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Ronald McDonald Event

"The best meals in town!"

That's what the residents of the Milwaukee Ronald McDonald House said on Saturday, May 3. Women and men from six counties around District 1 came together to make and serve brunch, lunch and dinner.

With delicious fruit salads, egg casseroles, French toast, sausages and a wonderful array of muffins and breakfast breads along with juice and milk, Ozaukee, Walworth and Waukesha counties got families ready to start their day.

Jefferson and Racine County Farm Bureau members made and packed lunches for everyone in the afternoon. This allowed families to quickly grab them on their way to the hospital on Sunday morning.

When families returned from the hospital that evening, Kenosha and Walworth counties had their dinners waiting for them. Pork chops, cheesy potatoes, vegetable and lots of salads. A meal would not be complete without dessert, and there were many wonderful choices.



Thank you to Kenosha County volunteers who helped at the Ronald McDonald House!

Besides food we left the house with \$325 for their wish list including a variety of activities for the children and snacks for the people staying there. Let's not forget about the pop tabs. With the annual Tab Toss being held on May 17, District 1 gave them a head start with close to 79 pounds of pop tabs.

BUT don't stop collecting pop tabs! We have a state challenge that goes until the WFBF Annual Meeting in Wisconsin Dells, December 5-8.

In 2013, pop tab recycling generated nearly \$30,000 in revenue for the Milwaukee Ronald McDonald House.

Thank you to all who gave of their time or donated food, money and wish list items.

District 1 is awesome.

Kathleen Papcke
District 1 Women's Committee Representative

Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit Fun for All

The 2014 Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit took place March 14 and 15 in Madison. Keynote speaker Chariti Gent opened the summit by teaching us how to chart our course through choppy waters by ignoring the "gremlins" and follow our inner "captain". Several breakout sessions were included both days, such as finances, management, leadership, technology (including social networking), herd health and even "stay" cations.

Friday night we shared in a wonderful meal and congratulated the AgVocates of the Year, Laura Daniels and Karyn Schauf, after which we laughed the remainder of the night away with entertainment from Comedy City. Saturday morning offered zumba or a bootcamp workout, as well as a Q&A session with the AgVocates of the Year. One more set of breakout sessions before lunch and a concluding presentation once again by Chariti Gent.

A wonderful weekend of networking and meeting new friends (as well as old) was had by all! Kenosha County members Maris Holloway, Betty Muhlenbeck and Connie Meier attended the well planned and interesting Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit.



Betty Muhlenbeck, Connie Meier and Maris Holloway attended the Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit.



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YFA Events Draw Crowds

The 7th annual District 1 YFA Spring Fling was held on Saturday, March 29 at The Columbian in West Bend. The Mantz Brothers had an outstanding performance and packed the venue with more than 725 people.



On April 26, 40 District 1 Farm Bureau members attended the Milwaukee Brewers game. The Milwaukee Brewers beat the Chicago Cubs with a score of 5-3 and everyone had a great time!

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Family Farm Weekend Planned

The Milwaukee County Zoo welcomes families to enjoy a bushel full of fun and activity down on our farm, as Family Farm Weekend, sponsored by Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board, takes place Saturday and Sunday, September 6 and 7.

Most of the day's activities will be in the Zoo's Northwestern Mutual Family Farm, the last working farm in the city of Milwaukee, complete with dairy cows and a milking parlor. The weekend features activities like food demonstrations, children's pedal tractor-pull contest and a local farmer's market featuring fresh goodies like maple sugar, fruits and gourmet hot sauces.

There's something for everyone to enjoy during Family Farm Weekend at the Zoo. Activities take place both days from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. All activities are free with regular Zoo admission.

Farm Bureau volunteers will be helping at the Milwaukee County Zoo for the Family Farm Weekend. We look forward to seeing you at the Milwaukee County Zoo!



Attendees enjoying last year's Family Farm Weekend.

Annual Meeting Date Set

The Kenosha County Farm Bureau annual meeting date has been set for **September 23** at the Birchwood Grill. Watch your mailbox for a postcard with further details as the meeting date approaches.

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District 1 Policy Development Meeting Scheduled

The District 1 Policy Development meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, August 7 at 7 p.m. at The Machine Shed** (N14W24145 Tower Place, Pewaukee, WI 53072).

For more information about the policy development meeting contact Patti Roden at proden@wfbf.com.

YFA Members! Mark your Calendars!

There are great opportunities for YFA members in Kenosha County to participate in district and state events. Remember that these activities are available to voting members ages 18-35.

Discussion Meet: The District 1 Discussion Meet has been set for **Tuesday, August 19** at Williams Homestead Farm (W289N520 Elmhurst Drive, Waukesha). A farm tour will be at 6 p.m. with the Discussion Meet starting at 7 p.m. Snacks will be available following the Discussion Meet. The Discussion Meet is an activity designed to build crucial skills in young, active farmers and agriculturalists. By participating, members build basic discussion skills, develop a keen understanding of important agricultural issues and explore how groups can pool knowledge to



In January, 2013 Discussion Meet winner Chris Pollack was a National Discussion Meet finalist and for that won a tractor from CASE IH.

reach consensus and solve problems. This year's topic is: **How can young farmers and ranchers work to encourage membership growth and member engagement for the county, state and national Farm Bureau organizations?**

Achievement Award: The ideal candidate(s) for the Achievement Award is an individual or couple involved in production agriculture with a majority of their income subject to normal production risks. Selection of the winning YFA competitor is based on his/her efforts in production agriculture and leadership achievement. Participation in this program with individual recognition and the resulting publicity will help build the organization. **Applications are due July 1, 2014.**



2013 Achievement Award winners Corey and Miranda Leis.

Excellence in Agriculture:

The Farm Bureau Excellence in Agriculture Award Program is designed as an opportunity for YFA members, while actively contributing and growing through their involvement in Farm Bureau and agriculture, to earn recognition. Participants will be judged on their involvement in agriculture, leadership ability, involvement and participation in Farm Bureau and other organizations (i.e., civic, service and community). The ideal candidate(s) for the Excellence in Agriculture Award is an individual or couple who do not have the majority of their income subject to normal production risk. **Applications are due July 1, 2014.**



2013 Excellence in Ag winner Nicole Reese.

If you are a YFA member interested in participating in any of these activities, please contact Peter Muth, District 1 YFA Representative, at 262.689.2536.

CPR Class Hosted

On March 22 four members of Kenosha County Farm Bureau, Dave Daniels, Connie Meier and Kevin and Kim Muhlenbeck, met at the Paris Municipal Town Hall for a very important CPR and basic first aid training. The instructor was Amy Willems from the Kenosha Visiting Nurse Association.



They learned first hand how important and critical knowing CPR is to the patient in those few vital moments. Everyone had hands-on experience to performing CPR on dummies along with how to use portable defibrillators. The instructor then had participants pair up and assigned various first aid scenarios and asked how each situation would be handled.

Once completed, certificate cards were distributed and questions were asked. The class was very beneficial and we hope more participants will attend in the future.

Farm Emergency Aid Kits Are NOT a First Aid Kit

Since most farm-related injuries are critical, you need a first responder kit to handle this type of medical crisis. Consider developing several kits specific to the hazards and potential for injury. For example, the kit supplies in the dairy barn are going to be different from the kit supplies you keep in your tractor in the spring.



Here are some things to consider:

- Know what is in the kit and how to use it. Get trained in first aid and CPR so you will properly know how to handle the basics of a crisis situation. Keep information from your training keep handy or in your kit for quick reference.
- Know the types of injuries that occur during seasons while using different equipment. One way to prepare for the upcoming season is to prepare your kit ahead of time. Think about the types of injuries that occur using that type of equipment and strategically place the kit in a concealed but accessible location. For example, if the equipment could cause you to need to preserve a limb, plastic bags will be needed of all sizes to keep the limb as clean as possible. If injuries occur during wet seasons and/or winter, flares or matches are good things to have.
- Pack items for individual needs. Personal medical information should be included for all who are working on the farm and have special medical conditions such as allergies, diabetes, asthma or a heart condition. Simple interventions can be available to those who have a medical crisis while working. For example, keeping sugar packets in your kit could save a diabetic's life or aspirin for someone with a heart condition.
- Inspect kit every three months. Make sure that items have not expired, became wet or damaged. Replace items that may have become dusty (keep in airtight container). It's a good idea to label what's in the kit and put a date that it was checked last.

Preserving limbs, treating fractures and handling poisoning can be assisted with the following items.

Dressing Supplies & Basics

- Sterile compress (2x2 and 4x4)
- Gauze roller bandages
- Adhesive tape

- Tongue depressor
- Heavy duty scissors (to cut clothing)
- Ice packs (chemical)
- Aspirin (administer for suspected heart attack)
- Small Sugar packs (diabetics)
- Disposable rubber gloves
- Soap
- Bottled water
- Tweezers
- Safety pins
- CPR pocket mask
- Emergency blanket (treat for shock)
- Antiseptic wipes

Amputations

- Trash can size plastic bag
- Medium size plastic bags (4)
- Small plastic bags (8) bread loaf size
- Store all bags in a sealed container
- Transport tissue on ice
- Blankets (treating shock)

Fractures

- Wooden or plastic splints (1/4x3x12-15)
- Roll of elastic wrap (to attach splint)
- Blankets (treating shock)

Poisonings

- Emergency or poison control numbers
- Syrup of ipecac (ONLY if directed by poison control center)
- Two one quart containers of clean water
- Can of evaporated milk (attach opener to can with rubber band)
- Large plastic bandages and tape (to cover contaminated areas)
- Blanket (treating shock)
- Disposable rubber gloves and goggles

Know your risks and be prepared to handle them in case of an emergency to minimize potential loss and damage.

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Pop Tabs Wanted!

Keep saving your pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House! Ronald McDonald House is a “home away from home” for families of seriously ill or injured children. Since their doors opened in 1984, more than 35,000 families have stayed at the Ronald McDonald House in Milwaukee while their child received critical medical care. In 2013 alone, they served nearly 1,000 families. They have been at full occupancy with 38 guest rooms—often with a wait list of anywhere from five to twenty families each day.



Since 2000, little aluminum tabs on the tops of soda cans have meant more than \$210,000 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.

Pop Tab Revenue History for the Ronald McDonald House:

- 2013 - \$29,250
- 2012 - \$26,200
- 2011 - \$24,506
- 2010 - \$26,171
- 2009 - \$14,845

Let's help make a difference and save your pop tabs! Any pop tabs that you have can be given to any member of the Kenosha County Farm Bureau board.

At the District 1 Ronald McDonald House event on May 3, 78.85 pounds of pop tabs were collected. Each district is having a competition that goes through December 2014, so keep saving your pop tabs.

Women's Spring Fling Held

The District 1 Women's Spring Fling was hosted by Kenosha County and held on Saturday, March 29 at the Civil War Museum. Everyone in attendance had a great time.



Kenosha County Fair will be here Soon!

Mark your calendars for the **2014 Kenosha County Fair, August 13-17**. Gates are open from 8 a.m. until midnight. Enjoy family activities like Nick's Kids shows, petting zoo and junior livestock shows throughout the week. On Friday they have a children's parade that is open to any child under the age of 14; kids in costume will get free entrance into the fair.

Evening events for adults include a Combine Demo Derby Wednesday and Thursday evening, Modified Car Racing on Friday and IRA Outlaw Sprints on Saturday. Don't forget there is always entertainment at the Creekside Stage with various bands each night of the fair.

Come and support the local 4-H youth at the various junior shows throughout the week or at the large animal sale on Saturday afternoon and the small animal sale on Sunday afternoon. You can also support the Kenosha County Fair Building Fund at the pie auction on Saturday evening at 8 p.m. Bid on delicious pies, brownies, cookies and goodie baskets made by local 4-H families and fair supporters. For more information on the daily activities at the fair, visit the fair's website at www.kenoshacofair.com.



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Farm City Night Held March 31

The 85th Burlington Farm-City Night was held on Monday, March 31. The guest speaker was the Channel 12 meteorologist who talked about the different weather types. The Heritage Award was presented to the Malchine Family who have a fourth generation farm. A good meal was served and Kevin Muhlenbeck and Dan Kevek attended for Kenosha County Farm Bureau.

Kenosha County Dairy Breakfast

Saturday, June 14

WeisWay Dairy

21000 15th Street (Hwy 142)

Union Grove, WI 53182

Directions:

From I-94, Hwy 142 West, follow the signs

From I-43, Hwy 12 East, Hwy 50 East, Hwy 75 North, Hwy 142 East, follow the signs

Cost: \$6 for adults / Children 6 and under FREE

This annual event is fun for the whole family! Join us for a morning on the farm that includes: a big farm breakfast, milking demonstrations, a Wisconsin products tent, old-fashioned children's games and much more!

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

For more information, please contact Rachael Crane from the Kenosha County Dairy Promotion Team at 262.206.8149 or rnrccrane@yahoo.com.



FREE Farm Bureau Membership

A drawing will be held on June 24 for a one-year Kenosha County membership. Read this newsletter? Send in this form to Connie Meier postmarked by June 20. If your name is chosen you will receive a FREE Farm Bureau Membership for one year!

Name

Address

Phone

Email

Send this to Connie Meier:

20811 98th Street, Bristol, WI 53104

2014 County Fairs in District 1

Jefferson County Fair	July 9 - 13
Waukesha County Fair	July 16 - 20
Washington County Fair	July 22 - 27
Racine County Fair	July 23 - 27
Ozaukee County Fair	July 30 - August 3
Kenosha County Fair	August 13-17
Walworth County Fair	August 27 - September 1