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Members Inspired at Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit

On March 13 and 14, nearly 350 women in agriculture from around Wisconsin met in Middleton to celebrate the fifth annual Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit.

The two-day event was kicked off by Scott Zimmer speaking about "When Generations Connect," an amazing talk about bridging the generational gaps not only in the workplace but in life.

After lunch, break-out sessions started ranging from financial planning and farm succession to upcycling farm finds and how to go from farm to fabulous.

Friday ended with a social hour highlighted with cheese and beverage pairings hosted by the Milk Marketing Board and evening entertainment by Piano Fondue.

Saturday started with a choice of yoga or a power workout as well as an open session to hear about our Advocate of the Year, Nodji Van Wichen, owner and operator of Wetherby Cranberry Company in Warrens.

Another break-out session proceeded brunch.

The Summit ended with keynote speaker Laura Daniels, relating living life with a purpose "using barn lime and baler twine."



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

An excellent weekend was had by all, forging new friendships and solidifying old.

We hope that you can join us next year! The date for next year's Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit is March 4-5, 2016.



Making a Difference for the Ronald McDonald House

Connie Meier, Betty Muhlenbeck and Kim Muhlenbeck attended the district event on April 18 and helped prepare and serve brunch along with three members from Walworth County.

The brunch of scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit, sweet rolls, coffee, milk and orange juice was enjoyed by 55 people who are

staying at the Ronald McDonald House.



On April 18, members made sandwiches for 50 people and provided string cheese, veggies, fruit, juice and snacks for the lunch-to-go program at the Ronald McDonald House.

In addition to serving brunch, District 1 Farm Bureau members prepared sandwiches for the lunch-to-go program at the Ronald McDonald House.

The Ronald McDonald House is a



Members of Kenosha and Walworth County Farm Bureau prepared the brunch.

place for families to stay while their children are being treated at a local hospital. The Ronald McDonald House has been renovated and is a beautiful place to visit.

We also continue to save pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Since 2000, aluminum tabs on the tops of soda cans have meant nearly \$240,000 to the Ronald McDonald House.

Keep saving those tabs and turn them in to Connie Meier or another member of the Kenosha County Farm Bureau Board.

If you have any question or if you have pop tabs that she can pick up tabs, please call Connie Meier at 262.857.7202.



COUNTYnews

KENOSHA COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

Kenosha County Hosts 2015 Dairy Breakfast

Date: Saturday, June 20
Time: 6:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Place: Herda Farms, LLC, 4602 Highway 83 S, Burlington
Cost: \$6 for adults; children 6-years old and younger 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. The family 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 the farm. It has grown during the years to include a farm breakfast, milking demonstrations, a Wisconsin products tent, children's games, farm toys for sale, farm machinery and more.



The breakfast will once again 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 from the Kenosha County Dairy Promotion Team at 262.206.8149 or rnrccrane@yahoo.com.

Kenosha County Farm Bureau Members Attended Ag Day at the Capitol

On March 11, Kenosha County Farm Bureau members traveled to the Capitol to meet with legislators for Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation's Ag Day at the Capitol.

Members had an opportunity to get some updates on key issues that will be part of the next legislative session related to high capacity wells, wolf hunting, implements of husbandry, the state budget, labeling of GMOs and animal welfare.

Attendees also listened to Governor Scott Walker. After the briefing, members walked to the Capitol and met with representatives.

Ag Day at the Capitol is an annual event sponsored in part by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation.

Whether or not you attended Ag Day at the Capitol, it is important for all of us to raise our voice on issues.

Take time to become familiar

with an issue that is affecting you and talk to your legislators. Inform them how important agriculture is in Kenosha County and share your views on issues and how they affect your farm.

Remember when you talk to your legislators to be respectful and thank them for their support of agriculture.

Those from Kenosha County who attended included Dave Daniels and Kevin and Kim Muhlenbeck.

Thank you for raising your voice for agriculture!



Dave Daniels, Kevin Muhlenbeck and Kim Muhlenbeck briefed the legislators.

Ladies, We Want You!

Do you have great ideas?

Ladies, we are looking for you!



Come join us at one of our upcoming meetings to see what the Kenosha County Farm Bureau Women's Committee is about.

- **June 16** at 6:30 p.m. at Luisa's Pizza, 6806 317th Avenue, Salem.
- **July 18**, District 1 Bus Tour, we will carpool to Ozaukee and Washington County.
- **July 21** at 7 p.m. at Connie Meier's home, 20811 98th Street, Bristol.
- **September 1** at 7 p.m. at Betty Muhlenbeck's home, 3401 169th Avenue, Kenosha.
- **September 12-13**, Family Farm Weekend at the Milwaukee Zoo, help is needed to teach the public about agriculture.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Kenosha County Farm Bureau Women's Committee, please contact Connie Meier at 262.857.7202.



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District 1 Update



Here we are in the midst of another growing season. So far the weather has been good, a little dry to begin with but I know that the northern counties of District 1 are happy to see this for one year.

Talking about growing, we all need to remember that your Farm Bureau is a great membership organization. This is why we

need to focus on getting out into your counties and grow that membership.

We have different reports and databases that we can involve and find those prospective members. And then all we need is a plan to meet those prospective members and ask them to join a great agricultural organization.

We talk about our and your involvement at Ag Day at the Capitol. It is that contact with your legislatures that keeps agriculture in the fore front in Madison. We need to have that relationship with our representatives so that they know they can rely on someone in their area to talk to about those issues.

This year we will have two opportunities to go to Washington, D.C., and interact with our federal representatives. In June, the Board of Directors along with the 2014 Leadership Institute class will meet with AFBF and then walk to Capitol Hill to talk about the points that are most valuable to Wisconsin

agriculture. I would imagine trade, taxes and immigration may be on the forefront.

In September, we will be in Washington, D.C., with two leader representatives from each District to visit an Embassy to see what matters to other countries that trade and interact with the U.S.

Again we will venture to Capitol Hill and lobby for the needs of Wisconsin agriculture.

Have a happy summer and remember "Life is simpler when you plow around the stump".

Dave Daniels
District 1 Director

Kenosha County Offers YFA Members Opportunities with Contests!

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 18**, at Roden Echo Valley, 5545 County Road Y, West Bend.

The farm tour will be at 6 p.m. with the Discussion Meet starting at 7 p.m. Snacks will be available afterwards.

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 reach consensus and solve problems.

This year's topic 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?**



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 or 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**.

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.

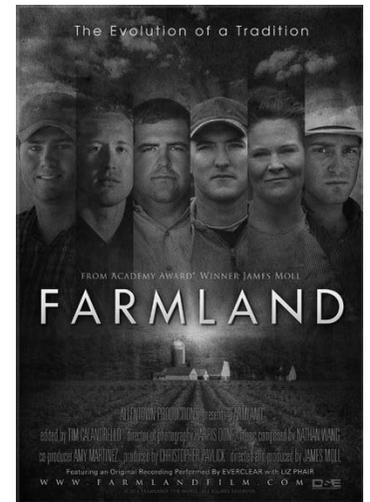
Participants will be judged on their involvement in agriculture, leadership ability, involvement and participation in Farm Bureau and other organizations, i.e., civic, service and community.

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**.

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

FARMLAND Film On Sale Now

Academy Award®-winning filmmaker James Moll's feature-length documentary, FARMLAND, is now available on DVD at Walmart and Walmart.com. The availability of the documentary at retail locations across the country and online, provides another opportunity for viewers to experience the film, which offers a firsthand glimpse inside the world of farming by showcasing the lives of six young farmers and ranchers in their twenties.



This film is a great tool for educating others about agriculture. There are many ways to use this film in 'ag'vocating efforts. For example you could donate copies to your local schools and libraries or could set up a movie night in your community to watch the film together and discuss it after.

FARMLAND premiered in theaters across the country in spring 2014, and now, is available on hard disk for rent and purchase at Netflix, Amazon, select retail outlets and via On Demand platforms.

DVDs of FARMLAND is for sale at select Walmart locations and on Walmart.com. The documentary is also now 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.

"I'm thrilled by how wide the distribution has been for Farmland," said Moll. "There's a lot of interest out there in the lives of young farmers and ranchers. It is a fascinating topic and I'm glad that there's such a demand for the film on DVD and online."

Produced by Moll's Allentown Productions, FARMLAND was made with the generous support of the U.S. Farmers & Ranchers Alliance®. Check out the official trailer and more information about the feature length documentary at FARMLANDfilm.com and on Facebook.

Ag Women's Summer Tour Planned

Date: Saturday, July 18
Cost: \$20 per person, includes winery tour, lunch and bus

If interested in attending, please contact Connie Meier at 262.857.7202.

All members are welcome!

SAVE the **DATE**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – Saturday, July 18

9:30 a.m.	Meet at Highway 43/Highway C Park and Ride - DOT lot 45-20, Cedarburg. Group will leave by bus at 9:45 a.m.
10:30 a.m.	Take a tour of the Cedar Creek Winery in Cedarburg. Wine tasting included.
12:30 p.m.	Visit the Roden family farm. Eat lunch.
1:30 p.m.	Explore Lizard Mound County Park. Stop at the Cedar Valley Cheese Store and hike Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve.
3:30 p.m.	Return to Park and Ride

A Member Benefit the Whole Family Can Enjoy!



Get your peanuts and Cracker Jacks ready!

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation and Rural Mutual Insurance Company are team-

ing up for a special Farm Bureau Member Appreciation Day at the ballparks of the eight Wisconsin Northwoods League teams.

“This will be a great opportunity for Farm Bureau members to take part in a member event and enjoy America’s favorite past time,” said Jim Holte, President of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation.

From June through August, there will be Farm Bureau Member Appreciation games at each of the eight Wisconsin teams. This is a special event for Farm Bureau members with deals on

game tickets that includes a team hat, soda and a hot dog.

The Northwoods League teams in Wisconsin include Eau Claire Express, Lakeshore Chinooks, Madison Mallards, Wisconsin Woodchucks, Green Bay Bullfrogs, Kenosha Kingfish, La Crosse Loggers and the Wisconsin Rapids Rafters.



The Kenosha Kingfish games are scheduled for Wednesday, June 24; Monday, July 6; and Monday, August 3. All games start at 7:05 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased by ordering from each team’s website or by calling their ticket office. To receive the discounted price use the promotion code ‘farmbureau’. For a list of Farm Bureau games, visit wfbf.com/benefits-membership.

IOH Lighting Requirements Reviewed

Implements of Husbandry legislation took effect on April 30 to clarify and modify certain provisions. The most significant changes include the following.

- Modified the definition of an Ag CMV and allows Ag CMVs that directly harvest farm products, distribute feed to livestock or apply lime, spray, seeds or fertilizer, but not manure, to have the same axle weight exemption of Category B IOH.
- Requiring farm implement dealers to disclose the axle weight, in addition to the gross vehicle weight, at the time of sale.
- Authorizing IOH with rubber tracks to operate on the road as long as it does not damage the highway.
- Allowing for the transport of IOH and Ag CMVs by trailer or semi-trailer at the increased agricultural vehicle weight limits from farm to farm. A trailer or semi-trailer that is hauling an IOH or Ag CMV and exceeds the agricultural weight limits may apply for a no-fee permit.
- Allowing a vehicle authorized by permit or local resolution or ordinance to cross an intersecting highway under a different jurisdiction

- Changing the date by which a local unit of government must adopt an ordinance for it to be effective in the following year to November 30. A copy of the ordinance must be sent to the department by January 20 of that year.

Did you know that the Implements of Husbandry lighting and marking requirements will go in effect on November 1? Are you prepared?

- All vehicles exceeding 15 feet must have front and rear warning lights on and reflective material visible anytime on highway, unless operating in daylight with an escort vehicle and two orange or red flags marking the outside edges.
- All vehicles exceeding 22 feet must have an escort vehicle with hazard flashers activated. Escort is not required for incidental travel of a half mile or less.

For more information, visit www.dot.wisconsin.gov/business/ag/index.htm.

Manure as a Pollutant: What Does Your Insurance Policy Cover?



On December 20, 2014, the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled that manure spread as a fertilizer was a pollutant. Therefore, damage caused by the manure was not covered under the farm’s general liability insurance policy.

This ruling means that Wisconsin farmers cannot rely upon general liability insurance policies to provide coverage for property and personal damage claims arising from contamination caused by manure.

The case arose out of a typical farm practice, the spreading of manure. The farmer used best management practices when spreading the manure including following his nutrient management plan. Nonetheless, the spreading allegedly contaminated neighbors’ drinking water wells and allegedly caused a young boy to become sick. The farmer looked to his insurance company to defend him from the allegations but the insurance company claimed that it had no responsibility because the liability policy included a “pollution exclusion clause.”

Here is what Rural Mutual Insurance Company’s CEO and Executive Vice President, Peter Pelizza had to say about the ruling:

“Rural’s position on this decision is consistent with how the insurance industry has treated manure with respect to it being a pollutant in the past. The industry has always seen manure as a pollutant, and has designed and priced their products with that in mind.

Rural Mutual’s farm policy takes it one step further in its definition than most of the industry. We specifically name manure as a pollutant in our policy while others use the more broad term of ‘waste.’

Rural Mutual is unique to most other companies in that we do afford the ability of a policyholder to purchase a separate ‘pollution liability’ policy. Coverage is available up to \$1 million, however, is it subject to underwriting approval.”

If anyone is unsure if they have the coverage, they should speak with their agent. If they find they do not have the coverage, and are interested they should ask their agent for a quote.”



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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?



Preventing these issues may be as simple as dialing 8-1-1.

Digging can damage the underground utilities that we all rely on every day. By calling 811 a few days prior to your digging project, whether it is a large or small, you can avoid these digging related damages and keep yourself and your family safe.

Upcoming County Meetings

Policy Development Meeting
September 9
6:30 p.m.
Birchwood Grill



If you are interested in helping the Kenosha County Farm Bureau set policy, please contact Steve Robers at 262.914.2869.

Kenosha County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting
September 22
Watch your mailbox for a postcard with further details as the meeting date approaches.

District 1 Plans Policy Development Meeting

The District 1 Policy Development meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on **Tuesday, August 4**, at The Machine Shed, N14 W24145 Tower Place, in Pewaukee.



For more information, please contact Patti Roden at proden@wfbf.com.

District 1 County Fairs to Attend

- Jefferson County Fair, **July 8-12**
- Waukesha County Fair, **July 15-19**
- Washington County Fair, **July 21-26**
- Racine County Fair, **July 29-August 2**
- Ozaukee County Fair, **July 29-August 2**
- Wisconsin State Fair, **August 6-16**
- Kenosha County Fair, **August 19-23**
- Walworth County Fair, **September 2-7**

