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Mark your calendars!
The Crawford County
Fair will take place
August 26-30!



Again this year, we'll be having our Dairy Bar complete with pie! If you'd like to donate a few pies, please contact a county board member or simply drop them off at the fair!

Be sure to join us for the grilled cheese contest on Wednesday night, August 26 and cheer on your favorite cook, or better yet, participate!

For more information, please visit the Crawford County Fair website at: crawfordcountywisconsinfair.com/index.html



Crawford County Farm Bureau Member Picnic

Save the date!

The Crawford County Farm Bureau will be holding their annual picnic on **Thursday, July 16 at 7:30 p.m.**

Please bring a dish to pass! The picnic will be held at the **Seneca Town Hall**. In addition to having a chance to visit with your friends and neighbors, we will have guest speakers Rick Bollenbeck and Jared Nelson speaking about estate planning.

Discussion Topics:

- Viable solutions to business and estate succession issues faced by many families
- How to be fair to children in passing the business to heirs
- Providing fair inheritance to non-active children
- How to surmount common estate-tax traps
- Making sure you're prepared for retirement and the potential need for long-term care
- How to assemble and work with a team of professional advisors

Please join us for this presentation to learn more about estate and succession planning. You'll have a chance to ask questions and make follow up appointments!



COUNTYnews

CRAWFORD COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

What Does My Membership Cost and Where Does it Go?

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation is a membership organization that relies on membership dues as a primary source of revenue. Crawford County Farm Bureau is no different, but you might be wondering, where does all the money go and what do they do with it?

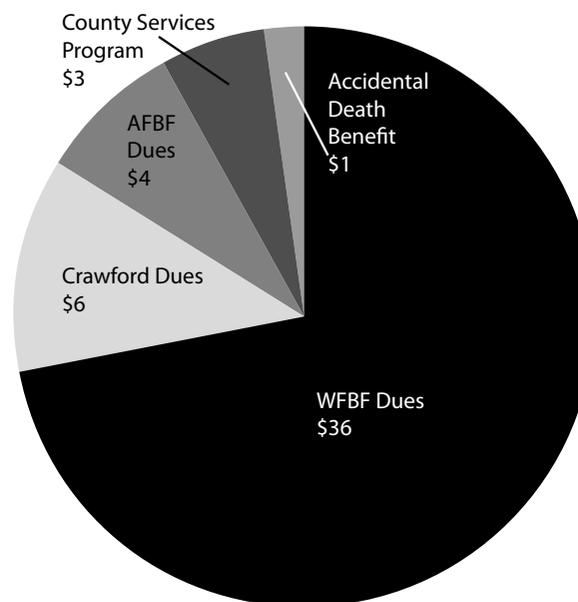
It would be easy to show you a copy of the budget and say, this is what we do. Would it be as easy to do that without understanding the breakdown of dues and allocations that the money has?

In this issue of your Crawford County Newsletter it is our goal to show you where your dollars go and hope that you will share this information with other farmers, agri-business members and local extension, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Land Conservation Department offices. The success of the county Farm Bureau depends on gaining new members to help us meet our goals.

Dues for Crawford County: \$50

State Dues are used to support activities, provide staffing and conduct programs throughout the state. Consumer education, issue advocacy and member publications are services that also are funded with state dues.

Dues for Crawford County



Accidental Death Policy is accidental death insurance for the member, their spouse and children. It increases in value for the member and spouse with each consecutive year of membership up to \$3,500.

American Farm Bureau Dues are used to support activities at a national level. These funds support your voice in our nation's Capitol as well as the many programs that AFBF has in place to educate consumers, share the message of agriculture and provide online resources to its members.

The County Services Program is the portion of your dues that is used to create this newsletter along with managing the month-to-month activities of your county Farm Bureau.

Crawford County Farm Bureau Dues is the portion that is used to fund activities that take place in Crawford County. There are many things that the Crawford County Farm Bureau sponsors as well as attending events to be your voice at the state Capitol, the WFBF Annual Meeting and hosting your county annual meeting.

As you can see there are many programs and items that are supported by the dues you pay each year. We hope that you will continue to support your county Farm Bureau so we can continue to support this programming.

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What is Policy Development?

As a grassroots organization, Farm Bureau works each summer to share issues that are important to Wisconsin Agriculture in hopes that members will help create resolutions that can then be brought before delegates at the county annual meeting and then forwarded to delegates at the WFBF Annual Meeting in December.

This year, some of the key items we will be discussing at the state level are:

- Farmer led water quality efforts
- Pollution reduction efforts between point source and nonpoint sources
- Transportation funding
- Third party auditing on farms for animal care and environmental stewardship.



On a federal level, we'll be looking to discuss:

- GIPSA bonding requirements
- Low level presence

To learn more about each of these topics, please visit: wfbf.com/governmentrelations/policydevelopment

This will provide you with some background information, current Wisconsin Farm Bureau policy that relates to it and give you a few questions to ponder.

SAVE the DATE

for the Crawford County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting! Thursday, September 17 at 7:30 p.m. More information coming soon!

Women Rooted in Agriculture By Nicole Adrian, District 3 Women's Committee Representative



I had the honor of interviewing Clare Heberlein. She and her husband Jason are members of the Grant County Farm Bureau. She serves on the women's committee and Jason serves on the Grant County

board. Some other experiences she has are making pies for the fair food stand, working at the food stand, baking for the annual baked goods auction, and helping with the Ag Day on Campus booth. They also attend a variety of YFA events. Her favorite memory is getting together to make the pies for the food stand. It is quite an experience to mass produce that many pies!

Clare and her husband, along with their daughters, Ella (20 months) and Faith (3 months), run the family farm near Fen-

nimore. They milk 250 dairy goats; have a herd of 20 commercial meat goats and five dairy goats they show. Clare also has a home-based business called Lacey's Lathers Goat Milk Body Products. They sell soaps, lotions and lip balms made from goats milk. Lastly, Clare is a part time adjunct instructor for Southwest Tech in the Farm Business Production Management area on the goat industry. If she has free-time, Clare enjoys judging county fair goat shows and crocheting.

Clare is active as a goat superintendent for the Iowa County Fair, as well as an active member of the Iowa County Dairy Promotions Committee and the Mineral Point Farmers Market Committee.

I asked Clare what her favorite childhood agriculture memory was during the summer. "Baling hay on my parent's farm; my dad and brother still make small squares without a kicker baler so when summer came the whole family was involved!"

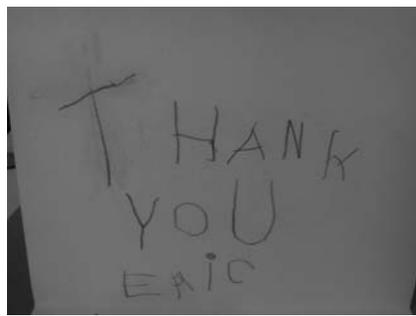
I remember taking lemonade and chocolate chip cookies out to the guys as a young girl and as I grew up I began unloading hayracks and eventually graduated to driving the 4320 with the baler. Good memories of hot summer days and lots of hard work!"

The last question I asked Clare is what area of Farm Bureau would you promote to a potential member and why? "I would promote the benefits of a united agriculture organization promoting all types and kinds of agriculture and fighting for farmers and family farms when needed. I would also inform them of the benefits of being a Farm Bureau member from the discounts on hotels and equipment to the ability to promote agriculture on a local level."

I would like to thank Clare for allowing me to interview her. If you would like to be featured as a Women Rooted in Agriculture and tell me your story just let me know.

Thank You.

As graduation season is coming to a close, summer will be filled with many high school graduates writing thank you notes for the gift that you gave them. If you gave money, it will probably go something like this: Dear Mr. and Mrs. Kamps, Thank you very much for the gift of money. I will put it to good use next year when I go to college. Thank you also for coming to my party. Sincerely, Jill



Can you relate? I think often times when we thank someone, we simply tell them thanks and don't give too much detail as to why we're thankful. I do the same thing. I tell farm bureau members all the time, thank you for your membership, but do they know why? Probably not. So, today, I'd like to give you a thank you note and I hope you'll feel my sincerest gratitude because that is what I have for you, our members.

Dear Crawford County Farm Bureau member,

Thank you very much for your recent membership payment. With the investment you have made in Crawford County, we are looking forward to doing great things! Your payment of \$50 really helps our county Farm Bureau do many different things.

To help you better understand the impact your membership has, I'd like to give you a little more information related to where your membership dollars go. Of the \$50, we send \$4 to the American Farm Bureau, \$36 to Wisconsin Farm Bureau, \$1 pays your premium for the Accidental Death Benefit coverage, \$3 is for this newsletter subscription, and the remaining \$6 go directly to the Crawford County Farm Bureau. It may not seem like much money, but we have 562 members in Crawford County, so that means that we have \$3,372 to use to promote agriculture in our communities!

You might ask, "Wow, how do they use all that money?" Well, we buy materials for our Ag in the Classroom program, subsidize the cost of the county annual meeting, host social events for our YFA members and sponsor our members to attend Ag Day at the Capitol with legislators. While this isn't everything we do, it is a large part. Your membership helps make this all happen.

Thank you again for the contribution you make, the support that you give and the opportunity for some of us to continue to promote agriculture and all the good things it has to offer! We hope you'll continue to support us, and we look forward to seeing you at a few events throughout the year!

Sincerely,

Gretchen Kamps
District 3 Coordinator

Steel Cow Painting Benefits Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation

The Friends of the WFB Foundation and Steel Cow of Waukon, Iowa, have partnered to create "Maddie", a project to benefit the WFB Foundation and Farm Bureau's Young Farmer and Agriculturist (YFA) program.

"We are so excited to partner with Steel Cow to support the WFB Foundation," said Andrea Brossard, WFBF State YFA Chair. "Maddie is a beautiful cow and a great representation of Wisconsin agriculture."

Each piece that Steel Cow artist Valerie Miller paints has a personality; Maddie, a painting of a Holstein cow is no different. Maddie proves to be purely Wisconsin just by her introduction on the website, which



Maddie®

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says "Hi, my name is Maddie! I love cranberries and fresh squeaky cheese curds. I'm a big fan of tailgating!"

During June Dairy Month, various Maddie products, all of which are made in the USA by Steel Cow, are available for purchase through July 10. A portion of each product will go to benefit the WFB Foundation and the Young Farmer and Agriculturist program. The YFA program offers opportunities for leadership, skill development and the chance for members ages 18-35 to meet and network with their peers.

To order online, visit friends-of-wfb-foundation.myshopify.com. To download an order form, visit wfbfoundation.com.

Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Offers Teacher Mini-Grants



Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom program is offering grants up to \$100 to pre-school through high school

teachers, in a public or private school system, to fund projects that promote agricultural literacy in the classroom. Grants can be used for innovative lessons, activities, resources, presentations, school fairs and other creative ideas. Projects should focus on integrating agriculture into a variety of curriculum areas.

A selection committee will review all funding requests that are properly completed and post-marked by the October 15 deadline. Applications

can be downloaded from www.wisagclassroom.org under the quick links section. Four signed copies of the application must be submitted. Items considered when evaluating the applications include quality and uniqueness of the agricultural lesson, activity or project, integration of agriculture into a variety of curriculum areas, alignment with educational standards, assessment methods used to evaluate student's knowledge and quality of application.

The proposed project 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. Proposed projects or events designed to reach large groups of students will be given preference, as will those that involve innovative approaches to promoting agricultural literacy.

There are Benefits to Your Farm Bureau Membership:

Auto

- General Motors Discount

Health

- ScriptSave® Prescription Drug Savings Card
- Stroke Detection Plus

Supplies and Products

- Case IH
- FS-GROWMARK Patronage
- 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.

District Women's Update



As spring has come to an end and summer has started I hope everyone had a safe planting season.

I was excited to put in a large garden this year with the kids. As we were planting they were telling me how they can't wait to eat it straight from the garden.

I wonder if I will get any to freeze or can with them eating them all fresh.

I was glad to see many attend the Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit. This was the fifth anniversary of the event and it was a huge success. If you haven't attended yet you are missing out on a great networking experience. For those of you who have attended and have ideas for future workshops, please pass them

along. We work off of your suggestions on what to have for the next year.

Please remember to fill out the July Beef Month and Our Food Link forms when you hold an event this summer. If you need help with any event or your county fair please let me know. I would be happy to serve ice cream or help tell people about my agriculture story.

Lastly, the fall workshop will be hosted by Iowa County. It is still in the works and when I have more information I will get it out to you. I will be working with them to plan a fun day of activities.

Hope you enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing you at annual meetings this fall!

Nicole Adrian
District 3 Women's Committee Representative

District Director Update



Chris Christenson, former Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison wrote, "If farm organizations were to disappear tomorrow, it is certain that within a very short time their praises would be sung by even those who have never supported them. Like school and church, farm organizations are an accepted part of our way of living. We very much take them for granted."

Dean Christenson further wrote, "Farmers can only be served by organizations which are made up of farm people, led by farm leaders and run in the interest of farm men and women on the farm who appreciate that farmers' interest are best served..."

These wise words were written for a 1946 Farm Bureau membership publication. Almost 70 years later these words could not more be true. While I farm different than my father and he farmed different than his father, so too, issues affecting agriculture today are different than when Farm Bureau was created in 1920.

What is not different is the need for a farm organization, like your Farm Bureau, addressing the issues for today's farmers.

Farm Bureau's mission: LEAD the farm and rural community through legislative representation, education, public relations and leadership development.

Our vision: LEAD a growing and dynamic agriculture.

I have been a continuous Farm Bureau member since 1979. I have farmed and lived the highs and lows of agriculture cycles, but never has there been a time when your membership has greater value.

With fewer people making their living on the farm and even fewer understanding the complexities of today's agriculture, it is critical that agriculture has an organization, like Farm Bureau, representing farmers' interests.

Wisconsin has 61 county Farm Bureaus made up of a farmer lead board of directors. Each month they meet to conduct their business and coordinate the activities for their programs such as Ag in the Classroom, Young Farmer and Agriculturist, legislative issues and 'grassroots' policy development.

Crawford County has a rich agricultural history. Today we need to be sure that we don't take your organization for granted.

I hope that you will take the time to ask what you can do to keep Crawford County agriculture strong and progressive.

Richard Gorder, WFBF District 3 Director

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District YFA Update

We hope you are all having a successful start to the growing season! Summer is a busy time for everyone especially those in the agricultural world. As the corn and other crops grow and the alfalfa is harvested we hope you take a few minutes to enjoy the small, beautiful miracles growing all around you.

One of the biggest things to get involved in this summer is your local fairs, food stands or fundraisers that help support your county's Farm Bureau and youth programs for the next year. They are always looking for more people to help share some of the labor. What a great way to meet new people and build relationships by spending just a few hours away from the farm or work place!

As we wrap up our summer and prepare for the harvest season we hope you can join us for this year's District 3 YFA Discussion Meet on Tuesday, September 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Grant County Farm Bureau Building. We will have a meal for a small cost beforehand and then contestants will compete for a chance to move on to the state competition. Everyone is welcome to attend. We are still looking for contestants and we always welcome audience members and their feedback to help prepare for the state contest. Have you been to many contests? Would you consider being a judge? Please contact us or District 3 Coordinator Gretchen Kamps to volunteer. We'd appreciate your support!

Unfamiliar with the Discussion Meet? Not a problem! Come check it out and maybe you will be ready to compete next year! Be sure to 'Like' the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmer and Agriculturist Facebook page for more details on the Discussion Meet or feel free to contact us with any questions!

Have a safe, happy and healthy growing season!

Derek and Charisse Orth
District 3 YFA Representatives

