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County Continues to Develop Ag in the Classroom Program

Winnebago County Ag in the Classroom coordinator Cecelia Brooks had a busy summer attending the Oshkosh Farmer's Market on Saturdays to conduct a variety of hands on Ag in the Classroom activities. She conducted the making a "garden in a glove" activity, a handprint animal activity, butter making and had children take a "cheese quiz" and answer Wisconsin agriculture trivia. Each Saturday she worked with approximately 35-60 youth. According to Cecelia, "It's just cool being able to reach into an urban community and educate people on where their food comes from and how agriculture impacts their lives."

If you are interested in getting involved in the county Ag in the Classroom program, contact Cecelia Brooks at 920.420.3660.



(L to R) Madi and Sabrina Brooks assisted their mom, Cecelia Brooks, with the "Garden in the Glove" Ag in the Classroom activity at the Oshkosh Farmer's Market this summer.

Winnebago County Farm Bureau Holds Annual Meeting



Forty-five members met on September 24 at the Wedgewood Supper Club in Omro for the Winnebago County Farm Bureau annual meeting.

Winnebago County Farm Bureau Board Says Thank You!

The Winnebago County Farm Bureau board of directors would like to thank Nick Schneider and Joe Hughes for their service on the Winnebago County Farm Bureau board of directors. Both Nick and Joe decided not to rerun for the board this year.

The board would also like to welcome Becky Mills who was recently elected to serve on the county Farm Bureau board.

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you!



COUNTYnews

WINNEBAGO COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

Dairy Promotion Committee Report – A Year in Review By Dan Hinz

The Dairy Promotion committee was active in Winnebago County. Chocolate milk was donated as a recovery drink for the Oshkosh Half Marathon in April. Chocolate milk was also donated for the EAA Runway Walk/Run in July. This was the first year we donated milk for the EAA Runway Walk/Run and we showcased our dairy products to a national and international group of people. Cheese was also donated to area food pantries last year around the Christmas holiday season. We are always willing to donate dairy products for educational farm tours in our county. Several farms have given educational farm tours this year. The Dairy Promotion committee also did a milk promotion at the county fair this year. Milk is sold cheaper than other beverages with the Dairy Promotion committee paying the difference. The Dairy Promotion committee also does the Decorate to Educate program at the county fair.

The Winnebago County Farm Bureau and the Dairy Promotion committee organized one of the bigger events of the year at Kevin and Kim Radloff's Farm, the 2014 Winnebago County Breakfast on the Farm. The board would like to extend a thank you to Kevin and Kim and their sons, Nick and Aaron, for opening up their farm and hosting this year's breakfast which served 1,850 people.

The board would like to thank the Breakfast Committee members, everyone involved in the planning the event and everyone who volunteered the day of the Breakfast. The goal of the Breakfast Committee is to help urban people understand that agriculture is still about neighbors feeding neighbors. A lot of the food served was raised and processed locally. Kevin and Kim are farmers for Agropur, and they donated cheese for the breakfast. Cheese was also donated by BelGioioso. The sausage was donated by Beck's Meat Processing. Beck's is local and is well-known among livestock raisers for purchasing local animals, supporting the county fair meat animal project, and custom meat processing for direct market farmers. Ice cream, made by Wisconsin's Sassy Cow Creamer, was donated by Badgerland Financial. Also, a big thank you goes to Dirk and Ellen Binnema and the team at Planeview Travel Plaza for preparing the breakfast.

This year we changed our format for sponsorship for the Breakfast and found success.



Please patronize and thank our sponsors:

- **Platinum Sponsors** (donating \$2,000 or more in cash or product) are Beck's Meat Processing, DL Agriculture Equipment, Kettlewell Welding and Concrete, McDonald's, Planeview Travel Plaza, Rob and Louise from the Bug Retro Radio and Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board.
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For more information on the county dairy promotion activities or if you would like to get involved with next year's breakfast, please contact dairy promotion chair Dan Hinz at 920.376.0371 or danhinz_728@hotmail.com.

Upcoming Dairy Promotion Event

The county's Dairy Promotion committee will be teaming up with the Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services to do a dairy promotion event by donating chocolate milk and promoting chocolate milk as a recovery drink for the runners participating in the 12th annual Race for the Light. This is a fun-filled run/walk through Oshkosh. This year it will be held the evening of December 6, starting at the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh. Come enjoy a beautiful race route featuring festively decorated homes, carolers and musicians, as well as more than one million lights and displays from the Celebration of Lights in Menominee Park.

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Everywhere I look I find another opportunity to spread positive messages about agriculture. I don't think we could ever have enough money and volunteers to feed the consumers insatiable appetite for knowledge of our farming practices, and what life is really like in agriculture. For many of us who spent a winter

thawing waterers and trying to figure out how to handle enormous volumes of frozen manure, consumers can wait. A cold wet spring and poor growing conditions to start the crop year yielded another season with little spare time. It seems like we just planted and fall is here and somehow two weeks just simply disappeared from the calendar.

I am a farmer too, and I understand that with each of these scenarios the decision to keep your head down and your plow in the furrow seems reasonable. If I work hard I can make up any deficits that occurred because of weather or bad luck.

Realistically while your head is down looking in that furrow the world around continues on its merry way. The people who consume our products continue to drift further from any connection they may have once had with agriculture and its realities. Lack of knowledge about how food and fiber are produced leaves a vacuum where fear-mongers fill their minds with exaggerations and lies. Propaganda disguised in the form of documentaries provide false facts. The "Factory Farm" label sticks and you are now public enemy #1. The public demands government intervention and micro-management of agriculture. Do you feel your freedom slipping away?

The farmer still enjoys a good reputation. If we all could find a small amount of time to donate to the cause, we could use the positive energy to fill the vacuum with the information that would give consumers confidence in agriculture far into the future. You can add to the positive energy by attending a meeting and sharing just one thought, taking the time to explain your farming practices, volunteering at events to promote agriculture or becoming active in the organizations you belong.

I hope in the next year Mother Nature is a little more cooperative and allows you more time to look for these opportunities to positively tell your agricultural story.

Agriculturally yours,

Jim Kasten

Winnebago County Farm Bureau President

2014 Annual Meeting
December 5-8

INNOVATE
EDUCATE
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Kalahari Resort and Conference Center, Wisconsin Dells

STOMPIN' THE SHED AT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2015
7:30 P.M. **BRIGHTON ACRES**
4057 Fisk Avenue • Oshkosh

TICKETS:
For ticket information contact Charlie Knigge 920.379.3934.

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FEATURED BAND:
Spitfire RODEO

Hosted By: Winnebago County Farm Bureau YFA

2014 Winnebago County Farm Bureau Resolutions

The following resolutions were approved by Winnebago County Farm Bureau voting members at the county's annual meeting held September 24 at the Wedgewood Supper Club in Omro. The resolutions will be submitted to the WFBF Policy Development Committee and county delegates will discuss proposed policy at the WFBF Annual Meeting on December 8. Jim Kasten, Kim Radloff and Carol Ihde were selected to serve as delegates for Winnebago County.

1. The user of UAS (Unmanned Aircraft Systems) for information gathering needs to gain consent of the landowner and land operator.
2. The operator of a UAS should have a permit and be properly insured.
3. Unauthorized use of a UAS to a person or entity would be punishable by law.
4. We support legislation that requires person(s) witnessing animal abuse to report findings to management and/or the proper authorities within 24 hours of witnessing such action, or face being charged as an accomplice. Any video footage submitted, must be unedited.
5. We encourage the University of Wisconsin-Extension to explore the option of a regional extension system.
6. The University of Wisconsin – Extension system should consider lifting the requirements of needing a master's degree in order to work as a county agent.
7. Technical College advisory boards should have local representation.

Save the Date: 5th Annual Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit

By **Brianna Ditzenberger**, District 2 Representative for the Women's Program for Education and Leadership

With the chilly days of fall in swing, we know winter is on the way. To keep our thoughts warm over the next six months, let's look forward to the 5th anniversary of the Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit!



If you haven't attended the summit or are considering it, here are the top five reasons you should mark your calendar for March 13-14 in Madison:

1. **Networking opportunities.** Meet other women passionate about agriculture during this two-day event.
2. **Be inspired.** Through networking and social aspects of the Summit, you are guaranteed to leave with ideas and inspiration.

3. **Education.** With new breakout sessions, there is something for everyone.

4. **Rooted in Agriculture.** This year's keynote is well-known in Wisconsin agriculture; get ready for a relatable and inspiring welcome!

5. **Fun!** How often is it that women from all areas of the state come together to energize our spirits and celebrate our connection to the agriculture community? Once a year – at the Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit.

This event is a shared vision between the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, Badgerland Financial and UW-Extension. See you in March!

District Director Report



WFBF has had another eventful year. We successfully lobbied to raise IOH (Implement of Husbandry) axle weights on roads from 20,000 to 23,000 pounds. This new law may seem complicated but the outcome is the same. We are able to continue to use combines, choppers and larger equipment that were more than the 20,000 pounds per axle limit.

The foundation has also had a very active year. We continue to touch more people with the leadership program and the YFA programs. This not only helps Farm Bureau but also local communities and other organizations that these people may serve on. I truly wish success for everyone going through these programs.

Ag in the Classroom also has a new leader as Darlene Arneson went on to run the Norwegian Heritage Center in Stoughton. Wendy Kannel took over and ran a very successful Ag Open golf outing. Wendy is a very dedicated and

ambitious person and is very capable of taking Ag in the Classroom to the next success level.

The WFB Foundation is a vital part of our organization. It allows us to fund many of our programs. But the Foundation has been slowly depleted year after year. With that in mind the WFBF Board has voted to add a \$5 foundation donation to the membership billing statement. This will "stop the bleeding" of the Foundation. The WFBF Board is dedicated to not only stop the depletion of the Foundation but to grow the fund. We are looking at many things such as efficiencies in operations, eliminating outdated items, foundation events and sponsorships.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone who dedicates their time for this organization. Farm Bureau would not be what it is without the many volunteer leaders. As we look back on our successes we also need to note there are many challenges ahead. I look forward to working with all of you to create another successful year next year.

Kevin Krentz

WFBF District 5 Board Director

District Coordinator Report



By the time you read this I will have completed attending all seven of my county annual meetings. The county annual meeting season is my favorite time during the Farm Bureau year. It's a great time for the county Farm Bureau to reflect back on last year's accomplishments and begin to set new goals for the upcoming year.

It is a truly rewarding experience to work with each of the seven county Farm Bureau board of directors in the district. District 5 is one of nine Farm Bureau districts in the state. Our district includes the counties of: Adams, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Juneau, Marquette, Waushara and Winnebago. Each county is unique and the diversity and strengths of all the counties is what continues to make District 5 successful!

This year District 5 celebrated many successes, including:

- More than **40** board members from the district attended the first ever leaders meeting held in February.
- **Thirty** members attended one of two district Policy Development meetings held this fall.
- **Forty** plus members attended the annual Ag Day at the Capitol event.
- **Four** out of the seven counties reached their new voting goal by the April 30 early bird incentive deadline.
- **Three** members are part of the 2014 WFBF Leadership Institute program and two members from the district have applied to be part of the 2015 program.
- **Six** YFA members competed in the WFBF YFA Achievement Award contest and FDL YFA member Chris Pollack made it into the final four.

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- **Five** YFA members competed in the WFBF YFA Excellence in Agriculture contest and Marquette YFA member Amanda Zuehl made it into the final four.
- **Six** YFA members competed in the district YFA Discussion Meet contest and more than 30 members attended the district Discussion Meet held in August.
- **Six** members have signed at least five new voting members and will be recognized as producer club membership workers.

Adams County member Michelle Bula is completing her first year representing the district on the WFBF Women's Committee. I would also like to thank Tim Clark for serving the last three years as the district YFA representative. Tim will complete his term on the committee this year. Marquette YFA member Amanda Knoch was appointed to replace Tim on the YFA Committee.

I also want to personally invite each of you to attend the WFBF Annual Meeting December 6-8, at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

If you have any questions throughout the year, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Becky Hibicki, District 5 Coordinator
(bhibicki@wfbf.com or 920.517.2445)



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District 5 Holds YFA Discussion Meet

The District 5 YFA Discussion Meet was held August 21 at the City Inn Bar and Grill in Berlin. More than 30 people attended the event with six YFA members competing in the Discussion Meet. Several Winnebago YFA members attended the event.



Welcome New Farm Bureau Members

AMB Stables LLC	Dan Lenz
Matt Armatoski	Susan Lindsey
Matthew Armstrong	Daniel Lipinski
Christine Baerwald	Matthew Miller
Allison Ballard	Maria Nason
Katherine Baltus	Jason Norisada
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Ashley Lenz	Katherine Zastrow

Time to Ride

Did you know that starting July 1, anyone who has been a Farm Bureau member for at least 30 days can get \$200-\$300 worth of discounts on Polaris ATV, UTV and gem electric vehicles? The newest Farm Bureau member benefit is a manufacturer rebate on most Polaris products except for snowmobiles. The discount will be stackable with other Polaris discounts, promotions or rebates that may be provided by Polaris. In order to get the rebate, members need to