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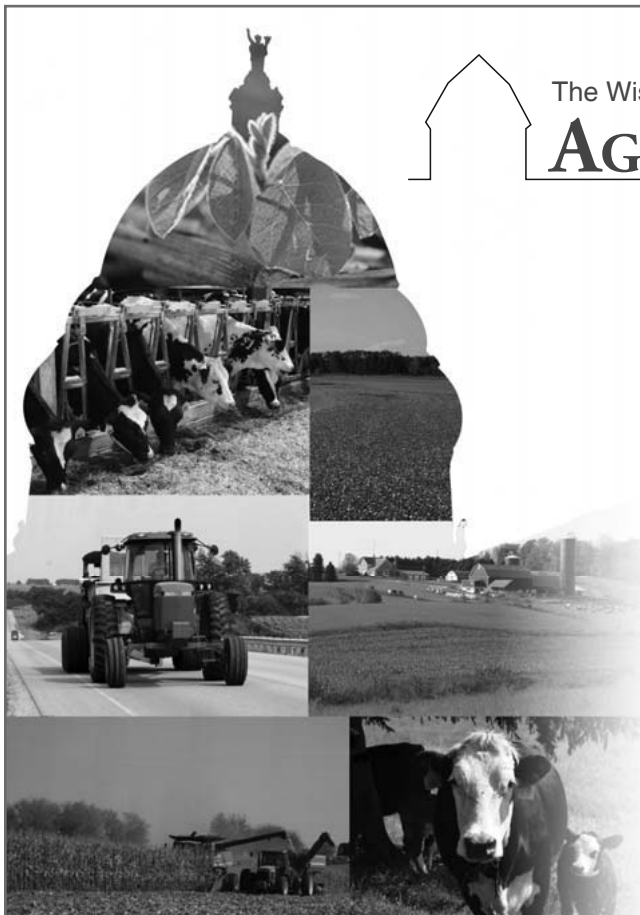
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Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation


Mark Your Calendars for Ag Day at the Capitol






The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation invites you to attend
AG DAY AT THE CAPITOL
January 27, 2016
Monona Terrace Convention Center • Madison, WI

Early Registration Deadline: January 22
Cost: \$25 per person by registration
deadline.
\$30 after deadline and at the door.

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

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Raise Your Voice; Attend Ag Day at the Capitol

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, January 27**, and plan to attend Ag Day at the Capitol.

It's important to raise our voices on issues that affect our farms. Take a few minutes to become familiar with an issue that is affecting you and call your legislators. Inform them about how important agriculture is in Calumet County and share your views on issues.

Early registration deadline is **January 22** at the cost of \$25 per person, \$30 after deadline and at the door. Don't miss your opportunity to speak with your local legislators about issues.

If you are interested, please contact Becky Salm at 866.355.7345 or bsalm@wbf.com.





COUNTYnews

CALUMET COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

Meuer Farm Named 2015 Wisconsin Leopold Conservation Award® Recipient



Sand County Foundation, Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation and the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association are proud to announce that Meuer Farm is the recipient of Wisconsin's Leopold Conservation Award®.

The award honors Wisconsin landowner

achievement in voluntary stewardship and management of natural resources.

The announcement was made during the November 18 meeting of the Wisconsin Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Board in Madison. An independent judging panel made the selection on September 17.

David and Leslie Meuer own and manage a diverse farm in Chilton. The Meuers raise cattle and egg layers; produce a variety of crops such as specialty grains, hay, alfalfa and strawberries; and host visi-

tors at their corn maze and pumpkin patch. They also host farm-to-table dinners during the summer months and bring in local chefs to prepare meals featuring produce grown on the farm.

The Meuers installed stream bank fencing along the stream running through their property, which provides water for their cows. The fencing has reduced soil loss, keeping the stream cleaner as it heads to Lake Winnebago.

For several years the Meuers have let their pastures grow naturally, allowing native grasses to flourish and seeds deposited by birds to grow into apple trees and gooseberry shrubs. The trees provide ample habitat for their bees and other pollinators that pollinate their strawberry fields.

Given in honor of renowned conservationist Aldo Leopold, the Leopold Conservation Award recognizes extraordinary achievement in voluntary conservation. It inspires other landowners through these examples and provides a visible forum where farmers, ranchers and other private landowners are recognized as conservation leaders.

In his influential 1949 book, *A Sand County Almanac*, Leopold called for an ethical relationship between people and the land they own and manage, which he called "an evolutionary possibility and an ecological necessity."

The 2015 Leopold Conservation Award will be presented December 6 at the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation's Annual Meeting in Wisconsin Dells. The award recipient will be presented with a crystal depicting Aldo Leopold and \$10,000.

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District 6 YFA Members Kick the Harvest Dust Off



About 115 YFA members attended the first Harvest Dust Off on November 7 at the Twin Fountains in Manitowoc. Music was provided by the country band Spitfire Rodeo.

Thank you to the sponsors Badgerland Financial, Greenstone Farm Credit Services and Rural Mutual agents Nick Weldon and Matt Lueck.



Band Spitfire Rodeo played for the Harvest Dust Off in Manitowoc.



District 6 YFA chairs planned an outstanding Young Farmer and Agriculturist social at Twin Fountains in Manitowoc.

Calumet County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Recap



About 45 members and guests attended the annual meeting and listened to Eric Ronk, agriculture agent for UW Extension.



Bob Huebner presented Tom Young with the Outstanding Supporter of Agriculture award.



Brooke Calaway crowned the 2016 Farm Bureau Princess Hannah Roehrig. Congratulations Hannah.

New Member Benefit: Caterpillar, Inc.

Wisconsin Farm Bureau and Caterpillar, Inc., announced a 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.



- Skid Steer Loaders: \$500-\$1,000
- Telehandlers: \$500-\$1,000
- Mini Hydraulic Excavators: \$250-\$500

The Farm Bureau Member benefit discount on Cat machines can be combined with any retail discounts, promotions, rebates or offers available

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

through Caterpillar or its dealers, with the exception of other membership purchase incentives. All Wisconsin Farm Bureau 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 downloaded at www.fbadvantage.com/cat.

For more information, call Farm Bureau at 800.261.3276.

District YFA Green Bay Gamblers Game Scheduled

This year's YFA Gamblers outing will be held on Saturday, February 6. The puck drops at 7:05 p.m. Tickets are \$15.

Please join us after the game for pizza compliments of Farm Bureau. Tickets and can be purchased by contacting your local YFA chair or Carley Blado at 920.418.2226.



Do You Know an Agriculture AgVocate?

Do you know a woman who is a true advocate for agriculture in Wisconsin?

Nominate her for the AgVocate of the Year award. Applications for the 2016 AgVocate of the Year Award are available and are due by **January 7, 2016!**

For the application, please visit www.wiagwomenssummit.com.



Registration Open for 2016 Ag Women's Summit



The sixth annual Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit is set for **March 4-5** at the Madison Marriot West in Middleton.

Registration for the premier women's event is now open and available online. Register by the **February 3** early bird deadline to save \$25 on the conference fee. The final registration deadline is **February 26**.

The summit will kick off with the announcement of the 2016 AgVocate of the Year.

The award recognizes a Wisconsin ag woman who has gone above and beyond to tell the story of Wisconsin agriculture with those around her. Sponsoring the award is Wisconsin agriculture broadcaster Pam Jahnke, the Fabulous Farm Babe.

The event's opening session will

include a multi-generation panel of women in agriculture discussing important topics to women and the agriculture community, moderated by NBC15 news reporter, Amy Pflugshaupt.

Closing keynote speaker Jerry Apps will engage attendees through his story telling and share tips on how to capture personal farm family stories.

Fifteen additional breakout sessions will address farm-focused business topics including: succession planning and trusts; consumer conversations; agriculture legislation; farm safety; ag efficiencies; insurance education for young adults and those planning ahead for assisted care; and online safety.

Lighter topics include: eating and feeding busy farmers and family on the go; straw bale and container gardening; hosting a farm tour; DIY farmhouse projects; and tips on planning and maintaining a beautiful landscape.

The Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit is an event planned by Badgerland Financial, Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation and the UW-Extension.

The agenda, registration details and hotel information are available at www.wiagwomenssummit.com.

There are Benefits to Your Farm Bureau Membership:

- Auto**
- General Motors Discount
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 - Stroke Detection Plus
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 - Grainger
 - Polaris
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For complete details visit wfbf.com/benefits-membership.

Ag in the Classroom Announces Essay Topic and Book of the Year

Maple syrup flows through this year's book of the year and essay contest from Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom program.

Sugarbush Spring by Marsha Wilson Chall is the 2016 Book of the Year. 'Tell us about producing maple syrup in Wisconsin' is the topic of the annual essay contest.

Third and fourth grade essay submissions must be 100- to 300-words in length and will be judged on content, grammar, spelling and neatness. All contest rules, lesson plans and sample classroom activities are located at wisagclassroom.org or by contacting Gretchen Kamps at 608.828.5644 or gkamps@wfbf.com. Essays need to be submitted by **April 1, 2016**, to the Calumet County Farm Bureau essay coordinator Tom Young.

In May, the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation's Women's Committee will select a state winner from nine district winners. Each district winner will receive a classroom presentation



for their homeroom or class. The contest is sponsored by Insight FS, We Energies and the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation. Last year, nearly 2,900 students participated in the contest.

This year's Book of the Year selection, *Sugarbush Spring*, introduces young readers to the process of taking sap and making it into maple syrup.

The hardcover book comes with an activity and lesson plan packet that teachers, students and home school parents can use to enhance the reading experience. Book order forms are at www.wisagclassroom.org under 'Order Forms.'

Ag in the Classroom is designed to help students in kindergarten through high school to understand the importance of agriculture. It is coordinated by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and by a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

Upcoming Events

January

- 20 FFA Farm Forum, early registrations due
- 26 Council of Presidents
- 27 Ag Day at the Capitol

February

- 3 Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit, early registration deadline
- 4 FFA Farm Forum, final registration deadline
- 6 YFA Gamblers Hockey Game
- 19-20 FFA Farm Forum
- 26 Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit, final registration deadline

March

- 4-5 Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit
- 15 White-Reinhardt Mini-Grant, applications due

April

- 1 Ag in the Classroom essays due

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Cookbooks for Sale!

Hurry! To get your copy of Calumet County Farm Bureau's latest cookbook with a beautiful Betty Engel print on the cover for just \$10, please contact either Jessica Schuh at 920.756.1907 or Rosie Lisowe at 920.849.4413.



There are only a few boxes left.

Membership Incentives Announced

Do you know a friend who might be interested in joining Farm Bureau? Feel good about helping your organization grow and get a chance to win some great prizes, too.



Sign up a member by **January 1, 2016**, and receive an entry to win a \$100 gas card. One new entry for every new members between now and January 1.

Sign up two members and receive an entry to win a \$150 gas card and a \$150 Fleet Farm gift card. One entry for the first two members you sign and every additional one after that until **April 1, 2016**.

All members who sign up two members by April 1 will be invited to a pizza party on us in April.

'All About Beef' App Has 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.

For more information and My American Farm resources, please visit www.MyAmericanFarm.org.

Welcome New Members!

Please welcome the new members to the Farm Bureau family! BAFTIR Properties LLC, Kristina Bangart, Jeffrey Beck, Theresa Bock, Julie Boesch, Mary Bouillard*, Hannah Brandenburg, Bradley Buechel*, Andrew Burkhalter, Chilton Twilight Theatre, LLC, Samuel Ciske, Alyssa Cullen, Robert Danes*, James Delebrea, Eric Derks, Tyler Dhein, James Diedrich, Aerial Ditter, Kurt Halbach, Hidden Hollow Garden Art LLC, Billie Jo Hoelzel, Hollandtown Volunteer Fire Department, Robert Jaschob*, Scott Johnson, David Juckem, Brian Kocian*, Douglas Loffamus*, Joan Langlois, Jeffrey Liesch, Christopher Mertens, Meter & Thiel LLC, Gordon Meyer, Dan Micke*, Julie Owen, Simon Reagan*, Adam Reimer*, Mike Schmitz*, Melissa Schneider, Matthew Schnell, Amy Schoenborn, Richard Schroeder, John Schwinn III, Gary Schwobe, James Seyller, Amy Starfeldt*, Colleen Vanderloop* and Matthew Vetting.

* Indicates voting member.