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You're Invited
Annual Meeting
Calumet County Farm Bureau

Wednesday, October 15 **Neighborhood Pub & Grill in Brant**

The Calumet County Farm Bureau annual meeting will be held on October 15 at Neighborhood Pub & Grill in Brant beginning with dinner at 7:45 p.m. and the meeting to follow. The evening will include a presentation by guest speaker Mike Austin.

Karen Gefvert, WFBF Director of Governmental Relations, will be doing a presentation on Implements of Husbandry laws going into effect January 2015.

Join us to help create Farm Bureau policy for 2015, vote on delegates for the WFBF Annual Meeting and the Calumet County Farm Bureau board of directors while enjoying the company of other Farm Bureau members.

The cost is \$12 per person payable at the door. For members who worked four or more hours in the fair food stand, the cost is \$6. **New members attend for free!**

RSVP by October 6 to Kim Rusch at 866.355.7345 or krusch@wfbf.com.

Farm Bureau Sponsors 4-H Key Award



Luke Lisowe presented Taylor Biese, daughter of Ron and Kay Biese of Chilton, with the 4-H Key Award. Taylor is a 12-year member of the Busy Beavers 4-H Club.

Discounts on Polaris Off-Road Vehicles

Farm Bureau members will receive a manufacturer's incentive discount of \$200-\$300 depending on the vehicle acquired. Members should negotiate their best deal with their preferred Polaris dealer and then add the manufacturer's incentive discount to the bottom line. There is no limit to the number of incentive discounts that a Farm Bureau member may use so long as it's no more than one per unit acquired and the acquisition(s) is/are made for their personal and/or business use.



The incentive discount(s) is/are shown on invoice as a subtraction from the best-negotiated price of the acquired unit(s).

- Full size utility & sport vehicles (UTV) - \$300 per unit
- Full size all-terrain vehicles (ATV) - \$200 per unit
- GEM electric vehicles - \$300 per unit

To find out more visit wfbf.com/member-benefits.



COUNTYnews

CALUMET COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

District YFA Cherry Picking

Everyone had a blast picking cherries at Terry and Toni Sorenson's farm in Door County on July 26.



Save the Date! Estate Planning Meeting

Members in Brown and Calumet counties are planning an estate planning and farm succession workshop on **January 27** at the **Greenleaf Fire Hall**.

Jared Nelson from Farm Bureau Financial Services will cover how to pass a business on to your business heir(s), while also providing a fair inheritance to your heirs not involved with the business. He will also discuss how to surmount common estate-tax traps; making sure couples are prepared for retirement and the potential need for long-term care; and how to assemble and work with a team of professional advisors.

SAVE the **DATE**

Cookbooks for Sale!

Hurry! To obtain your copy of Calumet County Farm Bureau's latest cookbook with a beautiful Betty Engel print on the cover, contact Jessica Schuh at 920.756.1907 or Rosie Lisowe at 920.849.4413.

They are \$10 and there are only a few boxes left!

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District 6 Women's Fall Summit Planned

"Take a step back in time" and join the Sheboygan County Women's Committee at the Historic Wade House in Greenbush on Friday, October 10 for the District 6 Women's Fall Summit.

Your very special day will begin at 9 a.m. in the Chestnut Room. Mike Beeck of Otter Creek Landscaping and Garden will give a presentation and demonstration. After lunch, there will be a horse-drawn carriage ride and tour of Wade House stagecoach hotel, sawmill and blacksmith shop. A visit to the new, very

elegant carriage museum is also included.

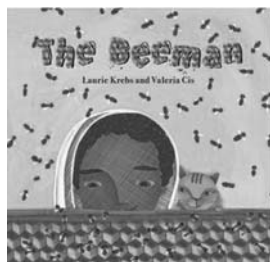
The cost for the entire day, including lunch, will be \$25 per person. Please send your reservation along with the \$25 on or before **September 23** to Marcia Fenner, W3068 Hwy 28, Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085. We must know about how many ladies will be attending so there are enough Stage Coach drivers ready for us. We will be able to make some adjustments after **September 23**. If you have any questions, please contact Marcia at 920.467.6750.



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

"Why are bees important to Wisconsin Agriculture?" is the topic of the essay contest from the Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom program.

"Our 2015 Book of the Year is 'The Beeman' by Laurie Krebs. The book and essay topic will allow us to educate students about bees and the important role they play in agriculture," said Wendy Kannel, Ag in the Classroom Coordinator. "We will again link the book, the accompanying lessons that we write for our Book of the Year, various Wisconsin educational resources and other Ag in the Classroom lessons into resources for teachers, students and volunteers to use in promoting and preparing essays."



Essay submissions must be between 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 Kannel at 608.828.5719 or wkannel@wfbf.com. Participating students and schools need to submit essays by April 1 to their county Farm Bureau essay coordinator. A list of coordinators is also available at wisagclassroom.org.

A state winner will be selected from nine district winners in May by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation's Women's Committee. Each district winner will receive a classroom presentation in May for their homeroom or class. The contest is sponsored by the Frontier-Servco FS, We Energies and the

Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation. Last year nearly 2,500 students participated in the essay contest.

In this year's Book of the Year selection, "The Beeman", introduces young readers to bees, beekeepers and the pollination process. The hardcover books come with an activity/lesson plan packet that teachers, students and home school parents can use to enhance the reading experience. Book order forms are found 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.

Meet A Farm Bureau Woman in District 6



The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Women's Committee is working on a county newsletter project in 2014. We

are featuring women active throughout their district and county. Each district will feature one woman from their district in all newsletters.

Cheryl Duchow is from Manitowoc County and has served as Women's Committee co-chair for more than 10 years. She has been involved with Farm Bureau since she was a teenager when she ran for Miss Farm Bureau and later received a scholarship when she attended college. Today, she attends the WFBF Annual Meeting, Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit, District 6 Fall Summit, is involved with the Our Food Link program, Manitowoc County Breakfast on the Farm and many county Farm Bureau activities.

Professionally, Cheryl has worked for Manitowoc County for 27 years and serves as Manitowoc County Treasurer.

In other leadership roles, Cheryl is treasurer for the Silver Lake College

Alumni board, secretary of the Faith Lutheran Church board, and is also involved in the church choir, taught Sunday School, lectors, and serves communion, and finds time to be in an investment club.

Tell us about a day in your life?

"As county treasurer our office is responsible for all money and disbursements, investments, collecting taxes, producing tax bills for 18 townships, nine villages and one city, 32,000 tax bills per year, and that is a big responsibility."

What do you see as Farm Bureau's biggest challenges?

"We must make sure all people, especially the younger generation, understands agriculture and not just milking cows but all the products we produce in Wisconsin, like trees, fruit and vegetables. Tell your story and why it is important!"

Cheryl's hobbies include gardening, camping and spending time with her husband, four children, and six grandchildren.

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

Rosalie Geiger

District 6 WFBF Women's Committee Representative

Product Inventory

Nuts

14	Cashews	\$7
8	Almonds	\$4
6	Lightly Salted Peanuts	\$4
18	Skinless Peanuts	\$4
1	Mixed Nuts	\$5
3	Chocolate Covered Pecans	\$7
7	Honey Crunch Peanuts	\$3
6	Pecans	\$7



Proud to Farm T-shirts – all sizes and colors are \$10

4	XXL Gray T-shirt
1	XXL Pink T-shirt
7	XL Gray T-shirt
2	XL Pink T-shirt
6	L Gray T-shirt
3	M Gray T-shirt



If you would like to purchase any of these items, please contact Jessica Schuh at 920.756.1907.

New Ag in the Classroom Coordinator Needed

Are you interested in advocating for agriculture? Do you enjoy connecting and networking with others? Calumet County Farm Bureau is looking for a new Ag in the Classroom coordinator.



Ag in the Classroom provides teachers and K-12 students with an understanding of how their food is produced. The program seeks to work within existing curriculum to provide basic information on our nation's largest industry: agriculture. If you would like to be a part of educating others, please contact Carley Blado at 920.418.2226.

Consider Donating to the WFBF Silent Auction



Donations are now being accepted for the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation's silent Auction held in conjunction with the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Annual Meeting, December 6-8, at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells.



The money raised during this event is used for ag literacy efforts through Ag in the Classroom, and funds the activities of our Young Farmer and Agriculturist, Women's and leadership Institute programs.

Donation forms can be found at wfbf.com/aboutwfbf/foundation/silentauktion.

Rural Open Golf Outing is Fun for All



Above is the team that was awarded best dressed.



There were many prizes and raffles for golfers to participate in. A huge thank you goes out to all the sponsors and businesses that donated prizes.



Nominations Being Sought for Teacher of the Year

Do you know a teacher who does a great job teaching about agriculture? If so, please encourage them to fill out an application for the Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom Program's Outstanding Teacher Award.

Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) annually recognizes a Wisconsin teacher or a teaching team for their achievements in teaching students the importance of agriculture while integrating agricultural concepts across a curriculum.

Certified teachers currently integrating agricultural concepts into non-agricultural curricula in the pre-K through high school levels are eligible to apply. Applications may be from an individual teacher or a teaching team. Certified agriculture education instructors are not eligible. Teachers must utilize agricultural information and/or materials within the classroom curriculum in an effort to assist students in learning the importance of agriculture. Learning activities may include,

but are not limited to, understanding agriculture's impact on personal lives, our national heritage, the environment, national security and the economy. Innovative and interdisciplinary programs are encouraged.

The state winner(s) will receive a plaque and \$500 towards the 2015 National AITC Conference in Louisville, KY. They will also represent Wisconsin as the state's nominee for the Excellence in Teaching about Agriculture Award Program presented by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Ag in the Classroom program.

Applications are available from the Wisconsin AITC website (wisagclassroom.org – found under the quick links section on the right hand side of the page) and are **due (postmarked by) October 15.**

Upcoming Events

September

30 – Membership Year End

October

15 – Calumet County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

10 – Women's Fall Summit

December

5-7 – YFA Conference

6-8 – WFBF Annual Meeting

January

27 – Estate Planning Workshop

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Collect Your Pop Tabs!

This year the state Women's Committee will be running a pop tab challenge. Pop tabs are the little aluminum tabs from all kinds of cans: soda, pet food, fruits, vegetables and more.



Once the pop tabs are collected they will be turned into a Ronald McDonald House to be recycled in exchange for money, which supports the children and families staying at the Ronald McDonald Houses in Madison, Milwaukee and Marshfield.

The WFBF Women's Committee pop tab challenge is a state-wide project which began in January and will run through November with the final collection in December at the WFBF Annual Meeting Trade Show at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells. The Women's booth will have nine tubs labeled by district. The committee asks that all counties send their tab collection to the Annual Meeting and drop them in their district tub. Pop tabs will then be taken to a Ronald McDonald house to be weighed and cashed in.

For more information on collecting tabs, contact Jessica Schuh at 920.756.1907 or Rosalie Geiger at 920.772.4184.

Mini-Grants Available for Teachers



Do you know a teacher looking to incorporate agriculture into their classroom? Are they looking for additional funds for their project? Then, help us spread the word and encourage teachers to apply for a mini-grant

through Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom and Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation. Grants up to \$100 are being offered to pre-school through high school teachers, in a public or private school system, to fund projects that promote agricultural literacy in the classroom. Grants can be used for innovative lessons, activities, resources, presentations, school fairs and other creative ideas. Projects should focus on integrating agriculture into a variety of curriculum areas.

Applications are due on October 15. Recipients will be notified by November 15. A project report is then due by June 15. For an application, visit wisagclassroom.org, and find the application under the quick links section on the right side of the page.