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Outagamie County Farm Bureau Ladies Enjoy a Night Out

On a beautiful fall evening, nine women enjoyed a fun night at Kerrigan Brother's Winery.

Owner Troy Landwehr poured samples of his delicious wines for everyone. After the tasting was finished the group got a behind-the-scenes tour of the winery.

Troy discussed the wine making process as well as the bottling, labeling and corking process. It was a great evening of fun and learning!

Look for details on the forth annual Ladies Night Out next summer!



Lunch was served in the gift store during the event held at Kerrigan Brothers Winery.



The Outagamie County Farm Bureau women sampled some of the Kerrigan Brothers Winery selections September 12.



Outagamie County Farm Bureau member Troy Landwehr, owner of Kerrigan Brothers Winery, showed the group the equipment and the processes that go into making great wine.

Applicants Sought for Ag Literacy Teaching Award

Do you know a teacher that does a great job teaching about agriculture?

If so, please encourage them to fill out an application for the Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Program's Outstanding Teacher Award.

Agriculture in the Classroom (AIRC) annually recognizes a Wisconsin teacher or a teaching team for their achievements in teaching students the importance of agriculture while integrating agricultural concepts across a curriculum.

Certified teachers currently integrating agricultural concepts into non-agricultural curricula in the pre-K through high school levels are eligible to apply. Applications may be from an individual teacher or a teaching team. Certified agriculture education instructors are not eligible.

Teachers must use agricultural information or materials within the classroom curriculum in an effort to assist students in learning

the importance of agriculture.

Learning activities may include, but are not limited to, understanding agriculture's impact on personal lives, our national heritage, the environment, national security and the economy. Innovative and interdisciplinary programs are encouraged.



The state winner(s) will receive a plaque and a \$500 towards the 2016 National AIRC Conference in Phoenix, AZ. They also will represent Wisconsin as the state's nominee for the Excellence in Teaching about Agriculture Award Program presented by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Ag in the Classroom program.

Applications are available from the Wisconsin AIRC website (wisagclassroom.org) and are due postmarked by **October 15**. Teachers can download the form, complete the information and return four copies to Wisconsin Farm Bureau, PO Box 5550, Madison, WI 53705.



COUNTYnews

OUTAGAMIE COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

Outagamie County Farm Bureau Members Enjoy a Timber Rattlers Game

By Kelly Oudenhoven



The mascots were out in force entertaining the Farm Bureau fans in August.

On August 14, Farm Bureau members and their families attended the Timber Rattlers Game.

It was a fun night despite the thunderstorms that rolled in during the tailgate party before the game. Once the game started it was a beautiful summer night watching a good game of baseball.

It was Fang's birthday celebration that night so all of his mascot friends

were there and provided some comic entertainment!

The Rattlers ended up losing that night but after the game the kids ran the bases and enjoyed a spectacular fireworks show.

There were 26 adults and five children who attended.



Outagamie County Farm Bureau members went to the ball game on August 14 and enjoyed family fun.

Fairest of the Fair Responsibilities at the County Fair

Outagamie County's first Fairest of the Fair, Brittany Vanden Heuvel, had a busy week at the Outagamie County Fair.

Brittany spent the week interacting with fair goers, handing out ribbons at various animal shows and even was seen on stage in the Grandstand one night.

On show day, however, Brittany took off her Fairest of the Fair tiara and put on her exhibitor's hat to show the three cows that she brought to the fair.

"It's what I love to do," said Vanden Heuvel, who also helped with the Holstein Futurity show where exhibitors sign up calves and then show them as heifers three years later.



Outagamie County Fairest of the Fair, Brittany Vanden Heuvel, took part in a lot of fair activities including welcoming everyone to the livestock judging events.

During the next few months Brittany will be teaching grade school students the importance of agriculture with the Ag in the Classroom program.

In January, she will compete for the Wisconsin Fairest of the Fairs in Wisconsin Dells.

The purpose of the Fairest of the Fairs program is to promote the exceptional variety of opportunities including educational, agricultural, social, cultural and commercial available at Wisconsin's county, district and state fairs.

If you or someone you know is interested in the Outagamie County Fairest of the Fair Program, please contact Michelle Backhaus at 920.639.444; Katelyn Haglund at 715.210.5384; or Kelly Oudenhoven at 920.378.4744.



Brittany Vanden Heuvel (right), Outagamie County Fairest of the Fair, welcomed exhibitors at this year's Outagamie County Fair.

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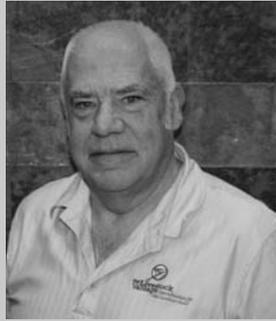
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President's Message



As I prepare this, I also am preparing to go to Washington, D.C., for the state Farm Bureau's legislation update to our representatives.

We asked the Senators to support bill S1140, the bill on the EPA's new Waters of the United States or WOTUS rule.

Another bill we are working on is the genetically modified organism (GMO) food labeling bill. Yet another bill that is very interesting is the country of origin labeling (COOL).

COOL was ruled illegal and Canada and Mexico are waiting for the final ruling so that they can put a tax levy on imports from the U.S.

A couple of the other bills are about taking the wolves off the endangered list, renewable fuel standards and death tax repeal.

The goal of these visits is to inform our legislative representatives how Farm Bureau feels on these issues and tell them why we support or don't support their actions. This is one of the important actions of Farm Bureau. I will have an update for you in our next newsletter as to how the Washington, D.C., visits were and if we accomplished our goals.

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau also holds Ag Day at the Capitol to inform our state representatives as to our views on farming activities. The date for the 2016 Ag Day at the Capitol is January 27. Please save the date and join the group from our county to make an impact.

Mike Salter
Outagamie County Farm Bureau President

Farm Bureau Bake-Off Made a Lasting Impact

By **Wes Raddatz**, District 7 Coordinator

Former Outagamie County Farm Bureau women's committee chair, Delores Flunker, contacted me about a very special communication she received.

She got a card in the mail from someone she has never met, but whose life she apparently touched back in July of 1991 through the Outagamie County Farm Bureau women's committee sponsored bake-off and recipe contest. Delores' letter reads as follows:

Delores

Thank you! I've been making your peach muffins for many years – my newspaper recipe is yellowed and fragile, but still intact. I believe it was the winning recipe in the Outagamie County Farm Bureau Bake-off at some point. You've made many a happy mouth with that recipe! We lost the corner that says the temp and time. 400 and 20, I believe!

Just saw your name on the clipping and decided to try and thank you. You popped right up on Google!

Hope you're continuing your cooking adventures!

*Becki Burman
Laramie, Wyoming*

Delores was able to find the newspaper clippings and notes from the Outagamie County Farm Bureau women's committee meetings and asked me to share the recipe again.

I couldn't resist making a batch myself using yogurt and fresh peaches, and I have to say they



Delores Flunker's winning bake-off recipe from 1991 is still making an impression in Laramie, WY.

are indeed fantastic!

Maybe Delores will get another note from someone else in another 24 years. Probably from me, as this recipe has now found a spot in my "favorites" file.

The note from Becki Burman to Delores is certainly proof that we can never underestimate the impact we can have when we advocate for agriculture.

Especially with today's social media options, your positive messages about agriculture and farming's benefits to society and the economy may go much further than you ever imagined that they would.

Policy Development Report

The following resolutions were created at the August 13 Policy Development meeting and will be voted on at the Outagamie County Farm Bureau annual meeting on October 8 at the River Rail Bar and Grill in Shiocton.

1. We support a two- to five-cent per gallon tax increase on all off-road fuel including gasoline and diesel. These funds are to be allocated to the towns without affecting the existing calculations for allocations.

2. We support adding an opt-out clause to Natural

Resources Conservation Service programs if there are material changes to the program during the duration of the program.

3. Definition of milk: The U.S. Food and Drug Administration should enforce a rule stating that the word milk should not be used for secretions from plants.

4. WFBF bylaws should change the name of the WFBF Women's Committee to the WFBF Promotion and Education Committee.

District 7 Discussion Meet

District 7 YFA Representatives Brian and Kristi Fiedler coordinated the District 7 Discussion Meet on September 9 at the CRI Resource Center in Shawano.

Brian Preder, Waupaca County; Peter Schmidt, Shawano County; and Christa Hoffman, Shawano County competed and will be competing during the state competition in December.

Shawano County Farm Bureau members Adam Kuczer, UW-Extension agent Jamie Patton and Angie Ahlgrim from CRI served as the judges for the competition.



Competing at the District 7 YFA Discussion Meet included (L-R) Brian Preder, Waupaca County; Peter Schmidt, Shawano County; and Christa Hoffman, Shawano County.

'All About Beef' App Features Two New Games

The American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture released a new educational app, 'All About Beef,' funded in part by the Beef Checkoff.

App versions of "The Steaks are High" and "Grocery Grab" are STEM-based games funded by the Beef Checkoff Program and geared toward students in grades third through fifth. In addition to teaching nutrition and environmental facts, the app also feature kid-friendly beef recipes.

The My American Farm games, including "The Steaks are High" and "Grocery Grab" are available on the iTunes store for iPhone and iPad, at Google Play for Android devices, on Amazon for the Kindle Fire and on www.MyAmericanFarm.org.

The Beef Checkoff Program funded development of this game and supporting resources. The Beef Checkoff Program was established as part of the 1985 farm bill. The checkoff assesses \$1 per head on the sale of live domestic and imported cattle, in addition to a comparable assessment on imported beef and beef products.

The My American Farm educational resource is a project of the Foundation and the site and resources are made possible through the generous support of title sponsor, DuPont Pioneer.

For My American Farm resources, visit www.MyAmericanFarm.org.

Humor Corner By LeRoy Van Asten

The nicest thing about the future is...that it always starts tomorrow.

Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.

If you don't have a sense of humor, you probably don't have any sense at all.

A taxi driver is probably the only person who can make a living by driving customers away.



There are Benefits to Your Farm Bureau Membership:

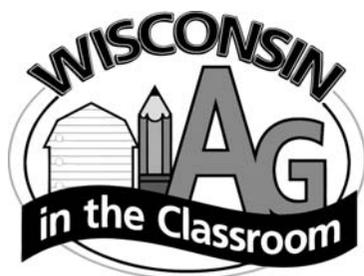
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 - Wyndham Hotel Group

- Financial**
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 - Farm Bureau Bank
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- \$500 Reward Protection Program
 - Accidental Death Policy

For complete details visit wfbf.com/benefits-membership.

Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Offers Teacher Mini-Grants



Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom program is offering grants up to \$100 to pre-school through high school teachers, in a public or private school system, to fund projects that promote agricultural

literacy in the classroom.

Grants can be used for innovative lessons, activities, resources, presentations, school fairs and other creative ideas. Projects should focus on integrating agriculture into a variety of curriculum areas.

A selection committee will review all funding requests that are properly completed and postmarked by the **October 15** deadline. Applications can be downloaded from www.wisagclassroom.org

under the quick links section. Four signed copies of the application must be submitted.

Items considered when evaluating the applications include quality and uniqueness of the agricultural lesson, activity or project, integration of agriculture into a variety of curriculum areas, alignment with educational standards, assessment methods used to evaluate student's knowledge and quality of application.

The proposed project must be targeted to grades pre-K through 12 and should enhance student knowledge of the contribution made by agriculture.

Projects that use funds toward an ongoing, sustainable education effort will receive preference over those that involve a one-time program. Proposed projects or events designed to reach large groups of students will be given preference, as will those that involve innovative approaches to promoting agricultural literacy.

Caterpillar, Inc., Is a New Wisconsin Farm Bureau Member Benefit

Wisconsin Farm Bureau and Caterpillar, Inc., announce a new partnership that will provide members up to \$2,000 in purchase incentives on Cat machines. In addition, Caterpillar plans to support Farm Bureau programs in 2016 and coordinate with Farm Bureau on other efforts.

"Our extensive product line, with more than 300 Cat machines, reflects our commitment to the ongoing success of American agriculture and rural businesses," Dustin Johansen, Caterpillar Agriculture Industry Manager, said. "We're proud to partner with Wisconsin Farm Bureau and the American Farm Bureau Federation and help members get their jobs done with the highest quality, best value equipment, attachments and integrated solutions in the industry."

Eligible equipment includes Cat skid steer loaders, compact and multi-terrain loaders, wheel loaders, telehandlers, backhoe loaders, hydraulic excavators and track-type tractors. A range of incentives are offered:

- Small Wheel Loaders: \$2,000
- Compact Wheel Loaders: \$1,000
- Small Dozers: \$1,000
- Backhoe Loaders: \$500-\$1,000
- Compact Track Loaders: \$500-\$1,000
- Multi Terrain Loaders: \$500-\$1,000
- Skid Steer Loaders: \$500-\$1,000
- Telehandlers: \$500 - \$1,000
- Mini Hydraulic Excavators: \$250-\$500

"Everyone at Wisconsin Farm Bureau is excited about this new

member benefits offering," said Jim Holte, WFBF President. "Caterpillar and agriculture have a shared history that goes back more than century and our new partnership will make it easier for our members to improve productivity and efficiency to maintain profit margins."



In addition to providing reliable, fuel-efficient equipment that is more economical for farmers and rural business people to own and operate, Caterpillar also is committed to the safety of operators and ongoing innovation in design and engineering.

The Farm Bureau member benefit discount on Cat machines can be combined with any retail discounts, promotions, rebates or offers available through Caterpillar or its dealers, with the exception of other membership purchase incentives.

All WFBF members are eligible. Discounts cannot be applied to past purchases. Members must provide a valid member verification certificate to the Cat dealer at the time of purchase to receive the discount. Certificates may be obtained at www.fbdadvantage.com/cat.

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November Fruit Order Cancelled

By Judy and Mike Salter

The last fruit order received was peaches and blueberries that came from Michigan.



The peaches were great but the blueberries weren't quite up to standards of other years. Apparently they had a picking problem because the usual help wasn't available.

Between both the peaches and blueberries, we had more than 100 boxes of fruit, which was a good order.

The next fruit order will be the spring strawberry order.

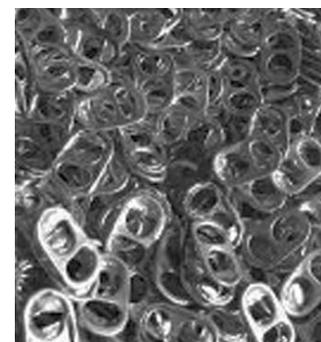
Florida canceled the November fruit order and they also said that they do not produce the orange juice concentrate anymore.

They do have a December grapefruit and orange order but we do not plan to participate in it because we don't want to compete with school fundraisers for Christmas orders.

Save Your Can Pop Tabs!

The state women's committee is once again collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald's House.

Last year, 734 pounds were collected, which is the equivalent to more than one million tabs.



The committee has set a goal of 700 pounds for this year.

If you are interesting in contributing, please contact Katelin Haglund at 715-210-5384. Help District 7 lead the state!