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Members Attend Ag Women's Summit

More than 325 women attended the fifth annual Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit on March 13-14 at the Madison Marriott West.

The Ag Women's Summit, presented by Badgerland Financial, WFBF and UW-Extension, was established to connect women involved in all areas of Wisconsin's diverse agriculture community.

Attendees also heard from keynote speaker Laura Daniels and were entertained by Piano Fondue on Friday night.

Session speakers were Scott Zimmer of Bridgeworks, exploring generations working shoulder to shoulder.



Women's chair Kim Vanden Avond and Brown County member Kathy Duescher attended this year's Ag Women's Summit.

It was an amazing time full of fun, friendship and surprises including unveiling of the AgVocate of the Year Nodji VanWychen and a Skype visit with the Fabulous Farm Babe Pam Jahnke.

To conclude the Ag Women's Summit there was a new logo reveal for the 2016 summit!

We look forward to continuing the enthusiasm. Save the date for next year's summit on March 4-5, 2016.

For more information, visit www.wiagwomenssummit.com.



Congratulations to Nodji VanWychen who was named the 2015 Wisconsin AgVocate of the Year during the Friday night banquet. She is pictured with Wisconsin Farm Bureau President Jim Holte.

Sheboygan County is Home to District Essay Contest Winner

There were 130 essay entries and the winner was Ruby Jesion.

"Why Are Bees Important to Wisconsin Agriculture?" was the title of her essay. This is the second consecutive year a student at Christ Child Academy has been the winner.



Ruby Jesion was presented with her plaque and gifts from Wendy Kannel, WFBF Ag in the Classroom Coordinator.



Ruby Jesion stands with her class at the awards ceremony.



COUNTYnews

BROWN COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

Heather Duquaine is 2015 Brown County Fairest of the Fair

Heather Duquaine of De Pere is the 2015 Brown County Fairest of the Fair. She was selected from four candidates during the Fairest of the Fair Gala at the Tundra Lodge Resort and Conference Center in Green Bay.

Performing the crowning honors was last year's Fairest of the Fair, Deanna Schlies. The gala also celebrated Schlies being selected as 2015 Wisconsin Fairest of the Fairs earlier this year.

Duquaine is the daughter of David and Deborah Duquaine and a graduate of De Pere High School. She is pursuing a degree in elementary and middle childhood education at UW-Green Bay.

As a future teacher, Duquaine wants to teach agriculture in her classroom, sharing aquaponics and hatching chicks. Her goals are to be a 4-H leader and own a hobby farm.

After being crowned Duquaine said, "I am very honored to have been chosen and I hope that as Fairest, I can make the Brown County Fair even more special than it already is. I want to inspire children, adults and older adults to enter exhibits at the fair." Duquaine will make appearances throughout

the county promoting the Brown County Fair. The position serves as the media spokesperson and official host, educating on the variety of social, economic and learning opportunities the fair offers.

She also will represent the Brown County Fair at the Wisconsin Association of Fairs convention in January of 2016.

Duquaine will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from Brown County Farm Bureau and Johnson & Wachholz Financial Services after successfully completing her term.

Katelyn Zeamer, daughter of Daniel and Tina Zeamer is runner-up Fair Royalty.

Other candidates were Paige Bousley of Pulaski and Carlleen Brehmer of Green Bay.

The judges for the event were Becky Murkley of Madison; Becky Jo Smith of Ledgeview; and Eric Trembl of Denmark.

André Jacque, 2nd Assembly District Wisconsin State Representative, presented Schlies with a State of Wisconsin Citation for her contributions.



The Fairest of the Fair is the media spokesperson for the fair and will share a wide variety of educational, social, and economic opportunities available at the fair. Heather will make appearances throughout Brown County promoting this year's fair.

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Brown County Breakfast on the Farm

About 5,700 people were served at this year's Brown County Breakfast on the Farm.

In addition to a great breakfast, the educational activity tent provided lots of hands on opportunities for children to be a farmer for a day.

They had the chance to plant a seed, feed animals, sort eggs, build a fence in addition to many other activities.



Brown County Farm Bureau members volunteered in the educational tent where children were a farmer for a day.

Brown County Farm Bureau Awards Scholarship

Brown County Farm Bureau awarded a \$500 scholarship to Kristin Van Deurzen of Luxemburg.



Daughter of Dave and Diane Van Deurzen, she will attend Fox Valley Technical College in the fall studying agribusiness and science technology.

Kristin works on her family's farm as well as being an active 4-H and FFA member.

Good luck Kristin with your future education!



This year's scholarship recipient was Kristin Van Deurzen.

OSHA Recordkeeping and Reporting Rule Change



As of January 1, OSHA has updated their Recordkeeping and Reporting Rule.

There is a farm exemption that applies if the following criteria are met: employing ten or fewer employees and no labor camp associated with the farm. This exemption only applies to maintaining injury and illness records for OSHA.

The exemption doesn't apply to complying with OSHA's new severe injury and illness reporting requirements. All farms must report to OSHA if they have a severe injury or illness that fall within the following categories.

These include reporting:

- All work-related fatalities within eight hours.
- All work-related inpatient hospitalizations, all amputations and all losses of an eye within 24 hours.

You can report to OSHA by:

- Calling OSHA's free and confidential number at 1.800.321.6742.
- Calling your nearest area office during normal business hours.
- Using the new online form that will be available soon at www.osha.gov/recordkeeping2014/index.html.

Meet Farm Bureau Women in District 6: Tanya Kudick



The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Women's Committee is working on a county newsletter project in 2015. It features women active throughout their district and county. Each district features one woman in all newsletters.

Tanya Kudick is from Kewaunee County and is the women's chair for her county Farm Bureau.

Tanya is a crop insurance agent and office manager for Lakeshore Heating and Cooling. Her hobbies include camping with her family which includes her husband Jody of 17 years, her 15-year old son, Dalton, 13-year old daughter, Mercedes and dog Browning.

Other hobbies include traveling, four-wheeling and time with family and friends.

When asked about her county Farm Bureau experience, Tanya said that she is new to Farm Bureau and that when she was elected women's chair in Kewaunee County a few years ago, she still feels like she has much to learn.

"I want to see us do more activities in our county and grow the women's program," Tanya said.

Farm Bureau Offers Noah's Ark Discount Tickets

Located on 70 acres in Wisconsin Dells, the Waterpark Capital of the World, Noah's Ark is recognized as America's Largest Waterpark and one of the best places to visit in Wisconsin Dells.

From Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, Noah's Ark is open for an entire summer of fun under the sun.

There are many fun things to do in the Wisconsin Dells, but nothing can compare to a

When asked what her favorite Farm Bureau event or memory, Tanya explained that she really enjoys working the Kewaunee County Farm Bureau food stand at their county fair.

"It really brings lots of good people together for agriculture," Tanya added and she is planning to do some education with beef promotional items at the fair.

When asked about her favorite childhood memory during the summer she replied that she loved when the whole family worked together.

"Everyone pitched in and everyone reaped the benefits of the hard work," Tanya said. "I remember one summer, my parents bought us a swimming pool for helping to pick stones. We all worked to harvest the 'crop' and teased my dad that he planted stones instead of corn! We enjoyed the pool for years to come of course after all the chores were done!"

Tanya was asked what area of Farm Bureau would she promote to a potential member and why?

"I would focus on young farmers," Tanya said. "I think we need to get people involved at a young age and show them that we can make a difference."

Keep up the good work Tanya and thank you for sharing your story.

Rosalie Geiger
District 6 Women's Committee
Representative and Chair

Farmland DVD for \$10!

Academy Award®-winning filmmaker James Moll's feature-length documentary, FARM- LAND, is available on DVD at Walmart and Walmart.com.

The availability of the documentary at retail locations across the country, provides opportunity for viewers to experience the film, which offers a glimpse inside the world of farming by showcasing the lives of six young farmers and ranchers.

This film is a great tool for educating others about agriculture. Have you considered donating a copy to your local schools and libraries or buying a copy and giving it to a friend who might have questions about various types of farms? Your \$10 could make an impact on someone else!

The documentary also is available to rent on DVD from Netflix and to purchase on



Amazon, with continued availability for rent and purchase via digital download on iTunes, Amazon Instant Video, Blockbuster On-Demand, Sony PlayStation, Vudu.com, Xbox and YouTube.

Produced by Moll's Allentown Productions, FARM- LAND was made with the generous support of the U.S. Farmers & Ranchers Alliance.

For more information, visit www.FARM- LANDfilm.com or Facebook by searching Farmland.

Applicants Sought for Ag Literacy Teaching Award

Do you know a teacher that does a great job teaching about agriculture?

If so, please encourage them to fill out an application for the Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Program's Outstanding Teacher Award.

Agriculture in the Classroom (AIRC) annually recognizes a Wisconsin teacher or a teaching team for their achievements in teaching students the importance of agriculture while integrating agricultural concepts across a curriculum.

Certified teachers integrating agricultural concepts into non-agricultural curricula in the pre-K through high school levels are eligible to apply.

Applications may be from an individual teacher or a teaching team. Certified agriculture education instructors are not eligible. Teachers must use agricultural information or materials within the classroom curriculum in an effort to assist students in learning the



importance of agriculture. Learning activities may include, but are not limited to, understanding agriculture's impact on personal lives, our national heritage, the environment, national security and the economy. Innovative and interdisciplinary programs are encouraged.

The state winner(s) will receive a plaque and a \$500 towards the 2016 National AIRC Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. They also will represent Wisconsin as the state's nominee for the Excellence in Teaching about Agriculture Award Program presented by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Ag in the Classroom program.

Applications are available from the Wisconsin AIRC website (wisagclassroom.org) and are due postmarked by **October 15**.

Teachers can download the form, complete the information and return four copies to the Wisconsin Farm Bureau, PO Box 5550, Madison, WI 53705.



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Brown County Farm Bureau Board Members Needed

Brown County agriculture accounts for \$4.6 billion in economic activity.

Brown County Farm Bureau is looking for members interested in serving as a board member starting in the fall of 2015.

The board of directors has a key leadership role in the Farm Bureau organizations. Farm Bureau members delegate specific responsibilities and authority to the board of directors. The board is responsible for conducting the business of the county Farm Bureau, controlling its property and carrying out the operations, programs and policies of the organization.

This is a great opportunity to contribute to the future of agriculture at a grassroots level. Board members meet on the second Thursday of each month at 8 p.m.



Brown County board members attend the Wisconsin Farm Bureau State Annual Meeting in December.

For more information, call President Phil Ullmer at 920.660.0652.

Dial 8-1-1 Before You Dig

Want to avoid spending a day in the dark? Or being without heat or air conditioning in your home? What about not being able to connect to the Internet, email or social media?

Protect yourself, your family and community and make sure to spread the word about 8-1-1.



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

YFA Discussion Meet Date Set

The Young Farmer and Agriculturist (YFA) District Discussion Meet will be at 7 p.m. on **August 11** at Mackinaws in Green Bay. Dinner will start at 7 p.m. and the discussion meet will follow.

Any YFA member, age 18 to 35, is encouraged to participate and anyone interested in watching is welcome to attend.

The question that will be discussed is **“How can we influence state and local policy that more effectively balances the social and economic interests of farmers and ranchers versus burdensome federal regulation?”**

For more information or questions, please contact District YFA Representative Caley Blado at 920.418.2226 or county YFA chair Kristin Birschbach at 920.418.1762.



District 6 Farm Bureau member Jamie Propson competed in the finals at the 2014 WFBF Annual Meeting.

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District YFA Social- Save the Date!



Join us from 8 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, **November 7**, for a district YFA social at Twin Fountains in Manitowoc. The featured band is Spitfire Rodeo.

Women's District Summit Planned

Join the Brown County women's committee at the Badger State Brewery Company in Green Bay on **Friday, October 16** for the District 6 Women's Fall Summit.

Your special day will start at 9 a.m. with Rosalie Geiger, District 6 Women's Chair presenting about Farm Safety.



Join us for a tour of Lambeau Field Stadium at the 2015 Fall Women's Summit.

Amy Eckelberg, WFBF's Director of Communications will talk about social media and how to be a better advocate.

Andrew Fabry, president and founder of Badger State Brewery Company will give a brewery tour and present beer samples.

After lunch join us for a tour of Lambeau Field.

The cost for the day, including lunch, will be \$25 per person. Please send your reservation along with \$25 to Kathy Duescher, 1260 Killdeer Lane, Green Bay, WI 54313. Checks payable to Brown County Farm Bureau.

Please RSVP by **October 2**.

Upcoming Events

August

- 11 District Discussion Meet at Mackinaw's in Green Bay
- 17 Institute Class applications due
- 19-23 Brown County Fair

September

- 10 Brown County Policy Development Meeting
- 30 Membership Year End

October

- 12 Brown County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

November

- 7 District YFA Social