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Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

Congratulations and Thank You, Martin Hintz

Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation has incentives for counties who achieve their voting membership goal by April 30. The voting goal for Milwaukee County was five new voting members. Milwaukee County Farm Bureau board member Martin Hintz signed five new voting members before April 30, so the county received \$1,000 from the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation.



Martin Hintz will be recognized in December for his hard work.

In addition, because Martin Hintz signed up all five of the new members, he received \$100 (\$20 per new voting member signed between September 1, 2012 and April 30, 2013) and is also a Producer Club member. Farm Bureau volunteers qualify as members of the Producer Club by signing five or more new Farm Bureau members during the membership year. Members of the 2013 Producer Club will enjoy an exclusive gathering for members and spouses at the WFBF Annual Meeting in December. Producer Club members also receive a commemorative pin and a special gift in recognition of their efforts.

Thank you Martin Hintz for all of your hard work with membership in Milwaukee County!

Muth Appointed to State YFA Committee

Three young agricultural leaders have been appointed to the Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Young Farmer and Agriculturist Committee.

Katie Mattison of Dunn County, Peter Muth of Washington County, and Derek Orth of Grant County have been appointed to new leadership roles by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation's Board of Directors. Their terms begin at WFBF's Annual Meeting, December 7-9, in Wisconsin Dells.

Katie Mattison is an agricultural and business banker with Bremer Bank. She grew up in Amery on an elk farm. A UW-River Falls graduate in agriculture business, she previously worked for Badgerland Financial. She lives in Menominee and is a member of the current Wisconsin Farm Bureau Institute leadership class.

Peter Muth is a sixth generation dairy farmer. He and his parents have a 500-acre, 180-cow dairy farm near Fredonia. Peter is graduate of the UW-Madison's Farm and Industry Short Course. He is involved in the Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Agriculturist Program, Fillmore Fire Department and Washington County Holstein Breeders.

Derek Orth and his wife, Charisse, milk 250 cows at Orthridge Jerseys with his parents on a farm near Lancaster. Derek has a certificate in dairy herdsmanship from Utah State University. He is a board director of the Grant County Farm Bureau and treasurer of the Wisconsin Jersey Breeders Association.

The Young Farmer and Agriculturist Committee consists of nine couples or individuals (ages 18-35) from across the state. Their goal is to get more young farmers and agriculturists acquainted with and involved in Farm Bureau. They carry out a variety of statewide initiatives, such as conferences, contests and award programs.

"Farm Bureau thrives because it is made up of the best and brightest young leaders in Wisconsin agriculture. These three individuals are great additions to the YFA Committee," said Jim Holte, Wisconsin Farm Bureau President.

For more information about this committee, call 1.800.261.FARM or visit www.wfbf.com.





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MILWAUKEE COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION



Family Farm Weekend at the Milwaukee Zoo

On September 7-8, Farm Bureau members from all counties in District 1 (Jefferson, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Walworth, Washington and Waukesha) volunteered at the Family Farm Weekend at the Milwaukee County Zoo. The Family Farm Weekend is an annual event put on by the Milwaukee County Zoo. This was the first year Farm Bureau took on a role helping with the event. Members had games for kids to play and handed out prizes provided by the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board. Adults and kids spun a dairy information wheel to answer questions about Wisconsin's signature products, then received a choice of fun prizes like dairy themed school supplies and yummy chocolate milk straws. The Milwaukee County Farm Bureau table was filled with information about the Soybean Science Kit and educated those in attendance about the many uses of soybeans.



Gina Fritsch talked with Kathleen Papcke.



The Milwaukee County Farm Bureau table had a lot of information about the Soybean Science Kit.

Did you know these facts about soybeans?

- One acre of soybeans can produce 82,368 crayons.
- Soybean oil provides an environmentally friendly fuel for diesel engines.
- During the Civil War, soybeans were used in place of coffee because real coffee was scarce.
- U.S. farmers first grew soybeans as cattle feed.
- Soy ink is used to print newspapers and textbooks.
- Soybean is used in plastics, wood adhesives and textiles.
- Soybeans also find their way into candles, cleaning products and hair-care products.
- The soybean is the highest natural source of dietary fiber.
- About half of U.S. soybeans are exported to major markets including Europe, Japan, Taiwan, Mexico and South Korea.
- More soybeans are grown in the United States than anywhere else in the world.

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Kids enjoyed playing in the corn to find farm animals and win prizes.



Judy Porter (Waukesha County) handed out prizes her station.

Save the Date
AG DAY AT THE CAPITOL
January 28, 2014
Monona Terrace Convention Center • Madison, WI

More details to come! For more information or to register contact Patti Roden at 866.355.7341 or proden@wfbf.com.

See you there!

40 by 40 Campaign



In recognition of Roger Cliff's 40 years of service and dedication to Wisconsin Farm Bureau and the agricultural community, the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation has launched a special campaign. The campaign's goal is to raise \$40,000 by the conclusion of the 2013 WFBF Annual Meeting. Roger has asked that the campaign helps benefit Collegiate Farm Bureau Programs and other WFB programs.

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In order to participate, the minimum amount will be a gift of \$40. The suggested contribution levels will be \$40, \$400, \$1,400 or \$4,000. Donations of other amounts, but with a minimum of \$40, will be accepted. Amounts given less than \$40 will not be part of this campaign.

Participants will be recognized with a lapel pin; listed in the WFBF Annual Meeting Program, other retirement materials, *Rural Route*, and on the WFB Foundation website. Recognition will take place during the 2013 WFBF Annual Meeting. Forms and online donation information can be found at www.wfbf.com (click on Foundation).

Milwaukee County Farm Bureau Donates to the 40 by 40 Campaign



On behalf of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation, thank you for your donation of \$400 to the 40 by 40 campaign. The money raised will be used to enhance and improve the YFA, youth and agricultural education programs.

Young Farmer and Agriculturist (YFA) Contest Results

If you see any of these finalists wish them good luck as they compete at the YFA Conference on December 6-8.

Discussion Meet

The Discussion Meet contest gives young members a chance to demonstrate their speaking skills on agricultural-related topics. Each Wisconsin Farm Bureau district hosts a district Discussion Meet. The District 1 YFA Discussion Meet was held on August 14 in Kenosha County. There were five participants, and three were chosen to compete at the YFA Conference, December 6-8. Those who competed in the contest were Ryan Brueggemann, Waukesha County; Lindsey Drought, Racine County; Bob Nash, Ozaukee County; Emily Watson, Walworth County; Brad Vyvyan, Racine County. The three finalists are Lindsey Drought, Bob Nash and Emily Watson. Good luck Discussion Meet finalists!



Contestants left to right: Brad Vyvyan, Emily Watson, Ryan Brueggemann, Lindsey Drought and Bob Nash.

Excellence in Agriculture

The Excellence in Agriculture Award evaluates 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. The top ten applicants have been chosen, and from District 1 Christy Strobel of Jefferson County has been named as one of the top ten.

Christy Strobel is the owner and manager of AG Track, LLC in Watertown. In this position she provides farm financial management and consulting for farms and agribusinesses. Until September 2012 when she left to take on more clients with her business, Christy was a district coordinator for Wisconsin Farm Bureau. She serves on the board of directors for Jefferson County Farm Bureau and was also the YFA chair, membership chair and serves on the Ag in the Classroom committee.



Bob Nash



Emily Watson

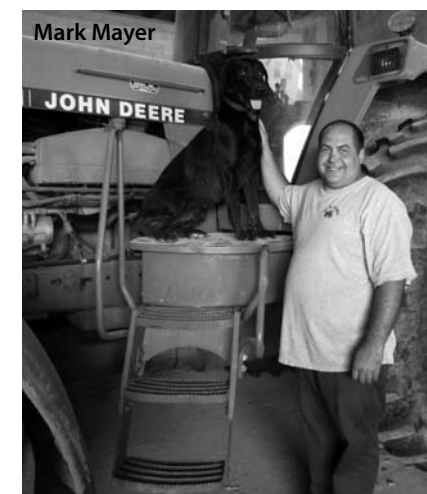


Lindsey Drought

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 top ten applicants have been chosen, and from District 1 Mark Mayer (Ozaukee County) and Peter Muth (Washington County) were named finalists.

Mark Mayer lives in Fredonia. After purchasing his first dairy cattle and utilizing rental facilities, Mark purchased his current farm in 2006 and currently farms 550 acres. He attended Lakeshore Technical College for dairy herd management. Mark is the vice president for Ozaukee County's YFA committee and also serves on the policy development board and board of directors. Mark likes to spend time with his family, including his 12 nieces and nephews. He also serves on his local fire department.



Mark Mayer



Peter Muth

Peter Muth farms with his parents in Fredonia. After completing the UW-Madison's Farm and Industry Short Course, Peter bought 18 heifers and equipment to add to the farm's equity. In 2012 Peter became a 20 percent partner in the farm. Peter is a past YFA Achievement Award finalist and a recent graduate of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Institute. He is Washington County Farm Bureau's YFA chair, serves on the policy development committee. Peter will be joining the WFBF YFA Committee in December.

Join us!

March 14-15, 2014
Madison Marriott West
Madison

Presented by:

Wisconsin
Ag Women's
SUMMIT

For more information visit: wfbf.com/programsevents/womens-program/wisconsin-ag-womens-summit.

Congratulations on Achieving Membership

Congratulations to Milwaukee County on achieving the membership goals set forth by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation. Milwaukee County achieved both the voting and total membership goals! The county will receive a minimum of \$400 for the voting gain and \$400 for the total gain. Money received from membership incentives is being used for Ag in the Classroom programs.

Membership is important, and you get a lot of benefits from your membership.

Auto	Health	Supplies and Products
• General Motors Discount	• ScriptSave® Prescription Drug Savings Card	• Case IH
Communication	• Stroke Detection Plus	• FS-GROWMARK Patronage
• AgriVisor (NEW)	Insurance	• Grainger
• The Country Today	• Rural Mutual Insurance Company	• Office Depot
Financial	• Farm Bureau Financial Services	Travel
• AgriPlan Medical Reimbursement Program	Protection	• AAA
• Farm Bureau Bank	• \$500 Reward Protection Program	• AVIS Car Rental Discount Program
	• Accidental Death Policy	• Choice Hotels International, Inc.
		• Wyndham Hotel Group

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

Tablet App for 'My American Farm' Now Available



The American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture has released a tablet app modeled after the popular agricultural game site, "My American Farm." The app is now available for free download on iTunes and Google Play.

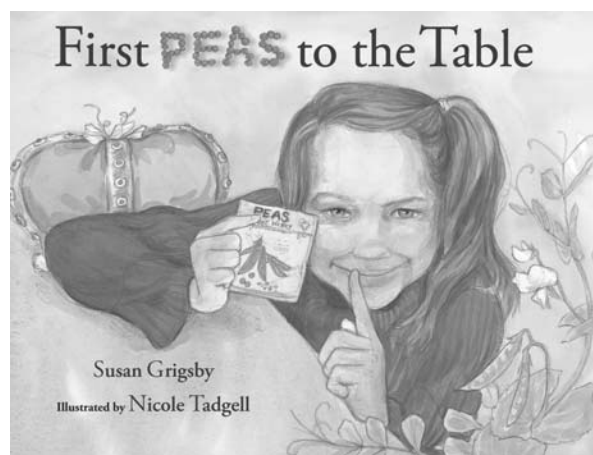
The app features five games from My American Farm—In My Barn; My Little Ag Me; Equipment Engineer; Farmer's Market Challenge; and Ag Across America.

New resources have also been developed to provide guidance for using the app in a traditional or non-traditional setting. A formal lesson plan for classroom instruction, as well as tips and tricks for suggested integration in a variety of settings will be available at www.myamericanfarm.org/games. For additional information, email myamericanfarm@fb.org.

The My American Farm educational resource is a special project of the Foundation. The site and resources are made possible through the generous support of title sponsor, DuPont Pioneer. To take advantage of the free My American Farm resources, games and activities, visit www.myamericanfarm.org.

Book of the Year and Essay Topic Selected for 2013-14 School Year

Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom and the WFBF Women's Committee selected the 2013-14 Essay Contest topic and Book of the Year. The Book of the Year is *First Peas to the Table* by Susan Grigsby. This book brings in the historical aspect with references to Thomas Jefferson and his garden research. It offers us some great ties to school gardens, plant related hands-on activities and other lessons. Copies are available for \$15 plus shipping costs. This year's essay topic is "Wisconsin gardens provide many food choices for us." The book and essay topic will allow us to educate students about where food comes from, learn about Thomas Jefferson and his gardening research, understand how plants grow and make healthy food choices. This year the contest will be sponsored by We Energies, Frontier FS and the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation. All rules, promotional materials, county Farm Bureau contacts, lessons, activities and other resources related to the essay contest and book program can be found at www.wisagclassroom.org.



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If you are interested in attending any of events happening throughout the state, district or county please contact Patti Roden at proden@wfbf.com for further information.

Milwaukee County Board of Directors



The 2013 Milwaukee County Farm Bureau board of directors includes (L to R) Elroy Honadel, John Napientek, Henry Kiesow, Martin Hintz and Scott Ninnemann.

Wonder who is leading the Milwaukee County Farm Bureau? The board of directors are:

- Scott Ninnemann, president
- Henry Kiesow, vice president
- John Napientek, secretary/treasurer
- Martin Hintz, director
- Elroy Honadel, director

If you are interested in being a part of the Milwaukee County Farm Bureau board of directors please contact a director. For further information visit the Milwaukee County Farm Bureau webpage at wfbf.com/countyfarmbureaus/milwaukee.

Wisconsin AITC on Facebook!

Find Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Program on Facebook and "like" us. We will be using this page to keep you updated on upcoming activities, posting while at events and sharing many of our resources. Please invite your teachers, volunteers and other friends to "like" the page so they also can be kept up-to-date on activities!

