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AG DAY AT THE CAPITOL

March 11, 2015

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Schedule of Events:

11:00 a.m. Registration
11:30 a.m. Opening Program
11:45 a.m. Lunch
12:45 p.m. Legislative Briefing
3:00 p.m. Leave for
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Early Registration Deadline: March 5

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WFBF Annual Meeting Highlights

The 95th WFBF Annual meeting and YFA Conference was held December 5-8 at the Kalahari Resorts in Wisconsin Dells.

Special congratulations and thanks go to Andrea Korth, who participated in the YFA Discussion Meet contest; Kelly Oudenhoven, who won the County Activities of Excellence Award for the YFA Committee's "Pizza and Beverage Night" membership event; and Dave Daniels, Kelly Oudenhoven, Dale Verhasselt and Chris Volkman for making the WFBF Membership Producer Club this year.



Andrea Korth (left) participated in the WFBF YFA Discussion Meet contest Semi-final round.



Kelly Oudenhoven worked at the OCFB's YFA County Activities of Excellence booth during the 95th WFBF Annual Meeting trade show.



OCFB team members deliberated questions during the Fun'd the Foundation Trivia Contest fundraising event.

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OCFB members attended the WFBF Annual Meeting were: (Back L to R) District 7 Coordinator Wes Raddatz, Matt Steege, Mike and Judy Salter, Chris Volkman, Keith Oudenhoven, Bernie Vander Heiden and Dave Daniels; (Front L to R) Beth Loos, Katelin Haglund, Andrea Korth, Michelle Backhaus, Kelly Oudenhoven and Linda Vander Heiden.

SAVE the DATE

The 2015 Outagamie County Farm Bureau annual meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on **Thursday, October 8**, at the River Rail Restaurant in Shiocton.



Five dollars cannot buy much anymore.

That is, unless we're talking about the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation; then \$5 can make a huge impact.

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation provides the funding for the Ag in the Classroom program, collegiate Farm Bureau chapters at three Wisconsin universities, Farm Bureau's leadership Institute, as well as the Women's and Young Farmer and Agriculturist programs.

Keeping these programs financially viable is critical to growing future farm leaders and educating consumers about agricul-

ture. To help fund the Foundation, in 2015 you will notice a \$5 voluntary contribution line-item for the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation on your Farm Bureau dues renewal statement or Rural Mutual Insurance bill. We hope you'll view this as an investment in farming's future and choose to make a contribution.

Why is this necessary?

Aside from contributions from generous supporters, the Foundation has traditionally relied on two annual fundraisers: the Wisconsin Ag Open golf outing and a silent auction at the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting. Programs like Ag in the Classroom and the Young Farmer and Agriculturist Program were moved under the Foundation's umbrella a few years ago. While this has provided a tremendous cost savings to our bottom line, it also means that additional funds are needed to keep these programs sustainable.

We in the agricultural community have always seen the importance of growing our future.

Moving forward, we want young students to know that farmers grow their food. We want college students from all backgrounds to see agriculture's opportunities. We need to help grow the next crop of agricultural leaders and help Farm Bureau members find their voice. The Foundation and this \$5 contribution is our vehicle to make these things happen.

In closing, we are asking you to:

GIVE to a way of life you love.
ENRICH the education of young people through agricultural education.
PLEDGE to get young people started in agriculture.
COMMIT to tomorrow's leaders.
INVEST in the future of farming.

What is Farm Bureau?



Farm Bureau is NOT an "end" in itself. Farm Bureau IS the "means" by which you may be able to achieve the "end" that you have in mind.

Farm Bureau is the vehicle that can empower you through its resources to achieve the ideas that you wouldn't be able to or would find it much harder to accomplish on your own.

Farm Bureau's "Voice of Agriculture" slogan really means YOUR voice amplified by more than 24,000 other farmer and agriculturist member's voices statewide and by more than 5.5 million members nationwide.

There is an old ag policy saying, "Put 10 farmers in a room together and they'll never agree on anything." There may be some truth in that, but Farm Bureau provides the means through which farmers and agriculturists can find the common ground that they need (no pun intended) to be able to make things better for their farms and agri-businesses in the nation, this state, this county and their local area.

The keynote speaker during the WFBF Annual Meeting was Chad Hymas, who at 27 years of age was injured when a large square bale of hay fell on him breaking his neck. His address was entitled, "Who needs legs, when you have wings." Many of you reading this have the use of your arms and legs, and by becoming actively involved in Farm Bureau you also can have "wings."

New people, new ideas and new challenges are welcome in Farm Bureau. Farm Bureau's published vision statement is to "lead a growing and dynamic agriculture." As a member of Farm Bureau, you can help us do that!

Wes Raddatz
 WFBF District 7 Coordinator

Centennial Farms Wanted By Mike Salter

For the past four years Outagamie County Farm Bureau and the Outagamie Fair has recognized county centennial farms. This recognition program takes place at the fair on Sunday afternoon in the white tent with a large crowd present.

For more information about this recognition, visit Outagamie County Fair at www.outagamiecountyfair.com and click

District 7 YFA Report

2014 was another great year for the Young Farmer and Agriculturist (YFA) program! Once again we had nearly 500 attendees at the YFA Conference at the Kalahari Resorts and Conventions in Wisconsin Dells. District 7 had 37 members attend so our goal for 2015 is to get 50 attendees. New this year was a corn hole (bean bag toss) tournament and for entertainment, the Mantz Brothers Band performed. Both were a big hit. If you know someone who is involved in the agriculture industry and is interested in Farm Bureau, encourage them to become members. Remember that if they want to attend the YFA Conference and if they have not attended before, they can apply for a Rural Mutual Insurance sponsorship for the event. This year it will be held December 4-6 at the Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells.

Tickets are on sale for the YFA Gambler Hockey Game in Green Bay on Saturday, February 28 at 7:05 p.m. Cost is \$15 per ticket. It is the Green Bay Gambler's Dairy Night so please wear your Farm Bureau or dairy shirts to help promote dairy. **Please RSVP to kfiedler@crinet.com or text 920.737.7640 by February 14;** make checks payable to Wisconsin Farm Bureau and send to the state office.

After the hockey game, we will be going to Gallagher's Pizza, 2655 W. Mason Street, Green Bay. Food and beverages are at your cost.

Have a wonderful 2015!

Brian and Kristi Fiedler
 District 7 YFA Representatives



YFA Report By Kelly Oudenhoven

Hello fellow YFA Members! First of all I hope that the New Year finds you all in good health and high spirits. Secondly, I want to thank each of you for the amazing year.



OCFB YFA chair, Kelly Oudenhoven (left), explained the YFA program at the WFBF Annual Meeting Trade Show.

The Outagamie County Young Farmer and Agriculturist program was recognized as one of the top five programs in the state! This is the first time we have received this honor and it is because of awesome members like you. We also received an award for membership recruitment at the YFA Annual Conference, which also is another first for Outagamie. So with that being said, I only hope that our program continues to grow from here.

If you weren't able to make the Kick-Off Party at the end of January, our next event will be the Green Bay Gambler Game on February 28 at the Resch Center in Green Bay. Game time is 7:05 p.m. and the theme is 'Dairy Night.' We encourage you to wear your Farm Bureau shirts. This will be a district event as well, so there will be other members from other counties within our district.

Tickets are \$15 a person and we will be going to Gallagher's Pizza after the game. If you are interested in tickets, please contact me at Kelly.Oudenhoven@gmail.com, 920-378-4744. Also, please check out Facebook where updates are made frequently and you also can find a schedule of upcoming events!

Humor Corner By LeRoy Van Asten

Joke #1

In the winter the dog wears his coat.
 In the summer he wears his coat and pants.

Joke #2

Opportunity knocks but once.
 Temptation leans on your door bell incessantly until you answer.

Joke #3

Two blondes were going to Disneyland. They were driving on the Interstate when they saw a sign that said DISNEYLAND LEFT. They started crying and went home.



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\$45.00 Case

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\$42.00 Case

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\$51.00 Case

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\$75.00 Case

\$6.25 Can

HONEY KRUNCH PEANUTS **12 oz can/12** cans per case

\$39.00 Case

\$3.25 Can

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Our spring sale features strawberries. In past years our strawberries came in looking good and tasting sweet and we are expecting the same for this year. We will also have oranges, grapefruit and all of the peanuts. Nuts we do keep on hand here, so you can call at any time and get them.

We'll be looking forward to taking your spring fruit orders.

Thank you,
Judy and Mike Salter | 920.739.0403

District 7 Board Report

My best wishes to you for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

It's a new year and with it comes a new set of challenges. Mother Nature hasn't been very kind this past year. 2014 provided many small windows of time to empty the pits, spread the fertilizer and plant the crops in between rain showers. With a cool wet fall, harvesting was very challenging. Hopefully, 2015 will be a better year for everyone.

Ag Day at the Capitol will be held on Wednesday, March 11. It's important that farmers whether dairy, corn, beans, cranberries, beef, poultry and all others involved in agriculture, let our views be known to our assemblymen and senators. This one day carries a lot of weight throughout the year. I hope to see you there.

The Wisconsin Ag Woman's Summit is another important event that will be held March 13-14 at the Madison Marriott West. Scott Zimmer of Bridgeworks Communications will provide insight about how to communicate across generational barriers and Wisconsin dairy farmer and professional speaker, Laura Daniels will share how common items on the farm can help you get the most out of challenging days in her address, "Using Baler Twine and Barn Lime to Live a Life with Purpose."

Hope to see you at your county board meetings.

Wayne Staidl
WFBF District 7 Director

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Save the Date for Media Training

The OCFB Women's Committee will host a media training session on **Saturday, April 4**. Details are still being planned, but the WFBF Public Relations division staff will share how members can understand traditional media and social media better. Everyone is welcome to attend.

President's Report

As I sit here writing this report its snowing and blowing and wind chill factors are 20 below zero. I sure hope that when you read this, conditions are much better.

Your Farm Bureau has many activities planned for this year, one of the first and very important is Ag Day at the Capitol on March 11. We encourage Farm Bureau members to sign up to participate and the county will pay the registration fee. Please let a board member know that you want to attend and we can possibly carpool.

The county will be at Oshkosh EAA grounds WPS Farm Show booth on Tuesday, March 24. We encourage you to bring a new member to sign up and we will have a special gift. We also have a program with the Outagamie Fair to present a yard sign to Centennial farms in the county. If you qualify or know someone who does, applications are available on the Outagamie Fair web page or for more information, please call me.

Your Farm Bureau has added new programs. Last year for Young Farmer and Agriculturist Program and Women's Committee program. We also had outings for all members. It was a night at the Outagamie Fair and we also had a night at the Timber Rattler's baseball game. Plans and date have been set for YFA at the Green Bay Gambler's hockey game and other activities are being planned for this year.

This year farming will have many new and challenging opportunities. Some will be from the weather, some will be from the government and some will be from who knows what. Farm Bureau helps deal with the government, Mother Nature will always do what she wants, no one controls her and we must stay positive and enjoy our family and farming.

Mike Salter
Outagamie County Farm Bureau President