



Outagamie County Farm Bureau

PO Box 5550 Madison, WI 53705

Address Service Requested

Non Profit
Organization
US Postage
PAID
Platteville, WI 53818
Permit No. 124

Rural Mutual
Insurance Company



For information about home or auto insurance,
contact your local Rural Mutual agent.

Rural Mutual Agents in Outagamie County:

Shawn Beaster (920) 832-0276
Charles Rafferty (920) 886-1033
Adam Ross (920) 832-0262

Tom Gustafson - District Manager
(920) 420-1106

Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

Octoberfest Cream Puff Booth Being Planned

By Bernie and Linda Vander Heiden



Come and help at the Outagamie County Farm Bureau Cream Puff Booth at Octoberfest.

On September 24, the Outagamie County Farm Bureau will sell cream puffs on College Avenue in Appleton.

This is a fundraiser for the year to support Ag in the Classroom, Rural Health Initiative, 4-H programs, breakfast on the farm and more.

Please plan on volunteering on **Saturday, September 24**, for two to three hours.

'I'll Get 2' Membership Challenge

Six Outagamie County Farm Bureau members who took the 'I'll Get 2' membership challenge by signing their names on the District 7 Membership Challenge board achieved their goals and were honored at the 'I Got 2' District 7 Pizza Party held April 18 at the Four Seasons Resort in Shawano.

They are Aaron Burmeister, Dave Daniels, Kristy Erickson, Kelly Oudenhoven, Mike Salter and Bernie Vander Heiden.

Congratulations to these Farm Bureau proud volunteer membership workers.



(L-R) Aaron Burmeister, Dave Daniels, Bernie Vander Heiden and Mike Salter met their goals for the 'I'll Get 2' membership challenge.

Shawano County Farm Bureau Women's Committee Presents the Kid's Dairy Bar Bake-Off

When: Sunday, June 26.

Where: Shawano Brunch on the Farm, W3752 E. Slab City Road, Bonduel.

Time: Registration at 10 a.m., judging starts at 10:15 a.m.

Details: There will be three entry age groups: ages 8-10, ages 11-14 and ages 15-18. Prizes will be awarded for the first, second and third place winners in each age group.

Rules

- The entries must be brought to the Shawano County Brunch on the Farm, Shawano County Farm Bureau Women's Committee booth no later than 10 a.m.
- All BARS must include two or more dairy ingredients.
- Bars must be cut into two-inch by two-inch squares.
- Three bars per plate; paper plates preferred, no glass please.
- One entry per person.
- Write or attach name and age to bottom of the plate for each entry.
- The recipe must be submitted with the bars.

The winning recipes will be published on the Shawano County Farm Bureau Facebook page, website, in the newsletter and possibly other local media.

For more information, please Facebook message Angie Schultz.





COUNTYnews

OUTAGAMIE COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

Fairest of the Fair to be Crowned By Katelin Haglund



Brittany Vanden Heuvel was crowned Outagamie County Fairest of the Fair at last year's Breakfast on the Farm. Who will be this year's Fairest?

The Outagamie County Fairest of the Fair second annual banquet was held May 26 at Liberty Hall. The crowning of the new Fairest of the Fair will be at the Outagamie County breakfast on the farm on **Sunday, June 12**, at K&T Dairy LLC in Freedom.

The purpose of the Fairest of the Fair program is to promote the variety of opportunities including educational, agricultural, social, cultural and commercial, available at the Outagamie County Fair.

The Outagamie County Fair Fairest of the Fair is the official ambassador and represents the Outagamie County Fair during the Wisconsin Association of Fairs Convention where she competes to become the 2017 Wisconsin State Fairest of the Fair.

Butter Making at Breakfast on the Farm

By Katelin Haglund

Volunteers are needed!

The Outagamie County Farm Bureau members will have a booth at the Outagamie County Breakfast on the Farm on **Sunday, June 12**, at K&T Dairy LLC in Freedom.

We will have an area to make homemade butter and also will hand out activities bags.

For information or if you want to volunteer to help, please contact Katelin Haglund at katelinhaglund@gmail.com or 715.210.5384.



Lots of family fun and learning with the My American Farm tablets last year at the Breakfast on the Farm. This year we'll be making butter.

WPS Farm Show Booth

By Kristy Erickson

Did you visit the WPS Farm Show on the first day, March 29? Our booth number was 6571 in Hangar D. I hope that you visited us and the Rural Mutual Insurance Company in the next booth.

Farm Bureau members from Green Lake, Fond du Lac and Outagamie, Waushara and Winnebago counties took turns at the booth covering the three days of the show.

Our give away item was a Milwaukee cordless drill valued at \$250. The lucky winner was not from Outagamie County, but maybe next year.



Outagamie County Farm Bureau members Dave Daniels and Kristy Erickson greeted visitors at the Farm Bureau booth at this year's WPS Farm Show held in Oshkosh March 29-31.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

- 2** President's Report
 - Ball Game
 - YFA Events
 - Farm Facts Brochure
 - Dairy Dash and Stroll
- 3** District YFA Report
 - WFBF Institute
 - Annual Meeting Date
 - Promotion and Education
 - Board Contacts

President's Report



I'm preparing this report on a rainy day break from planting. We had a couple of nice days of warm weather for planting, but not today. Today is catch-up day on all the farm things that were put off. When you read this in June it will be interesting whether we need rain or we had too much, but mother nature will take care of us, we can't change her.

Not long ago I made a trip to Washington, D.C., to inform our legislators about our farm interests. One of the top issues was the Pacific Trade Agreement that will have problems passing. A lot of representatives do

not understand the full deal and other ones are against it just because it's backed by President Obama.

Recently, I also was at a meeting in Green Bay on cleaning up the bay. There were many representatives from lots organizations present, and they took turns pointing out things that could be improved to keep phosphorus out of the bay. There are four experimental farms in the area that are testing new equipment and new cover crops that could help minimize the problem. This meeting was very friendly, with no finger-pointing, no saying it's your fault, just all let's work together. We will have to see if the experimental farm's new methods will work to stop erosion of phosphate.

Mike Salter

Outagamie County Farm Bureau President

Take Me Out to the Ball Game! By Kelly Oudenhoven



There is fun for all ages at the Outagamie County Farm Bureau Timber Rattlers outing on August 19. Join in the excitement of a Timber Rattler's baseball game!

Bring the family to watch the Timber Rattlers take on the Beloit Snappers on **Friday, August 19**.

Come early and enjoy an all-you-can-eat tailgate compliments of the Outagamie County Farm Bureau. Then sit back and relax and enjoy some good ole American baseball.

If you want to, stay late and enjoy an amazing firework display to top off the night.

This night is open to Outagamie County Farm Bureau members and their families and is compliments of the Outagamie County Farm Bureau. The tailgate starts two hours before game time at 5 p.m. The first pitch will be at 7:05 p.m.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Kelly Oudenhoven at 920.378.4744 or Kelly.oudenhoven@gmail.com by **August 17**. Hope to see you there.

YFA Happenings and Upcoming Events By Kelly Oudenhoven

Hey young farmers and agriculturists! Hope that you had a safe and successful planting season.

- We will kick off our summer events with the Breakfast on the Farm on **June 12**. If you want to volunteer on behalf of the YFA Program serving food or making butter in the children's tent, please contact me.
- In July, we will attend one of the concerts during fair week, please watch for more information when it becomes available.
- On **August 19**, be prepared to take your family out to the ballpark to watch the Timber Rattlers take on the Beloit Snappers. Come early and join us for an all-you-can-eat tailgate compliments of the Outagamie County Farm Bureau and then enjoy the fireworks after the game.
- In September or October we are planning a Green Bay Packer tailgate and brewery tour depending on game dates and harvest. Hope to see you at the upcoming events.



Last year, Outagamie County Farm Bureau sponsored video games and a mechanical cow at the Breakfast on the Farm. This year we will show consumers how to make butter. Volunteer to help folks make their own butter at this year's booth.

2016 Wisconsin Farm Facts Brochure is Available Now

Did you know that agriculture contributes 413,000 jobs to Wisconsin's economy or 11.9 percent of total employment?

Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom is proud to introduce the newly-revised 2016 Wisconsin Farm Facts brochure. The brochure highlights Wisconsin's diverse agriculture industry and is now interactive.

Using a free app called Aurasma, users can make

the brochure come to life with additional facts and videos related to Wisconsin agriculture.

To download the app, visit the app store on your tablet or smart phone and find Aurasma. Download the app and make sure to follow Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom.

To order the brochure, visit wisagclassroom.org and use the resource order form.

Sign Up Now for the Dairy Dash and Stroll



Runners made their way down the home stretch during the 2015 Dairy Dash and Stroll.

The Shawano County Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Agriculturists and Brunch on the Farm Committees are organizing the third annual Dairy Dash and Stroll 5K Run/Walk in conjunction with the Shawano County Brunch on the Farm. This year it will be at Kevin and Shawn Bonnin's farm in Bonduel.

The 5K course will be on the farm, so it will be a dirt off-road course accompanied by a series of hills and fluctuating terrain.

As this resembles a cross country course, be prepared for some interesting and fun challenges if there is precipitation prior to or during the event. The course may not be the most conducive for strollers or small children.

Participants will enjoy scenic views of the dairy farm including barns, dairy cows, wooded areas, crop fields and other events at the Brunch on the Farm.

To register, visit www.active.com by **May 30** in order to receive a correctly-sized t-shirt.

The online registration closing date is **June 23**; however, you may register in-person during pre-race packet pick-up from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 25, at the farm. Race-day registration

also is available and will start at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday.

Pre-registered individuals can pick up their packets the day of the event or the day before the event at the farm.

Race Event Details

Race date: Sunday, June 26.

Race start time: 7:30 a.m.

Registration opens: 6:30 a.m., at the farm.

Event address: Kevin & Shawn Bonnin, W3752 E. Slab City Rd. Bonduel.

Pre-race packet pick-up: 9 a.m. - noon, Saturday, June 25, at the farm.

Packet will include: t-shirt, bib number, chocolate milk after the race and ticket for one free brunch on the day of the event.

Race Fees

Before June 23	June 23 or later
Individual \$20	\$25
Group, 4+ \$18/person	\$20/person

No fee difference for runners or walkers.

For more information, visit the registration link through www.active.com or the Shawano County Farm Bureau Facebook page.

Awards will be presented to the overall male and female winners as well as the top male and female runners in each age division: 12 and younger, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60 and older.

Prizes will be awarded following the event. You must be present to win.

Proceeds will provide food for the local food pantry through the Feeding America Invest an Acre program.



There are Benefits to Your Farm Bureau Membership:

- Auto**
- General Motors Discount
- Health**
- ScriptSave® Prescription Drug Savings Card
 - Life Line
- Supplies and Products**
- Case IH
 - Caterpillar
 - 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 7 YFA Report

By Brian Preder



As I have been visiting with the counties in the district, I am impressed.

What impresses me the most is the leadership of our county YFA chairs who have stepped up to volunteer their time and skills to develop the next generation of Farm Bureau members. It is awesome to see the support these YFA chairs receive from their county Farm Bureau board of directors.

In February, we brought this talented group of YFA leaders together for our first District 7 county YFA chair meeting. It was a great opportunity for the YFA chairs to share their experiences and get to know other chairs. We also started planning for District 7 YFA events for the upcoming year, so be sure to watch for those. I want to thank the YFA chairs for taking time for the meeting.

Our first District 7 event for the year was the annual Gamblers hockey game on March 19. We had an awesome turnout of 30 people. YFA members enjoyed an exciting game and pizza afterwards. It was great to see this big group of members attending the first event of the year.

Looking ahead to summer, be sure to complete award applications for Achievement Award and Excellence in Agriculture. The applications are due **July 1**. How about participating in the Discussion Meet? You can find the applications and topic for discussion on the WFBF website on the YFA web page.

Of course I can't mention contests without mentioning the YFA Conference at the Kalahari Resorts in Wisconsin Dells during the first weekend of December. If you haven't attended, we have the 'no excuse reason to attend,' the Rural Mutual YFA Conference Sponsorship. If you want to develop your leadership skills and network with YFA members, visit the YFA page on the WFBF website and fill out the application today!

I look forward to meeting fellow District 7 YFA members at upcoming events and contests. As always, if you have any questions or ideas, please contact me and of course, stay Farm Bureau Proud!

Humor Corner

By LeRoy Van Asten

If you can stay calm while everyone around you is in chaos and panic. . .

Then you probably don't understand the seriousness of the situation.

What gets wetter the more it dries?

A towel.

A reporter asked a man on his 97 birthday, "To what do you credit your long life?"

"I'm not sure yet," responded the old-timer. "My agent is still negotiating with two breakfast cereal companies."

What is a nuclear scientist's favorite lunch?

Fission chips.



The Farm Bureau Institute Experience

By Kristy Erickson



Do you enjoy networking with people of similar interests as you? Are you looking to grow both personally and professionally? Do you have areas to improve when it comes to leadership?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then the Wisconsin Farm Bureau

Institute is the place for you.

Since January, I had the privilege to be working with 14 other Farm Bureau members from across the state, sharpening aspects of my leadership skills.

I have learned more about myself as a leader during the first session than what I expected during all six sections. I was pushed out of my comfort zone and had tremendous growth because of it.

The resources, relationships and speakers I was exposed to along the way will be with me for life.

The best is that you can be a part of this tremendous opportunity in 2017. You must apply by **August 15**.

For more information and to see the schedule, visit wfbf.com and find the 'Leadership Training Institute' under the programs and events link.

The application can be downloaded, or you can contact myself at 715.250.1323 or aandkerickson@gmail.com or District 7 Coordinator Wes Raddatz at 866.355.7346 or wraddatz@wfbf.com.



Outagamie County Farm Bureau Contacts:

President, Michael Salter 920.739.0403
Vice President, Bernie Vander Heiden 920.766.9377
Secretary/Treasurer, Kristy Erickson 715.250.1323
YFA Chair, Kelly Oudenhoven 920.378.4744
Women's Chair, Katelin Haglund 715.210.5384

Director, Harvey Albert, III 920.833.2041
Director, Michelle Backhaus 920.639.4744
Director, Aaron Burmeister 920.655.7752
Director, Kevin Burmeister 920.851.5989
Director, David Daniels 920.525.2145
Director, Randy Dorow 920.740.1353
Director, Marvin Fox 920.766.3242
Director, Dan Knutzen 920.619.3883
Director, Ronald Nelson 920.810.1101
Director, Leroy Van Asten 920.788.2878
Director, Dale Verhasselt 920.428.3620
Director, Chris Volkman 920.427.6580

Outagamie County Farm Bureau 888.377.0294
WFBF Director, Wayne Staidl 715.582.3671
District 7 Coordinator, Wes Raddatz 866.355.7346
RMIC District Manager, Tom Gustafson 920.420.1106

Save the Date: Outagamie County Annual Meeting

When: 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 13

Where: River Rail Restaurant, Shiocton



Promotion and Education 'Playbook'

By Katelin Haglund



The newly formed Promotional and Education committee met for the first time in January. One of the first projects the committee will be focusing on will be the development of a playbook for Wisconsin Farm Bureau. The purpose of the playbook is to provide a way to share all the great programs and activities that counties and districts have with others across the state. The playbook will include basic information about the activity and a contact person for people to reach out to if they are interested in trying an event in their area.

In April, a 'meeting of the minds' was held in Kimberly which brought together Farm Bureau members from District 5, 6, and 7. District 5 Committee member, Michelle Bula, and myself along with Deb Raemisch presented the playbook to the group.

The playbook will be stored on the Promotion and Education page on the WFBF website. The committee is hoping to have enough activities to release the first edition in the fall.

All the counties in District 7 have amazing activities that will make great additions to the playbook. If you have an activity that you want to get into the first playbook release or have more questions, please contact me at 715.210.5384 or at katelinhaglund@gmail.com.