



# Ozaukee County

## Farm Bureau News

For members of the Ozaukee County Farm Bureau

### WFBF Annual Meeting Draws Nearly 1,200

Another great year was celebrated at the 95th WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells. There were a total of 475 young farmers and 700 Annual Meeting attendees.

Both Saturday and Sunday afternoon, Farm Bureau members had the opportunity to attend workshops. Interesting topics 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.

Saturday evening, we were entertained by Roger Radley, who was noted as the Funniest Former Farmer. It was an entertainment show that kept everyone in laughter.

Sunday morning, we 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 his neck was broken after a 2,000 pound bale fell on him leaving him a quadriplegic. He emphasized that "It is not about I" – "It is go and help someone without being asked". Chad had mentioned that this was his 3,379th conference since his paralysis. This was an excellent story of how he copes with his paralysis, does not feel sorry for himself, and how Chad and his family continue to keep his elk farm thriving.

Monday morning, Steve Freese pointed out issues accomplished for 2014:

- Strategic Plan – Future of Farm Bureau
- Women's Committee Restructuring
- Implements of Husbandry
- New Five Year Farm Bill

At the business resolutions session, Ozaukee County Delegates Mark Hilgendorf and Bob Roden voted on the state and federal resolutions.

Also announced was WFBF raised over \$70,000 in funds for the Ag in the Classroom Programs. Various fund raisers held were Golf Outing, Young Farmer Raffle, Trivia Contest and 40x40 Collegiate Program.



Ozaukee County Farm Bureau donated this Disney silent auction basket for the WFBF Annual Meeting. The basket raised \$60 for the WFB Foundation.



Members participating in the trivia contest included Melissa Schaefer, Rick Roden, LeRoy Haeuser, Mike Winker, Mark Hilgendorf and Bob Roden

### Ag Day at the Capitol

Ag Day at the Capitol is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11. Registration will begin at 11:00am at the Monona Terrace in Madison, followed by an opening program, lunch and legislative visits. The day will conclude with meetings with your local legislators. The cost is \$25 in advance, \$30 after March 5.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Lori Haeuser at 262.377.2772 or [ozaukeeafb@ameritech.net](mailto:ozaukeeafb@ameritech.net)



### You're Invited! What Farmers Need to Know about IoH

How do the new implements of husbandry laws affect me? What do I need to change on my farm to be in compliance with the new laws? Get all these questions and more answered at this informative session where you will learn what action your county and township has taken, and what your next steps are.

**When:** Monday, January 26, 2015

**Time:** 1:00pm

**Location:** Room 1113 A&B at the Public Agency Center

(333 E. Washington St, West Bend)

Questions? Contact District 1 Coordinator Patti Roden [proden@wfbf.com](mailto:proden@wfbf.com) or 262.689.1838



Producer Club member Rick Roden attended a luncheon on Saturday afternoon to be recognized for his hard work. Dave Daniels, District 1 Director, congratulates Rick.

## YFA UPDATES



**Congratulations to Mark Mayer, winner of the WFBF Achievement Award**



**Becky Assmann took part in the year long Institute Class and graduated at the WFBF Annual Meeting. Congratulations Becky!**

The YFA Conference was held December 5-7 at the Kalahari. Ozaukee County Farm Bureau was well represented as Mark Mayer competed in the Achievement Award and was selected the winner at the WFBF level. He will compete at the AFBF Annual Convention January 9-13. Join us in congratulating Mark for a job well done!

Becky Assmann was also recognized for being a graduate of the Institute Class. The Institute Class is a year-long leadership training class whose mission is to produce strong and effective county Farm Bureau leaders. The training focuses on many topics, some of which include personal growth and development, public speaking, working effectively with all forms of media, training on working with government at the local, state and national level. The class will be completed in 2015 when they take a trip to Washington D.C. to meet with their legislators.

### District YFA Calendar of Events

January 23	Admirals Game with Brett Eldridge
February 7	Snow Tubing , Sunburst Ski Hill, West Bend
February 28	Bowling Night, Belgium Community Center
March 21	Volleyball, Bic's Belgium
April 11	Spring Fling, Circle B
April 26	Brewers Game
August 8	Mantz Brothers Concert at Roden Farm

For more details on upcoming YFA events "Like" Ozaukee County Farm Bureau and YFA on facebook, check out our website (<http://wfbf.com/countyfarmbureaus/ozaukee/>), or contact Bob Nash (262.617.7170) or Rick Roden (262.689.1038).



**YFA Members thank sponsors of the entertainment at the YFA Conference. L-R: Peter Muth, Chelsea Bares, Scott Schreffler, Rick Roden, Mary Breuer, Adam Melichar, Ryan Brueggemann, Brent Wendt, Kristina Wendt, Melissa Schaefer**

## Ag in the Classroom Committee Receives Grant



**A teacher in-service was held at Roden Barnyard Adventures to help teachers understand the different programs Ozaukee County Farm Bureau has to offer.**

The Ozaukee County ag in the classroom committee received a matching grant from the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation. Some of the money was used to host a teacher in-service to help teachers understand what programs Ozaukee County Farm Bureau and WFBF has to offer. There were four teachers in attendance and they learned about a lot of free resources.

In addition, each teacher received a copy of the book of the year *The Beeman* and received free bussing to a farm tour. All of the schools went on a farm tour in fall 2014 and the Ag in the Classroom committee is excited to be forming a partnership with schools.

If you are a teacher and are looking for programs, or if you are interested in helping on the Ag in the Classroom committee, contact Nicole Dickmann 262.573.8957 or Jacki Roden 262.689.7521.

## Get Those Pencils Sharpened!

Each year Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom offers an essay contest for fourth and fifth grade students in all public, private and home schools, including 4-H clubs, Farm Bureau families and other organizations. The 2014-2015 topic is "Why Are Bees Important To Wisconsin Agriculture?" County contest entries are due by April 1, 2015. Contact Lisa Gantner, Essay Contest Coordinator, at [ljklug83@hotmail.com](mailto:ljklug83@hotmail.com) or visit the WI Ag in the Classroom website (<http://www.wisagclassroom.org/>) for more information.

## LADIES NIGHT OUT!

Come out to network with other women in Ozaukee County and help plan some fun events! We will be bowling, enjoying appetizers and socializing!

Date: Wednesday, February 11  
Time: 7:00pm

Location: Belgium Community Center  
(548 Park Street, Belgium)  
Cost: \$5 / person

Questions? Contact Women's Committee Chair Lisa Gantner [ljklug83@hotmail.com](mailto:ljklug83@hotmail.com) or 414.412.6354.

## Save the Date!! YFA Spring Fling

**Saturday, April 11**

Band starts at 8 p.m.  
New Location: Circle B  
(6261 Hwy. 60, Cedarburg)

**Tickets: \$10 at the door  
\$8 in advance**

Band: The Mantz Brothers



## 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 utilizing 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 / grow their own soybeans. This is a great resource with a wide range of activities for grades 4 – 9. For information or to reserve the kit for use, contact Lisa Gantner at [ljklug83@hotmail.com](mailto:ljklug83@hotmail.com) or visit the WI Ag in the Classroom website (<http://www.wisagclassroom.org/>).

## WI Ag Women's Summit

Women from the Wisconsin agriculture community are encouraged to attend the annual Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit at the Madison Marriott West in Madison March 13-14, 2015. The Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit is presented by Badgerland Financial, WFBF and UW Extension. The purpose of the Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit is to connect women involved in all areas of Wisconsin's diverse agriculture community.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Lisa Gantner at [ljklug83@hotmail.com](mailto:ljklug83@hotmail.com) or 414.412.6354.

## Scholarship Applications Due in April



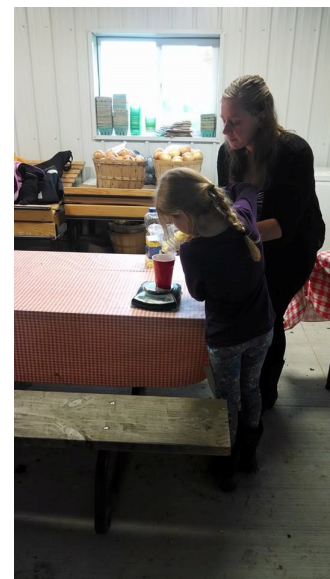
- \$1,000 scholarships will be available to students starting their first year in higher or continued education.
- Preference will be given to students of families who have an Ozaukee County Farm Bureau membership.
- May be used at any accredited technical school or university.
- Priority given to those in agriculture or an agricultural related field, consideration will be given to non-agriculture related field.
- Applications are available on the web (<http://wfbf.com/countyfarmbureaus/ozaukee/>)

**Applications due to the Scholarship Committee by April 30.**

## Soybeans Are Everywhere!

Did you know that one acre of soybeans can produce 82,368 crayons? Soybeans are used in many foods including candy, bread, crackers, as well as many products including diesel fuel, paint and shampoo.

Ozaukee County ag in the classroom committee members presented to students about the important uses of soybeans. Their presentation allows students the opportunity to touch a soybean plant, learn about soybeans with an interactive presentation, participate in a trivia game and make soybean lip balm.



**Patti Roden is assisted by a student in making soybean lip balm**

## Ronald McDonald House Grateful For Tabs

Saving pop tabs is easy and clean. They're compact, with a concentration of recyclable aluminum. Unlike empty cans, they don't 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! Drop them off at the Farm Bureau Office in Cedarburg (7359 Hwy 60, Cedarburg) or give them to any board member.

## Save the Date: Ozaukee County Fair

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Ozaukee County Fair July 29 – August 2. We are always looking for help in our food stand. Watch your email and mailbox for more details on how to sign-up once it gets closer.



**Nicole Dickmann plays a trivia game with students to help them understand the life of a soybean**

## 2014-2015 Membership Incentives

It is that time of the year again to think about finding new members. Our goal is to maintain our membership numbers and sign 25 New Voting Members by September 30, 2015. WFBF is offering an early bird special that if we reach our goal by April 30, 2015 we would receive \$1,000.

The state is offering a \$20.00 per member signed from October 1, 2014 thru September 30, 2015. If you sign five or more New Voting Members, you and a guest will be invited to the Producer Club Luncheon at the WFBF Annual Meeting.

If you know someone who is interested in being a member contact membership chair LeRoy Haeuser 262.377.2772.



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## County Annual Meeting Recap

The Ozaukee County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting was held in October to a crowd of nearly 100. Members present voted on county, state and national policies. Members also re-elected board members Mark Mayer from the north district, Neal Maciejewski from the south district, Bob Nash and Rick Roden YFA co-chairs, and Lisa Gantner as the Women's Chair.



Neal Maciejewski presents Otto Kohlwey with the Friend of Farm Bureau Award. Congratulations and thank you to Otto for your many years of service!

Otto Kohlwey was also presented the Friend of Farm Bureau award. Otto was a very active member in Ozaukee County Farm Bureau and is well deserved of this award! Thank you Otto for being instrumental in the success of the organization, congratulations!



Ozaukee County Board of Directors Front Row L-R: Bob Roden, Neal Maciejewski, Adam Melichar. Back Row L-R: Kurt Schoessow, Bob Nash, Lisa Gantner, Mark Mayer, Mark Hilgendorf, Rick Roden

## YFA Bowling Night

Bring a friend and come bowling!

Saturday, February 28, 7:00pm

Location: Belgium Community Center

Cost: \$15 / person -

includes 2 games of bowling, 1 pizza / lane and 1 pitcher / lane

Questions: Call Bob Nash 262.617.7170

## Volleyball hosted by Ozaukee YFA

Saturday, March 21, 3:00pm

Location: Bic's, Belgium

Free – bring a team or come by yourself and join a team

Prize for winning team

DJ and Karaoke begins at 8:00pm

Questions: Call Bob Nash 262.617.7170