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Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation



The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation invites you to attend
AG DAY AT THE CAPITOL
 March 11, 2015
 Monona Terrace Convention Center • Madison, WI

Schedule of Events:	Early Registration Deadline: March 5
11:00 a.m. Registration	Cost: \$25 per person by registration deadline.
11:30 a.m. Opening Program	\$30 after deadline and at the door.
11:45 a.m. Lunch	
12:45 p.m. Legislative Briefing	
3:00 p.m. Leave for Capitol Visits	

Presented by: 

Thank You to Our Sponsors:

Ag Day at the Capitol is the largest gathering of farmers from across the state representing a variety of farm groups to learn more about state issues and meet with their state legislators.

Capitol visit scheduled from 3 to 4 p.m. in room 328NW.

Please RSVP by March 5 to Patti Roden at proden@wfbf.com, 262.689.1838.

Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit March 13-14

Women from the Wisconsin agriculture community are encouraged to attend the annual Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit at the Madison Marriott West in Middleton. The Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit is presented by Badgerland Financial, Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation and University of Wisconsin-Extension. The purpose of the Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit is to connect women involved in all areas of Wisconsin's diverse agriculture community.

Go to wfbf.com/programmevents/womens-program/wisconsin-ag-womens-summit for the full schedule of events.

Register online by going to wiagwomenssummit.wordpress.com/register.





COUNTYnews

KENOSHA COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

95th WFBF Annual Meeting Highlights

The 95th WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference at the Kalahari Resorts in Wisconsin Dells was another success with a total of 475 YFA members and 700 attendees.

Farm Bureau members had the opportunity to attend workshops with interesting topics that included The Threat to the Agricultural Sector which was conducted by a CIA investigator; Hot Topics in Ag; Don't Let Meetings Drive You Crazy; Farming with Technology; and Writing Your Stories presented by Jerry Apps.

On Saturday evening, Roger Radley, who was noted as the Funniest Former Farmer, was the entertainment. It was an entertainment show that kept everyone laughing.

Sunday morning, attendees listened to motivational speaker, Chad Hymas, whose topic was "Who Needs Legs When You Have Wings." Chad was a 27-year-old elk farmer when a 2,000 pound bale fell on him and broke his neck leaving him a quadriplegic.

"It is not about I. It is go and help someone without being asked," Chad said.

He also mentioned that this was his 3,379 conference since his paralysis.

This was an excellent story of how he copes with his paralysis, does not feel sorry for himself and how he and his family continue to keep his elk farm thriving.

Monday morning, Steve Freese pointed out 2014 accomplishments:

1. Strategic Plan – Future of Farm Bureau
2. Women's Committee Restructuring
3. Implements of Husbandry
4. New Five Year Farm Bill

At the business resolutions session, Kenosha County delegates voted on the state and federal resolutions.

It was announced that WFBF raised more than \$70,000 in funds for the Ag in the Classroom Programs. Various fundraisers that were held included the Wisconsin Ag Open, YFA raffle, trivia contest and 40 by 40 campaign.



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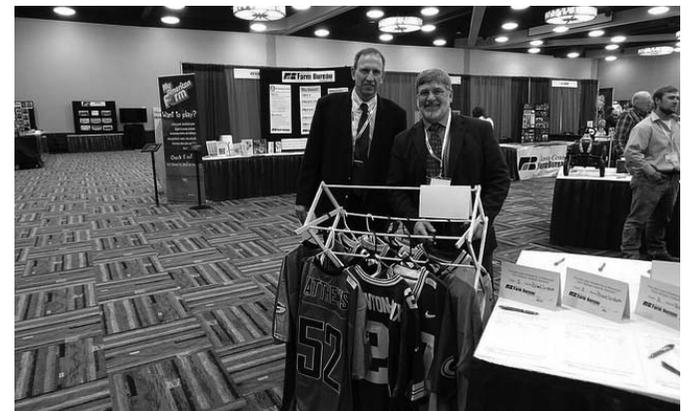
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Kenosha County members gathered before the delegate session. (L to R) Kevin Muhlenbeck, Betty Muhlenbeck and Kim and Dave Daniels.



WFBF District 2 Director Arch Morton, Jr., and District 1 Director Dave Daniels bid on Green Bay Packers jerseys at the silent auction.

New Women's Committee Representative

Amanda grew up on a registered Holstein dairy farm in southeast Minnesota. After graduating high school, she attended UW-River Falls and earned her bachelor's degree in agricultural marketing communications.

During her senior year she started her journey with Farm Bureau through the collegiate program. After graduating in December of 2012, she worked full-time on her family's dairy farm until starting an internship with the Minnesota Farm Bureau.

She began her involvement in Wisconsin Farm Bureau when she moved to Waukesha County to start her career at Charleston-

Orwig, an agricultural marketing agency.

Baptized by fire, she is now the District 1 Women's Committee Chair and was accepted into the Leadership Institute 2015 class.



District YFA Updates By Peter Muth, District 1 YFA Representative

I hope everyone had a great time at the YFA Conference. We had 475 YFA present! Mark Mayer from Ozaukee County won the Achievement Award contest and competed in San Diego, California, for the national contest.

During the Discussion Meet, Waukesha County member Amanda Carlson advanced to the semifinals. Everyone representing District 1 did an outstanding job. If you see them be sure to congratulate them.

We have a busy year ahead of us with a lot of activities planned in the district.

District YFA Calendar of Events

April 11	Spring Fling at Circle B
April 26	Milwaukee Brewers Game
August 8	Mantz Brothers Concert at Roden Farm
August 18	Discussion Meet

For more details on upcoming YFA events, "like" Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmer and Agriculturist Program on Facebook.



Many District 1 members attended the YFA Conference.

Soybean Science Kit Available To Teachers

The Soybean Science kit remains available to teachers in the county as a resource during science and agricultural units. The kit includes a teacher's guide to the many activities using different forms of soybeans.

Students can make their own crayons, candles and lip gloss; observe oil and water emulsions; float their own putt-putt boats and germinate or grow their own soybeans.

This is a great resource with a wide range of activities for grades 4 through 9.

For more information or to reserve the kit for use, please contact Shannon Lyon at 920.563.7811 or visit www.wisagclassroom.org.



2015 Kenosha County Dairy Breakfast Scheduled

Saturday, June 20, from 6:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Herda Farms, LLC
4602 Hwy. 83 S, Burlington

Cost: \$6 for adults, children 6 and under are FREE

The annual Kenosha County Dairy Breakfast will be held Saturday, June 20, at Herda Farms LLC. Farm Bureau members Ben, Shannon, John and Patti Herda are excited to host the annual event for the first time at their farm, which has been in the Herda family since 1908.

Ben milks 80 cows, feeds 80 steers and operates 480 acres of pasture, alfalfa and row crops.

Since 1981, the Kenosha County Dairy Promotion Committee has sponsored the annual dairy breakfast on a farm. It has grown during the years to include a big farm breakfast, milking demonstrations, a Wisconsin products tent, children's games, farm toys for sale, farm machinery and much more.

The breakfast will include scrambled eggs with ham and cheese, pancakes, fresh bread and butter, yogurt, muffins, milk, juice and ice cream.

For more information, please contact Rachael Crane with the Kenosha County Dairy Promotion Team at 262.206.8149, rnr-crane@yahoo.com.



Sign a NEW Member, Get \$20

County Farm Bureau volunteers will receive \$20 for every new voting or associate member they sign between October 1, 2014 and September 30, 2015.

Qualifying new members must (a) have no previous Farm Bureau membership or (b) be more than 25 months past their due date.

Volunteer membership workers signing up past-due membership renewals or new members between July 1 and September 30 will be entered in a drawing for one of five \$100 cash awards.

Volunteers signing ten or more renewals during this period also will be entered in the grand prize drawing for a trip for two to the AFBF Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida, January 10-13, 2016.



For every new or past-due member signed, the membership worker must complete and mail in an entry card with the membership payment. A drawing will be held on September 30 (membership year-end).

If a Farm Bureau volunteer signs five or more new Farm Bureau members during the membership year (October 1, 2014-September 30, 2015), they will qualify as a Producer Club member and will enjoy an exclusive gathering for members and spouse-guest at the 96th WFBF Annual Meeting.

Producer Club members also receive a commemorative pin and a special gift in recognition of their efforts.

For more information or membership applications, contact Patti Roden at proden@wfbf.com or 262.689.1838.

Wisconsin Ag Open Golf Outing Scheduled

Register now for the 2015 Wisconsin Ag Open!

This year's event will be held on September 14 at Christmas Mountain Village in Wisconsin Dells.

For more information, visit wfbf.com/aboutwfbf/foundation/wisconsin-ag-open.

Ronald McDonald House Grateful For Tabs

Saving pop tabs is easy and clean. They are compact, with a concentration of recyclable aluminum.

Unlike empty cans, they do not need to be rinsed. Since 2000, aluminum tabs on the tops of soda cans have meant nearly \$240,000 to the Ronald McDonald House.

Revenue from recycling these little bits of aluminum helps provide a home away from home for families whose seriously ill children are undergoing treatment in the Milwaukee area.

Keep saving those tabs! Give them to any board member so that Kenosha County receives credit.

For more information, contact Connie Meier at 262.857.7202.



There are Benefits to Your Farm Bureau Membership:

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- General Motors Discount
- Health**
- ScriptSave® Prescription Drug Savings Card
 - Stroke Detection Plus
- Supplies and Products**
- Case IH
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 - Grainger
 - Polaris
 - Office Depot

- Communication**
- AgriVisor
 - The Country Today
- Insurance**
- Rural Mutual Insurance Company
 - Farm Bureau Financial Services
- Travel**
- AAA
 - AVIS Car Rental Discount Program
 - Choice Hotels International, Inc.
 - Wyndham Hotel Group

- Financial**
- AgriPlan Medical Reimbursement Program
 - Farm Bureau Bank
- Protection**
- \$500 Reward Protection Program
 - Accidental Death Policy

For complete details visit wfbf.com/benefits-membership.



Five dollars cannot buy much anymore.

That is, unless we're talking about the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation; then \$5 can make a huge impact.

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation provides the funding for the Ag in the Classroom program, collegiate Farm Bureau chapters at three Wisconsin universities, Farm Bureau's leadership Institute, as well as the Women's and Young Farmer and Agriculturist programs. Keeping these programs financially viable is critical to growing future farm leaders and educating consumers about agriculture.

To help fund the Foundation, in 2015 you will notice a \$5 voluntary contribution line-item for the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation on your Farm Bureau dues renewal statement or Rural Mutual Insurance bill.

We hope you'll view this as an investment in farming's future and choose to make a contribution.

Why is this necessary?

Matching Grants Available

The Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Program is accepting applications for matching grants that will be awarded to groups that promote agricultural literacy in K-12 schools.

Ag in the Classroom will award up to \$500 to groups sponsoring programs or projects that promote agricultural literacy. Projects considered for grants must be targeted to grades pre-K through 12 and should enhance student knowledge of the contribution made by agriculture.

Projects that use funds toward an ongoing, sustainable education effort will receive preference over those that involve a one-time program. Applicants must have a matching source-funder for their project equal to the amount of the Ag in the Classroom grant. The application deadline for this grant is April 1.

Interested groups or schools can get an application on the Agriculture in the Classroom website at www.wisagclassroom.org under the Quick Links. You also may contact Ag in the Classroom Coordinator Wendy Kannel at wkannel@wfbf.com or 608.828.5719.

Aside from contributions from generous supporters, the Foundation has traditionally relied on two annual fundraisers: the Wisconsin Ag Open golf outing and a silent auction at the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting. Programs like Ag in the Classroom and the Young Farmer and Agriculturist Program were moved under the Foundation's umbrella a few years ago. While this has provided a tremendous cost savings to our bottom line, it also means that additional funds are needed to keep these programs sustainable.

We in the agricultural community have always seen the importance of growing our future.

Moving forward, we want young students to know that farmers grow their food. We want college students from all backgrounds to see agriculture's opportunities. We need to help grow the next crop of agricultural leaders and help Farm Bureau members find their voice. The Foundation and this \$5 contribution is our vehicle to make these things happen.

In closing, we are asking you to:

GIVE to a way of life you love.

ENRICH the education of young people through agricultural education.

PLEDGE to get young people started in agriculture.

COMMIT to tomorrow's leaders.

INVEST in the future of farming.

Rural Mutual Insurance Launches Farm Safety Campaign

Farming traditions run deep in the state of Wisconsin.

Rural Mutual has been protecting farms across the state for more than 80 years.

We also believe in protecting the families and children in our farming communities. Together we can keep Wisconsin strong and safe.

For more information, visit www.ruralins.com/farmsafety.



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Scholarships Applications are Due!

Kenosha County Farm Bureau Scholarship applications are now available. Two scholarships will be available to worthy applicants who enroll in any field of study. Students could be eligible for a \$200 scholarship for a technical college, \$300 for Farm and Short Course or \$500 for a four-year university-college scholarship.

The deadline for the applications is **May 15**. Scholarships are available at all high school guidance offices or <http://wfbf.com/countyfarmbureaus/kenosha>. Applicant and/or family must be a Farm Bureau member in order to apply.

Kenosha County Dairy Promotion Scholarship applications are open to students who are Kenosha County residents.

Up to \$1,000 is awarded to a high school senior or anyone interested in enrolling or already enrolled in one of the following: any four- or two-year University-college and UW-Madison Farm and Short Course Program wishing to pursue a degree or certificate in the agriculture field.

The deadline for applications is **May 22**. Scholarships are available at all high school guidance offices

For more information, please contact Heather Richter at 760.898.0641 or hdaniels413@yahoo.com.



SAVE the DATE

YFA Spring Fling

Date: Saturday, April 11
Time: Band starts at 8 p.m.
Location: Circle B, 626 Wisconsin 60 Trunk, Cedarburg
Tickets: \$10 at the door, \$8 in advance
Band: The Mantz Brothers