contact Ron Byers at 309/426-2738.

In these times of school budget cuts and consolidations, if you know of any FFA chapter, ag program, or FFA alumni that is threatened or in need of help, please let one of our council members know.

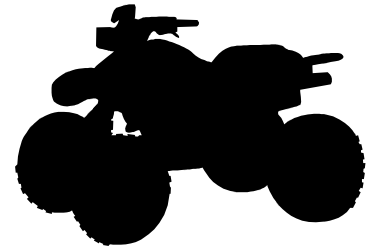
We hope to see you at National Convention and at our annual meeting on January 27-28 in Springfield.

*Sincerely,
Ron Byers*



ATV RAFFLE

The FFA Alumni gave away an
ARCTIC CAT ATV
At the 2005 Illinois FFA Convention!



This year's winner was **Mike Olha of Manhattan, Illinois**. The student selling the winning ticket was **Stephanie Matejcak from Lincoln-Way High School, Section 8**.

This year's raffle was extremely successful. FFA chapters sold 8848 tickets and collected a total of \$31,745.00. These 155 chapters will receive incentive checks totaling \$12,698.00 for their efforts. The FFA alumni will receive \$19,047.00 to help fund its various programs.

Many thanks to the Arctic Cat Dealers of Illinois who secured the ATV and helped promote the raffle throughout the state.

ATTENTION!! Local chapter news can be included in the state newsletter by sending an article (and photos, if desired) to:

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Please include a contact person and phone number or email address.

Following are the 2005 article submission deadlines:

October 31st for the November newsletter

All articles will be reviewed for content and edited at our discretion.

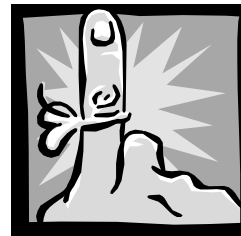
Please send in news! This is **your** organization, we want to publish **your** news!



UPCOMING EVENTS

If you have any questions about upcoming events, call the FFA Office for more details!

August 30-Sept. 1	Farm Progress Show
September 15	Chapter Grant Apps Due to National
October 1	Officer Intent Forms Due
October 27-28	National FFA Alumni Convention, Louisville
November 1	Outstanding/Pioneer Affiliate Award App Due to State
November 1	Outstanding Achievement App Due to State
November 1	MFE Scholarship Apps Due to State
January 27-28	Illinois Alumni Annual Meeting, Springfield



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