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Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation



The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation invites you to attend
AG DAY AT THE CAPITOL
 March 11, 2015
 Monona Terrace Convention Center • Madison, WI

Schedule of Events:
 11:00 a.m. Registration
 11:30 a.m. Opening Program
 11:45 a.m. Lunch
 12:45 p.m. Legislative Briefing
 3:00 p.m. Leave for Capitol Visits

Early Registration Deadline: March 5
Cost: \$25 per person by registration deadline.
\$30 after deadline and at the door.

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Ag Day at the Capitol is the largest gathering of farmers from across the state representing a variety of farm groups to learn more about state issues and meet with their state legislators.

Register today! Find out more at wfbf.com/programsevents/ag-day-at-the-capitol.

Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit March 13-14

Women from the Wisconsin agriculture community are encouraged to attend the annual Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit at the Madison Marriott West in Middleton. The Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit is presented by Badgerland Financial, Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation and University of Wisconsin-Extension. The purpose of the Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit is to connect women involved in all areas of Wisconsin's diverse agriculture community.

Register and see the full schedule online at wiagwomenssummit.wordpress.com/register.





COUNTYnews

BROWN COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

Brown County Deanna Schlies named 2015 Wisconsin Fairest of the Fairs



2015 Wisconsin Fairest of the Fairs, Deanna Schlies.

After a four-day interview process with 41 fairest of the fairs around the state, it was Farm Bureau member and Brown County Fairest of the Fair, Deanna Schlies, who was selected as the 2015 Wisconsin Fairest of the Fairs.

"I am so excited! It was such an opportunity to serve the Brown County Fair last year as their Fairest. And now to meet, tour, educate and learn about the other Fairs in Wisconsin, is such a privilege" Schlies said after being crowned during the 92nd Annual

Wisconsin Association of Fairs Convention at Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

Schlies will serve as a spokesperson for the Wisconsin Association of Fairs, representing all 76 Wisconsin county and district fairs in 2015. Her one-year term begins immediately and responsibilities include traveling to fairs throughout the state making appearances, working with media and promoting the educational, social and economic importance of Wisconsin's Fair and Agriculture Industries.

In addition, she will serve as an ambassador of the 2015 Wisconsin State Fair. This includes greeting fairgoers and special guests, performing as master of ceremonies for several events during the fair, participating in various contests and representing the fair during select media appearances.

Brown County Farm Bureau Members Attend WFBF Annual Meeting



Brown County Farm Bureau delegates attended the 95th WFBF Annual Meeting to vote on policy.

District YFA Green Bay Gamblers Game and Pizza Outing Held



This year's YFA Gamblers outing took place on Saturday, January 24.

About 100 YFA members had a blast at the game and enjoyed pizza after at the Green Bay Distillery.

Read your newsletter for more information on upcoming YFA district events.



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Jamie Propson (right) represented District 6 in the finals of the state discussion meet.



Stan Kaczmarek made a donation for the silent auction.

Brown and Calumet County Farm Bureau Hold Estate Planning Meeting

On Tuesday, February 3, Brown and Calumet County Farm Bureau held a Farm Succession and Estate Planning Workshop in Greenleaf.

The program was presented by Rick Bollenbeck, an attorney specializing in estate planning and Jared Nelson from Farm Bureau Financial Services.

They explored how to be fair to your children in passing the business to your business heirs, while also providing a fair inheritance to your non-active children as well as several other estate related topics.

Thank you to Rural Mutual Insurance for partnering to share this information.



Meet Farm Bureau Women in District 6



The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Women's Committee is working on a county newsletter project in 2014-2015. It features women active throughout their district and county. Each district features one woman in all newsletters.

Char Sullivan is from Door County and has

been active in Farm Bureau for 30 plus years and has served on the county Farm Bureau Board for more than ten years.

Char is a retired home economics teacher and is a produce farmer along with her family. Char and her family operate a produce and commercial farm of 240 acres. They supply fresh produce for local farm markets, restaurants and sell some at their farm.

Some of the produce that they sell includes asparagus, rhubarb, strawberries, raspberries, potatoes, squash and much more. For hobbies, she enjoys flower gardening and collecting recipes.

Char got involved when her husband was on the Door County Farm Bureau board. Her involvement started with the fair food stand. She then got involved with Ag in the Classroom, Book of the Year, Essay Contest and June Dairy month contest.

Then the couple invited the high school agriculture classes to

visit their 40-acre produce farm and greenhouses.

They also have two interns each year from foreign countries that live and learn on the farm.

Char's favorite Farm Bureau event is the county recipe contest. She loves seeing the pride of contestants in their creations. She also enjoys the policy and political part of WFBF and is amazed at the knowledge she has gained and finds it very worthwhile.

Char would like to see more ladies run for their county's Farm Bureau president position and local boards. She also likes that Farm Bureau is offering programs that help with succession planning for farmers.

Char is involved with the Wisconsin Fruit and Vegetable Association, Buy Local Door County and is active in local school activities.

Char's role model is her husband, Steve. He is patient, a good listener and shared his Farm Bureau experiences, which helped her gain involvement in Farm Bureau.

Keep up the good work Char and thank you for sharing your story!

Rosalie Geiger

District 6 Women's Committee Representative

Congratulations to Rosalie Geiger on being elected to serve as the chair of the state Women's Committee!

Matching Grants Available Through Ag in the Classroom Program



The Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Program is accepting applications for matching grants that will be awarded to groups that promote agricultural literacy in K-12 schools.

Ag in the Classroom will award up to \$500 to groups sponsoring programs or projects that promote agricultural literacy.

Projects considered for grants 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.

Applicants must have a matching source-funder for their project equal to the amount of the Ag in the Classroom grant.

The application deadline for this grant is **April 1**.

Interested groups or schools can get an application on the Agriculture in the Classroom website at www.wisagclassroom.org under the Quick Links.

You also may contact Ag in the Classroom Coordinator Wendy Kannel at wkannel@wfbf.com, 608.828.5719.



My American Farm Has a New Look

My American Farm, the online game that lets kids have fun while learning about agriculture has gotten a facelift!

The website, myamericanfarm.org, lets you explore lesson plans, activities and videos to go along with the games as well as how you can include a My American Farm kiosk at your next event.

Interested in including a kiosk at your next event? They are now available to checkout through Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom. For more information, please contact Ag in the Classroom Coordinator Wendy Kannel at 608.828.5719, wkannel@wfbf.com.



Wisconsin Ag Open set for Sept. 14

For sponsorship and registration details, contact Wendy Kannel at wkannel@wfbf.com, 608.828.5719, or download a form from the Foundation website.

Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest

Why Are Bees Important To Wisconsin Agriculture?

Each year Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom offers an essay contest for fourth- and fifth-grade students in all public, private and home schools, including 4-H clubs, Farm Bureau families and other organizations.



The 2014-2015 topic is "Why Are Bees Important To Wisconsin Agriculture?" County contest entries are due by **April 1**.

All rules, promotional materials, lessons and activities and other resources related to the essay contest and book program may be found at www.wisagclassroom.org.

There are Benefits to Your Farm Bureau Membership:

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

Brown County Farm Bureau Offers College Scholarship

The Brown County Farm Bureau will award one \$500 scholarship to a student pursuing an agriculture-related degree.

Eligible applicants must be taking post-high school agriculture related training or long- or short-course within the University of Wisconsin system or Wisconsin Technical College system.

This includes the study of genetics, landscape, architecture, biochemistry, bacteriology, food industry, horticulture, environmental sciences, agriculture journalism and other agriculture related fields of study.

Candidates for the scholarship must be a Brown County resident or a student at a Brown County School and must be

enrolled or planning to enter their first year of college at the time of application. Candidates need not be a Farm Bureau member.

To receive a scholarship application, please contact Becky Salm, District Coordinator, at bsalm@wfbf.com, call 866.355.7345.

Applications are due on **April 15**.



Brown County Farm Bureau Represented in Green Bay Parade

Brown County Farm Bureau members braved the cold and marched in the Green Bay Christmas Parade on November 22.

The float took home the Judge's award.



Brown County 4-H Looking for Help

Brown County 4-H is looking for help at the 4-H Food Stand at the Brown County Fair, August 19-23 (August 18 is set up).

Seeking helpers to serve as managers, assistant managers or shift supervisors.

If you are interested or for more information, contact Melinda Pollen, Brown County 4-H Youth Development Educator, at 920.391-4613 melinda.pollen@ces.uwex.edu.



Sign a NEW Member, Get \$20

County Farm Bureau volunteers will receive \$20 for every new voting or associate member they sign between October 1, 2014 and September 30, 2015.

Qualifying new members must (a) have no previous Farm Bureau membership or (b) be more than 25 months past their due date.

Volunteer membership workers signing up past-due membership renewals or new members between July 1 and September 30 will be entered in a drawing for one of five \$100 cash awards.

Volunteers signing ten or more renewals during this period also will be entered in the grand prize drawing for a trip for two to the AFBF Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida, January 10-13, 2016.

For every new or past-due member signed, the membership worker must complete and mail in an entry card with the membership payment. A drawing will be held on September 30 (membership year-end).

If a Farm Bureau volunteer signs five or more new Farm Bureau members during the membership year (October 1, 2014-September 30, 2015), they will qualify as a Producer Club member and will enjoy an exclusive gathering for members and spouse-guest at the 96th WFBF Annual Meeting.

Producer Club members also receive a commemorative pin and a special gift in recognition of their efforts.

For more information or membership applications, contact Becky Salm at bsalm@wfbf.com.



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Brown County Farm Bureau is on Facebook!

Make sure to visit and "like" the Brown County Farm Bureau, Wisconsin Facebook page to keep current on all of the county Farm Bureau events!

Visit www.facebook.com/pages/Brown-County-Farm-Bureau/684847368289835.

Calendar

March

- 6 Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit registration due
- 11 Ag Day at the Capitol
- 13-14 Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit
- 15 AITC White-Reinhart Mini-Grant applications due

April

- 1 AITC Essay Contest entries due
- 1 AITC Matching Grant applications due
- 15 Brown County Farm Bureau Scholarship applications due
- 30 Early Bird Membership Bonanza cut-off date

June

- 7 Brown County Breakfast on the Farm

July

- 1 YFA Achievement Award and Excellence in Ag applications due

August

- 11 District 6 Discussion Meet

SAVE the **DATE**