



## Washington County Farm Bureau

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### Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

### Volunteers Needed for Food Stand



The Washington County Fair runs from **Tuesday, July 26, thru Sunday, July 31.**

Once again, we are asking for your help at the fair food stand and we are open to any volunteer, you do not need to be a Farm Bureau member to help. Come and enjoy the fun at the food stand, meet your friends and make new ones, too.

**Tuesday, July 26**  
4:30-8:30 p.m.  
8 p.m.-cleanup

**Wednesday, July 27**  
9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
1:30 p.m.-5 p.m.  
4:45 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
8 p.m.-cleanup

**Thursday, July 28**  
9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
1:30 p.m.-5 p.m.  
4:45 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
8 p.m.-cleanup

**Friday, July 29**  
9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
1:30 p.m.-5 p.m.  
4:45 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
8 p.m.-cleanup

**Saturday, July 30**  
9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
1:30 p.m.-5 p.m.  
4:45 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
8 p.m.-cleanup

**Sunday, July 31**  
9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
1:30 p.m.-5 p.m.  
4:45 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
Clean-up crew @  
6:30 p.m.

The fair is the biggest fundraiser for the organization. Your time at the food stand entitles you to a free pass into the fair and you also can enjoy a sandwich, dessert and beverage before or after your four-hour shift and then take in the rest of the fair.

Volunteers also receive a free invitation to the appreciation dinner during the Washington County Farm Bureau annual meeting on **Tuesday, October 4.**

Please see the below schedule for dates and times. If you want to volunteer, please contact Mariann Gundrum at 262.483.5114. Confirmation letters and passes will be sent in late June to last year's volunteers.

### Essay Contest Promotes A Wisconsin Tradition

Washington County fourth and fifth grade students participated in the Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom essay contest 'Tell us about producing maple syrup in Wisconsin.'



Vanessa Ivanov (Amy Belle Elementary School) and Mariann Gundrum.



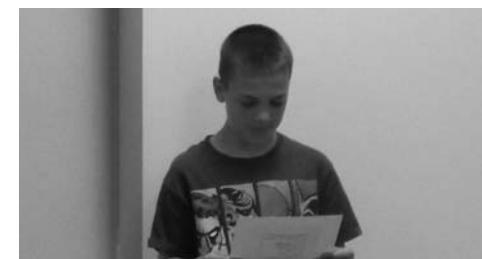
Timothy Rodman (The Rodman Homeschool) demonstrated drilling into a tree.

Students wrote about tools needed, tree identification, the process of making maple syrup, importance of temperature, trips to the sugarbush and being involved with a family making maple syrup.

Six schools submitted 87 essays. The winners were:

- First place, Vanessa Ivanov, Amy Belle Elementary School
- Second place: Timothy Rodman, The Rodman Homeschool
- Third place: Garrett Weber, Allenton Elementary School

Vanessa, Timothy, Garrett and their parents have been invited to the Washington County Farm Bureau annual meeting on **Tuesday, October 4,** when the students will share their essays.



Garrett Weber (Allenton Elementary) read in front of the class.



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## Fourth Grade Students Make the Connection: Food, Agriculture and Conservation

The old saying goes, 'April showers bring May flowers.' April in Wisconsin is when farmers are gearing up to sow their fields for the growing season. We also are hosting students from across the county on four different Washington County farms.

Each year, Farm Bureau and Dairy Promotion partner with Washington County Land Conservation to bring fourth grade students to the farm to give them a 'taste' of where their food comes from.

On April 21, 22 and May 18, more than 1,000 students left the classroom to learn why agriculture is an \$88.3 billion industry in Wisconsin.

In celebration of National Ag Day, students from Addison Elementary School, Allenton Elementary School, Amy Belle Elementary School, Decorah Elementary School, Erin Elementary School, Farmington Elementary School, Friess Lake Elementary School, Jackson Elementary School, Kewaskum Elementary

School, MacArthur Elementary School, Morning Star Lutheran School, Richfield Elementary School, Rockfield Elementary School, Rossman Elementary School, Slinger Elementary School, St. Boniface Catholic School, St. Gabriel Catholic School, St. John's Lutheran School, St. Peter Catholic School and Wayne Elementary School (i4Learning) had their eyes opened to dairy farming, beef farming, cash and grain cropping, farm equipment, farming practices, soil conservation, fertilizer management and how every student relies on a farmer each day.

Thank you to Ross Bishop, Charlie Jones, Bob Falk and the Wolf family at Sunset Farms for hosting tours; Gehring's Meat Market for the beef sticks; Cedar Valley Cheese, Inc., for the string cheese; Kemps LLC for the white and chocolate milk; and Quality Removal LLC for sanitary services.

For more information, please contact Stephanie Egner at [stephanie.egner@co.washington.wi.us](mailto:stephanie.egner@co.washington.wi.us).

Please send thanks from Morning Star to Farmer Ross and Farmer Charlie. The tour was wonderful! The kids were so excited at what they had seen today. The farm equipment at Farmer Ross's farm was amazing. The cattle coming up to the kids was so interesting - never knew they could be so curious. The dairy cows and baby calves also were so fun for them to see at Farmer Charlie's farm. We had a great day, and I certainly look forward to taking my class next year.

Thanks so much!  
Kim Zaporski  
Morning Star Lutheran,  
Jackson



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I just wanted to let you know that we had a wonderful time yesterday. The Falks were very gracious in allowing us to take time from their busy schedules to educate our students about agriculture. We thoroughly enjoyed the time spent on the farm.

Thank you again,  
Julie Schuessler  
Farmington Elementary School

## Nurture Your Leadership Skills

By Dave Daniels, District 1 Director



Summer is right around the corner. Hopefully the planting season was kind to you and now it is time to nurture those seedlings.

These seedlings need the farmer's help with fertilizing at the right time, suppressing weed pressure and scouting for insect and disease stress.

The WFBF Board of Directors did a bit of nurturing in April. The 2015 WFB Foundation Institute class joined the board members on a trip to Washington, D.C. We attended a fast-paced meeting with American Farm Bureau staff who covered the legislation actions and policies that are facing the American farmer.

USDA representatives discussed how the government agencies have programs in place that will directly affect rural America and how we can more efficiently carry on our business. We also visited the New Zealand embassy to give the class members an idea of how other countries look at our agriculture sector and how it interacts with theirs. Now, that is fertilizing your mind in a short 24-hour time frame.

The next step is to help them understand how to interact all

this information to our legislative representatives in Washington, D.C., and the consumers in Wisconsin and across the country. This is a small part of the Institute program.

This program is highly regarded around the state as an elitist teaching tool for future leaders. Wisconsin Farm Bureau is proud to offer this to their members and there will be another class graduating at the end of this year and this summer, members are asked to apply for the 2017 class.

Please think about what you can do for your organization by nurturing your leadership skills and developing them to the next level for your community.

Summer is a grand season, enjoy the long days and nurture those crops for a bountiful harvest.

## Scholarships Awarded to Five Ag Students

Congratulations to our 2016 Farm Bureau scholarship recipients:

- **Tiffany Miller**, daughter of Stanley and Sherry Miller of Cedarburg, will be a sophomore at UW-River Falls.
  - **Heidi Neuburg**, daughter of Donald and Angela Neuburg of Richfield, will be a freshman at UW-Platteville.
  - **Emily Schalla**, daughter of Larry and Susan Schalla of West Bend, will be a senior at UW-River Falls.
  - **Ian Wetterau**, son of Troy and Laurie Wetterau of Germantown, will be a junior at UW-Platteville.
  - **Jenny Ziemer**, daughter of James and Sharon Ziemer of Cedarburg, will be in her fourth year at UW-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine.
- Each is entitled to \$750 after his or her fall semester and scholarship requirements are met.

An awards presentation will be held at 9:30 a.m. on **Saturday, July 30**, during the Washington County Fair.



## Young Farmer and Agriculturist Discussion Meet Set



The Discussion Meet gives young members an opportunity to demonstrate their speaking skills on agricultural-related topics. Contestants are judged on their problem-solving skills as they discuss timely topics with their colleagues.

**Topic:** Today's food companies employ many tactics to gain a marketing edge. What is the purpose of food labels? How can Farm Bureau work to ensure that consumers understand the labels and have confidence in the safety and quality of their food?

**Date:** Wednesday, August 24

**Time:** Arrive at 6:30 p.m., Discussion Meet at 7 p.m., with cookout afterwards.

**Location:** Jell's Market, N5648 South Farmington Road, Hellenville.

For more information or if you are interested in participating or attending, please contact Peter Muth at petermuth@bertramwireless.com or 262.689.2536. For details on upcoming YFA events 'Like' Washington County Farm Bureau and YFA on Facebook, and visit wfbf.com/countyfarmbureaus/washington.

## Safety On The Roads: Lighting and Marking

Lighting and marking of implements of husbandry (IOH) are valuable safety features when operating on public roads and new regulations took effect on November 1, 2015.

A slow-moving vehicle (SMV) emblem is a required marking on any type of IOH and shall be displayed at all times on the most visible rear area of the vehicle or combination of vehicles.

For more information on the lighting and marking requirements of non-wide IOH, wide IOH, agricultural IOH trains and trailering IOH, please visit fyi.uwex.edu/ioh.



## Summer District 1 Policy Development Meeting

**When:** Wednesday, July 13

**Where:** The Machine Shed, N14 W24145 Tower Place, Pewaukee

- 6:15 p.m. - Social
- 6:30 p.m. - Buffet dinner
- 7-9 p.m. - Policy Development meeting

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



## We're Growing Leaders.

Be a member of the 2017 Leadership Institute



The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Leadership Institute develops strong and effective county Farm Bureau leaders of all ages and experience. As an Institute member you will participate in engaging and interactive sessions where you will develop your personal leadership skills, dive into your creative side, advocate for agriculture and learn more about Farm Bureau's grassroots policy development process.

Apply today at <http://bit.ly/WFBInstitute>. You won't regret this rewarding experience!

Applications are due August 15, 2016.



## We Want You! Apply by July 1



### Excellence in Agriculture

The Excellence in Agriculture Award judges participants on their involvement in agriculture, leadership ability, involvement and participation in Farm Bureau and other civic and service organizations. Applicants must have derived a majority of their income from a non-production agribusiness enterprise for the past three years.



### Achievement Award

The Achievement Award judges participants on their involvement in agriculture, leadership ability, involvement and participation in Farm Bureau and other civic and service organizations. Applicants must have derived a majority of their income from on farm production for the past three years.

The YFA Program is funded by 5 for Farming's Future (WFB Foundation)

Get your application here: [bit.ly/WIYFAContests](http://bit.ly/WIYFAContests)  
Peter Muth petermuth@bertramwireless.com or 262.689.2536

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

For complete details visit [wfbf.com/benefits-membership](http://wfbf.com/benefits-membership).

## Watch for Ag Transportation Tidbits on WFBF's Facebook Page

Now that the implements of husbandry (IOH) trilogy is complete, but yet so many questions still remain, there has been discussion of creating a Wisconsin agriculture transportation guide book. This book will encompass aspects of operating or transporting ag-related equipment and supplies in Wisconsin including state and federal laws.

WFBF Senior Director of Governmental Relations Rob Richard and Cheryl Skjolaas of UW Extension, are working with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to write this guide book with a goal of completing it by September 1.

In preparation for the guide book, WFBF has been rolling out 'Today's Ag Transportation Tidbit' on social media. These posts are simple, yet important, transportation laws or rules that apply to ag-related equipment and its operation or transport on Wisconsin roads.

Even though many of you will know these laws, it's our hope that you will share them via social media to reach and educate a much wider audience. More importantly, any feedback that



you provide will help us prioritize specific issues for the guide book.

For other tidbits from WFBF's 'Today's Ag Transportation Tidbit', visit [facebook.com/WIFarmBureau](http://facebook.com/WIFarmBureau).

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## Board Nominations Needed for October Election

The Nominating Committee is seeking individuals who are interested in serving a three-year term on the Washington County Farm Bureau board of directors. Board meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month, except in July and November.

For more information or if you are interested, please contact Nominating Committee chair Judy Kasten at 262.628.9262.

## County Annual Meeting and Fair Appreciation



When: Tuesday, October 4

- 6 p.m. - Registration and cash bar
- 7 p.m. - Dinner at The Columbian, West Bend

Cost: \$5 per person

Washington County Fair food stand workers will receive a dinner voucher in the mail.

## Agricultural Education Seeks Change

The WFBF Promotion and Education Program is a dynamic group of Farm Bureau leaders who develop, implement and promote projects and programs that build awareness and understanding of agriculture and provide leadership development for the agricultural community.

The state Promotion and Education Committee is a group of nine leaders who represent the nine Wisconsin Farm Bureau districts. The two main avenues to which the WFBF Promotion and Education Program directs their focus are Ag in the Classroom and Our Food Link programs.

The Washington County Women's Committee promotes these two programs; however, members want it expanded to include women and men. Agricultural education is taught by everyone and should encompass all members. A by-law change will be voted on **October 4** at the Washington County annual meeting dissolving the Women's Committee and creating a new Promotion and Education Committee.

**Sundae for \$1.00**  
Turn in 25 REAL Seals to the Farm Bureau Food Stand at this year's Washington County Fair July 26th - 31st and receive a Sundae for \$1.00 ea.  
Sponsored by the Washington County Dairy Promotion Committee



**I'm attending!**  
**Will you?**

Join us for the 2016 Wisconsin Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Agriculturists Conference, December 2-4 at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells!

Never attended the Young Farmer and Agriculturist Conference? Now is your chance to experience this conference for **FREE!** You will network, learn and have fun with engaging speakers, educational workshops, contests and more.

If you are a first-time attendee, Rural Mutual Insurance will pay the conference registration fee for you and a guest and two nights lodging at the Kalahari Resort. Registration fee includes registrant meals, workshop sessions and entertainment. **BUT HURRY!** This sponsorship is limited to 50 individuals/couples! Complete the short application at <http://bit.ly/YFAConference2016>

### Qualify for Cash - Refer A Friend!

Any YFA member who refers a first-time attendee who is accepted for sponsorship and attends the event will qualify for a \$100 cash award.

(Limit one award per family and you must be present at Friday night's banquet to qualify.)

## Farm Technology Days in July

Wisconsin's premier farm event is **July 19-21** in Walworth County. Volunteers are needed for the Field Demonstration Committee to drive tractors, pull the trams and be spotters on the trams to help visitors on and off vehicles.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Kathy Baumeister at [kathybaumeister@gmail.com](mailto:kathybaumeister@gmail.com) or Russ Weis at [rdweis@wi.rr.com](mailto:rdweis@wi.rr.com).

Farm Technology Days provides a great opportunity to showcase the latest innovations in agriculture, so be sure to attend the show.

For more information, visit [www.wifarmtechnologydays.com/walworth](http://www.wifarmtechnologydays.com/walworth).

