



# The Affiliate

The Newsletter of the Ohio FFA Alumni Association

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## Coaches' Corner

As I think about why I became a coach, we need to go back over 20 years. An FFA student that I knew wanted help with the meats contest. Since I had never been in FFA, I had more questions for him than he could answer. After talking to the teacher and learning more about the event, I said I would help them. It did take some time to learn what the "State" wanted the students to know but we all learned fast.

As we get back to the question at hand—why I became a coach—I can think of many reasons. The first reason was to use the talents that you are given to teach the next generation. Another reason would be to help the teacher or teachers in any way that you can. We must remember that the teachers out there will not have all the knowledge or time to work in every CDE and other award areas.

When I look back over the years of being a coach, I have a lot of good memories and not all of them have come from winning CDE's. As a coach, the students look up to you to give them advice in not only the area you are coaching but also in their personal lives. You may see a student as a freshman that you're not sure will go on to the next grade and then take them on your team to the National CDE competition. When it comes to coaching you will hear and see the little things in life that will make a student go on to be a good leader when they get out of school.

Being a coach will require a lot of your time; but, believe me, you will get more out of those hours than you can ever imagine. When I'm asked would I ever do it again, I say, "Yes, in a heartbeat."

David Bishop, Ashland Affiliate

## Annual Meeting

- January 27, 2006
- Marriott Airport, Columbus
- Workshops on Different Methods of Funding, Recruitment Ideas and Advocacy
- Elections for Districts 1, 6, 8 and At-Large
- Dues discussion
- Basket Contest
- Scrapbooks turned in by 3:00
- Silent Auction from 2:00 thru banquet
- Bring an auction item or two
- Award winners announced
- Monte Carlo after the banquet
- Come share, learn and have fun!!

## District Positions on Council

Please be thinking about who should be running for council. The districts up for election in January are: Districts 1, 6, 8 and At-Large.

Due to job changes both Districts 7 and an At-Large will need to have a person appointed to those positions. District 7 is a one year commitment and the At-Large would be a two year commitment. If you are interested please contact Lexie. There will be a council organization meeting on Sunday, January 28. Council members that need to stay Saturday night will have their hotel bill taken care of by the alumni.

## What's Inside...

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## Strong Supporter

Mary Felumlee, long time supporter of FFA Alumni and a member of the Licking Valley FFA Alumni passed away July 12, 2006 following a long illness.

Mary served as the Sec/Treas for the Licking Valley FFA Alumni for 18 yrs and was a lifetime member for 28 years. She was always instrumental in fund-raising efforts for many different causes, the biggest project being the vocational education building that was finished in 1996. Mary contributed many hours in coaching contest teams, grading contest papers & chaperoning travel to contests. Mary helped serve at the local banquet, parent/teacher conferences and benefit fund-raisers for FFA students.

She was involved in the consignment sale, furnished American Flags for the classroom and the outside flagpole, sponsored magazine subscriptions that are used in the classroom and purchased books for the ag library. Mary saw the need to establish a scholarship fund for graduating ag students and sought sponsors as well as donating over \$500 to the fund herself. As a result of her dedication to this, the alumni awards 2-3 college scholarships per year.

Mary chaperoned students to the National Convention, served as a National Convention delegate, solicited donations and also donated items herself to the National FFA Alumni Auction. She has received the National FFA Alumni Legion of Merit Citation numerous times, in 1999 Mary was named the Outstanding Alumni Member and received her Honorary State Degree, in 2001 she received the Honorary American Degree.

Mary will be greatly missed by her family, the FFA and the FFA Alumni.

## Rosters

Rosters should be out in early December. If you've had a change in Membership Chairman please let Lexie (419.445.9303) know so the roster can be sent to the correct person.

## Socks, shirts

Come prepared to purchase your alumni shirt at the annual meeting. If you'd like more information please contact Lexie for ordering instructions. We'll also have FFA merchandize, socks, suspenders, shirts, etc.

If you would like to purchase the 06 convention shirt for an FFA member contact Lexie about size availability.

## New Council Member

Welcome to Patricia Fraley from the Miami East Affiliate. Patricia is a bus driver and Sunday School teacher. Miami East rechartered in 2005 and Patricia has been driving members to contests, conferences and is working on the banquet committee. She looks forward to working with affiliates in District 5. Please contact her at [patfraley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:patfraley@sbcglobal.net)

## Helpful Hints

Here are some Helpful Hints from the Gold Medal Affiliate form to assist you in helping your FFA.

Here are what some affiliates are doing to provide instructional support:

- Donate engines, skillathons, instructional materials
- Assist with test plots
- Provide animals
- Coach/train teams
- Judge

## Upcoming Meeting

Please mark Saturday, January 27 on your 2007 calendar for the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Ohio FFA Alumni business meeting and awards banquet. We'll be meeting at the Marriott Airport Hotel, Columbus. Along with our business meeting we'll recognize those members that have worked on membership, learn about what the FFA Foundation is working on, conduct an affiliate basket contest, have a sharing time, attend workshops, socialize, learn about what is new on the legislative front and recognize our award winners.

**Workshops** - Workshops planned for you are:  
Different Methods of Funding, Recruitment Ideas, and Why we need Advocacy

### Affiliate Baskets

Again the theme is yours to choose. We only ask that you include a list of the items in the basket and include the value of the basket with that list.

**Silent Auction & Monte Carlo Items** - With your auction items please include a business card so we know who to thank for their donations.

**Gold Medal Affiliate** - Come see who will receive the Gold Medal Affiliate money for their students.

### Annual Meeting...

More details coming in a flyer next month.

## Living to Serve

# Affiliate News

## Urbana

Newly rechartered. We held our first Community Pancake Breakfast with great results. We have been running the Jr High/Freshman concession stand at all home football games.

## Pettisville

Conducted the 12<sup>th</sup> Pumpkin Fest that raised money for scholarships, trips and SAE awards. Starting another year of coaching agriscience research projects.

## Harrison Central

Newly chartered. Officers: Chairman, Ronald Rohr, Jr, Vice Chairman, Keith Eddy, Secretary, Linda Hines, Treasurer, Kimberly Arbaugh

## Anthony Wayne

Enjoyed our summer with a picnic at the home of Alumni members Paul and Mary Heilmann. For our county fair we had a kids play area with grain used in the sand boxes. Provided a free dinner for all the Jr. Fair Auction buyers and their families. Had two Parent Orientations for 8th grade students and FFA parents. The Alumni explained the program, Official Dress and awards. Had a fall tailgate Chili & Brats dinner & planning a Pork Dinner in January .

## Miami East

We will be holding our second annual Alumni Longaberger basket bingo and membership drive. Last years bingo was such a success that many people have suggested that we make this an annual event. We profited in excess of \$1200 last year and hope to increase profits this year. We will have 22 Longaberger baskets, 20 bingo games, and 2 drawings. We will also offer concessions, daubers, and extra chance sheets for sale the day of the event. All proceeds go toward sending students to leadership conference and camp.

## Big Walnut

We held a farewell picnic in honor of Cindy Grassbaugh to thank her for all of her hard work and building the program back up over the past seven years. Cindy resigned from Big Walnut over the summer to try a new opportunity. We are pleased to welcome Jeni Reely, formerly from Elgin, to Big Walnut. We are very excited to have her join the team and wish both her and Cindy well in their upcoming endeavors.

## Paulding

We are actively seeking donations for the FFA greenhouse project. The total cost of the project is

estimated at \$60,000. To date, we have collected over half the money needed to complete the project. They just finished another successful fair and fall fest season at the Sausage Sandwich stand at the Paulding County Fair and Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival. The group raised over \$7000. That money is used to sustain the Alumni Scholarship Fund which includes college scholarships and assistance with the cost of sending students to COLT, MFE and State/National Conventions.

## Hopewell Loudon

Sold tickets for a Shed Raffle that the ag ed classes made. The 8 x 12 storage shed will be raffled off at a home football game. The money will go to both groups. We will be helping the Young Farmer & Wives with the New Years dance. We welcome other alumni members to come join us on Dec. 31 at Bascom, OH at the Meadowbrook Park Ballroom. Will be a dance, door prizes, raffle, food and breakfast after midnight.

## Otsego

Sponsored four scholarships. \$1,000 to the three FFA Alumni sponsored and \$100 added to the \$500 George Metzger Memorial Family Scholarship to the fourth recipient in 2006. This was the second year of the \$500 memorial scholarship honoring the late George Metzger. The memorial scholarship started in 2005 with Mr. Metzger's Life Membership Rebate to the local FFA. The FFA Alumni Affiliate locally now continues to replenish that Life Membership Rebate and helps award the \$500 Scholarship in George's name with the family. They sponsored a Wood County Junior Fair Livestock trophy and donated \$100 to the County Livestock Action Program Reverse Drawing. For several years this program has modernized nearly all the livestock pens in all the exhibit barns on the fairgrounds. They supported the Otsego Endowment Foundation with \$100 donation. Especially important to the FFA Chapter and FFA Alumni Affiliate is the addition of a new 2,000 square foot Ag.Ed. Laboratory/Learning Center costing in excess of a quarter million dollars to be dedicated January 21, 2007. Members of the FFA Alumni and its leaders partnered with community leaders to bring this addition to the new high school project. Members donated nearly 40 hours of selling ads for the National Tractor Pulling Championships Official Program in late spring. During the Pull itself a total of 50 alumni and friends of the FFA spent nearly 300 hours selling the 2500 programs, plus feeding all the FFA members parking the 5,000 cars over four days. This Tractor Pull Program Sales has funded the FFA Alumni Scholarship Awards Program for nearly ten years. We are also sponsoring a Tailgate Party.

## Affiliate News... cont.

### Hillsdale

Provided door prizes and had a membership booth at the chapter banquet.

### Lucas

Provides CDE awards and coaches numerous CDE teams.

### Federal Hocking

Taught chicken slaughter to a class, providing funds for an SAE Small Animal Building.

### National Trail

Coached Ag Engineering team.

### Anna

Conducted Fish Fry and Sr. Recognition/Scholarship Night.

### Archbold

Conducted sausage sandwich sale at the home football games and sponsored kids to state and national conventions.

### Mohawk

Conducted a spring raffle.

### Wauseon

Held a joint summer picnic and promoted alumni at First Year member/parent meeting.

### London

Conducted chapter officer interviews and are officer mentors.

### New Lexington

Placed membership ad in county fair book, conducted seven truck pulls.

### Talawanda

Awarded 11 -\$500 college scholarships thanks to their 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Consignment Auction.

## Upcoming Dates

Jan. 27, 2007	State Annual Meeting
Jan. 28	Council Meeting
March 1	Rosters due
March 1	Legion of Merits forms due
April 1	WLC and Administrator Grants due
Sept 15	LPS Grant Applications due to national
Oct. 1	Fall Awards due

## Activity Reports

The following are expanded reports from some alumni's. The hope is these reports will give you a little bit more information on how an activity is run. If you want more information please contact them. If you would like to have your activity highlighted in the next newsletter please send us the information.

**Talawanda FFA Alumni** held their annual Consignment auction and Toy Show. This was the 28th consecutive year for the auction. The Alumni had two auction rings going most of the day. Besides farm machinery the auction usually has a large assortment of lawn and garden equipment, livestock feeders, and trees from a local nursery.

The auction began as a fundraiser to purchase a 16- passenger van for the chapter. During the last few years there has been around 550 buyer numbers issued and the auction has had gross proceeds over a \$100,000. Last years auction proceeds helped our Alumni support the following activities; five thousand dollars for senior scholarships, two thousand six hundred dollars to purchase animals of chapter members at the Butler County Junior Fair sale and FFA camp scholarships. The proceeds also aid in purchasing new items for the classroom and shop, contest fees, Farm Science Review tickets, and postage for the newsletter.

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## Administrator Grant Report

First, thanks so much for arranging for me to join you at the FFA State Convention. It has been part of a month long celebration of the work of our students, starting with Senior projects, FFA State Convention, portfolios, awards night, and soon graduation.

I had several thoughts about the experience that I might share with you. First, I was very impressed by the fact that the students carried off the entire program. In fact, whenever the adults were involved I wanted them to hurry up and get off the stage. The real show was the students, and what a great job they did.

Second, I was very impressed by the displays of projects that were up throughout the hall. They helped me really get a grasp of all the work that students had put in and the quality of that work. I collected several handouts just so that I could read them later.

Finally, I want to commend our students and every FFA member in attendance for their behavior. From lining up politely to get refreshments on Thursday, to the tunnels they created for the officers on Saturday, to their careful attention to what was going on the stage....well, I was just flat out impressed.

Thanks again for getting me motivated to be there.

Most sincerely, George Wood, Federal Hocking Principal  
(Recipient of an Alumni Administrator Grant)

## Support Grants (LPS)

The National FFA Alumni Association is offering grants to local FFA chapters as a means of providing local chapter support. FFA chapters should consider items needed to strengthen their chapter's program and/or member support. The grant may be used for computers, equipment, member's supplies, official dress, etc.

Please visit [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org) and go to the alumni section for more information and the new application form.

**Blue Jackets Gold Standards**

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## Award Winners

Finalist for 2006 are:

### Gold Medal Affiliates

Attend your annual meeting to see who receives the money for their students

### Outstanding Member

Holly Grams – Anthony Wayne  
Sandy Michaels – Bellevue  
Jim Ford – Federal Hocking  
Brian Short – Pettisville  
Earl Beeler – Talawanda  
Lamar Miller - Wauseon

### Ag. Ed. Promotional

Anthony Wayne  
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### Coaching

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### Administrator Grant

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