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January 24, 2018

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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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January 24, 2018



COUNTYnews

CLARK COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION



Grassroots Policy at Its Best during the Clark County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting



Clark Turner gave a retirement message as a director and as the county president. Thank you Clark for your years of service to the county.

In early September, members from across the county gathered at the Hayloft in Withee to celebrate another successful year.

This gathering is a time for members to elect directors to the board and vote on policy critical to our grassroots organization. Below is the list of resolutions that the Clark County Board of Directors presented at their annual meeting on September 6. All resolutions passed and were shared with the Policy Development Committee.

The WFBF Policy Development Committee is made up of volunteers from across the state. Last year the committee reviewed close to 500 resolutions submitted from county Farm Bureaus.

If you have questions, concerns or maybe you think there is another issue that needs to be dealt with, be sure to make sure your voice is heard by contacting a Clark County board member.

State

1. We support the direct sales of raw milk provided that a standard of testing is adopted to sell safe and wholesome raw milk.
Dairy: Raw Milk
2. We oppose any constitutional amendment to restrict the right to



Steve Boe is the WFBF Director of Local Affairs and served as our guest speaker this year.

recall elected officials. *General Government: Elections*

3. We support legislation requiring any entity, governmental and/or private, to compensate property owners when its actions reduce property values. *Land Use: Eminent Domain*
4. We oppose using taxpayer funds for the purchase of development rights of all land. *Land Use: Purchase of Development Rights*
5. We call for the repeal of WI. Statue 66.1001, the Smart Growth law. *Land Use: Local Planning & Zoning*
6. The Clark County Farm Bureau calls for an end to the Stewardship Plan. *Land Use: Stewardship*
7. Clark County Farm Bureau requests the Wisconsin State Legislature to create laws that provide for single trip access to fields for overweight implements of husbandry, without penalty, and for violations of weight laws to be significantly reduced.
Transportation: IOH
8. We support requiring all animal drawn vehicles to have a slow-moving vehicle sign, effective lighting, and reflective tape on public roads. *Transportation: Safety*
9. We oppose the use of steel lugged wheels or steel shod horses on all paved roads. *Transportation: Safety*
10. We support managed grazing as an approved method of stream bank management and managed wetland areas. *Natural Resources & The Environment: End*
11. We are in favor of appropriate, uniform and consistent regulation and fines across the state for farms that intentionally and willfully allow manure to enter waterways or wetlands and do not follow nutrient management plans. *Natural Resources and the Environment: Nutrient Management Regulations*
12. We support a hunting season on cougars in the state of Wisconsin. *Hunting and Wildlife: Hunting Seasons*
13. We are opposed to any form of a quota system for dairy supply management.

Federal

1. We support the elimination of filing 1099s with the IRS.



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District 8 Discussion Meet and District YFA Update



(from left) Katie Zoromski, Marathon County; Will Litzer, Marathon County; Ryan Klussendorf, Taylor County; and Jill Niemann, Marathon County; Katie, Ryan and Jill will represent District 8 at the Discussion Meet in December.

Earlier this fall we hosted the District 8 Discussion Meet in conjunction with the District Policy Development meeting at Randall's Beers and Cheers in Abbotsford.

Participants included Katie Zoromski, Marathon County; Will Litzer, Marathon County; Ryan Klussendorf, Taylor County; Jill Niemann, Marathon County; Katie, Ryan and Jill will represent Marathon County at the Discussion Meet in December.

Thank you to the judges: Clark Turner, Jolynne Schroepfer and Steve Boe.



YFA Achievement Final Four

Congratulations to Ryan and Lindsay Prah (Marathon County) and Hank and Shannon Boschma (Marathon County) for being named to the Achievement in Agriculture Award Final Four.

YFA Conference Updates

We are working to plan a fun and informative YFA Conference. Please join us at the YFA Conference on December 1-3, at the Kalahari Resorts in Wisconsin Dells.

Rural Mutual Sponsorship Opportunity for YFA Conference

Rural Mutual Insurance announced the recipients of the 2017 Rural Mutual First Timers Sponsorship. The following District 8 YFA members will receive paid hotel and registration to the YFA Conference.

- Jamie Marx, Marathon County
- Aaron Pershern, Marathon County
- Kenzie Gliwdoski, Portage County
- Carl Lippert, Wood County
- Kayla Avila, Wood County

Remember, if you nominated one of these individuals and they attend, you will receive \$100 on Friday night at the YFA Conference.



Farm Bureau Apparel

- The YFA Committee is selling Farm Bureau apparel. We are trying something new and offering a half zip pull over. Visit wfbf.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/2017-Apparel-Order-Form_editable.pdf for an order form, sizing, color and payment information.

Cornhole Tournament

- The annual YFA cornhole tournament is taking a new spin. Members are invited to participate on Saturday evening following the Farm Bureau Proud banquet. The cost is \$20 per team and limited to the first 40 teams that register. For the registration form and rules, visit https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B_0v7v15XcZHZTBpOXB4dHVrVUE.

New Entertainment on Friday Night

- There will be new entertainment on Friday night. Members will can choose from a variety of casino games with a chance to win some fantastic prizes.

New Workshop Format

- There will be the traditional 45-minute workshops and also 20-minute learning labs so members will be able to maximize the learning opportunities available.

Please join us at the Kalahari Resorts on December 1-3. Details including speakers, workshops and entertainment can be found at wfbf.com/programsevents/young-farmer-and-agriculturist-program/yfaconference.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Open Class Discussion Meet

7 p.m. on Sunday, November 12, at Randall's Beers and Cheers, Abbotsford

Come and try your hand at an 'Open Class Discussion.' Old and new timers will discuss the topics that will be part of the YFA Discussion Meet in December. Come and enjoy a night of good discussion and fun, no experience necessary. Prizes will be awarded to contestants including best opening statement, most original contribution to a discussion and overall winner. We will follow the YFA Discussion Meet rules as well as the topics, which can be found at wfbf.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/2017-Discussion-Meet-Manual-NO-PRizes.pdf. After the discussion, stay for a Dutch-treat dinner and policy development update with WFBF Board of Director Don Radtke.

YFA and Promotion and Education Consumer Confidence Committee

Calling all advocates. District 8 YFA and Promotion and Education are teaming up to create a Consumer Confidence Committee. If you are passionate about telling your ag story and helping consumers understand how food is produced safely, humanely and with care, we need you. If you want to be a part of this committee, please contact Beth Schaefer at eprior.schaefer@gmail.com or Lauren McCann at lauren.l.mccann@outlook.com.

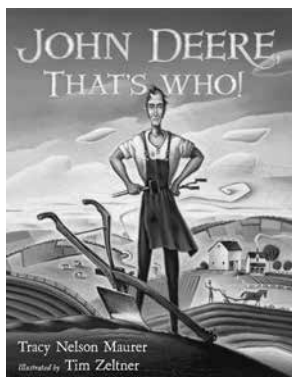
Visit the YFA Events Calendar for upcoming events and details. Don't see your event? Email me the details and we will add it to the calendar. But in case you didn't know...

November 12: Open Class Discussion Meet, Randall's Beers and Cheers, Abbotsford
December 1-3: WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference, Wisconsin Dells

2018 Events and Ideas

We will be setting the district calendar of events and activities for the upcoming year. Please send ideas for new activities, dates for YFA events that your county is hosting and other tidbits to me or District 8 Coordinator Ashleigh Calaway so that we can share them on the YFA calendar.

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



The 2018 Ag in the Classroom book of the year is "John Deere, That's Who!" by Tracy Nelson Maurer and illustrated by Tim Zeltner.

This is the story of a young man who moved to Illinois, where farmers were struggling to plow through the thick, rich soil they called gumbo and tinkered and tweaked and tested until he invented a steel plow that sliced into the prairie.

This year's essay topic 'Inventions that have made agriculture great,' is linked with the book. The topic will allow students to write about inventions

that have made agriculture advance in technology, efficiency and productivity. This will tie into science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), connect with careers in agriculture, look at the stories behind some of the inventions and their inventors and offer opportunities to learn about technology and equipment related to agriculture.

The essay contest is open to fourth and fifth grade students in public, private and home school programs. Students involved in 4-H, PALS and after-school programs also are encouraged to participate.

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 accessible at wisagclassroom.org or by contacting Ag in the Classroom at 800.261.3276 or aitc@wfbf.com.

Participating students and schools need to submit essays by **April 1, 2018**, to their county Farm Bureau essay coordinator.

District 8 Promotion and Education Chair Update



As annual meeting season wraps up, I want to take a moment to thank all our members that who attend their respective county meetings and our county leaders for their support and organization. I was able to attend all but one annual meeting this year. I look forward to another great year serving as the District 8 Promotion and Education Chair.

Upcoming Events and News

Looking to refine your leadership skills? Do you want to improve your communication and speaking skills? Are you looking to join in the political process at the local, state, and national levels?

Join the Promotion and Education committee Committee for the Leadership Boot Camp Training series kick-off from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday November 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Heartland Farms, 907 3rd Avenue, Hancock WI 54943.

This training series will focus on refining skills and abilities through personal growth and development in areas relating to governmental relations, public speaking and working with media formats. Presenters include WFBF Director of Local Affairs Steve Boe and WFBF Senior Director of Governmental Relations Rob Richard.

The 2018 Ag in The Classroom Book of the Year has been announced. The book is "John Deere That's Who!" by Tracy

Nelson Maurer. I'm so excited to get the opportunity to talk about something that I'm sure most of the children have seen driving around but do not know the history of. And this is a great chance to get our local John Deere dealers involved.

Update to the Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit

For the past six years the Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit was hosted in partnership by Wisconsin Farm Bureau, Badgerland Financial (now Compeer Financial) and UW Extension. The partners announced on September 1, their joint decision to discontinue the event.

During the next year, Farm Bureau will re-evaluate the Ag Women's Summit and determine how it can more effectively draw new and repeat attendees and better serve Farm Bureau members. After a full evaluation, Farm Bureau plans to host a new event in Spring 2019 in partnership with Rural Mutual Insurance Company.

There will be an event in 2018 called the IGNITE Conference. This event is a member-engagement conference and will be on April 5-6, 2018, in Stevens Point. The purpose is to provide county Farm Bureau leaders with resources and ideas. The IGNITE Conference is sponsored by WFBF and Rural Mutual Insurance Company. This will be the 2018 event of the year that you don't want to miss.

As always if there is an idea or event that you want to try, please contact me or visit the 'Playbook' on the WFBF website.

Lauren McCann

WFBF Promotion and Education Chair

District 8 Coordinator Message



It is hard to believe that another year has come and gone. This marks my fourth year of annual meetings. For me, annual meeting season is much like fall harvest.

Counties have worked all year long, tending to the seeds they have planted, with only a narrow window to showcase

their work and dedication to the industry. This once-a-year celebration also lays out how the year is going to be, much like a fall harvest.

Each year your county membership works to layout policy that directly impacts their members as well as their family farms or businesses.

A friend of mine shared that over the years, farmers have farmed in bad times and in good times, but never have they had to farm scared. Scared that every move they make is going to draw attention from activists who don't understand, scared that one wrong move could end generations of family farming, scared that their livelihood lays in the hands of people that have never sat up all night tending to a calf, sick cow or in putting their entire future in the hands of Mother Nature. As Stephen Covey said, "Strength lies in differences, not in similarities." It doesn't matter if you come from a hobby farm, organic farm, small or large farm; we are in this together. It will take all of us working together to address the issues facing farming.

Nationally and locally, Farm Bureau is working for you while you are busy working the fields, tending to your herds, or



spending those precious moments with your family. We represent all aspects of agriculture with our mission being to "Lead the farm and rural community through legislative representation, education, public relations, leadership development and providing services and benefits to members."

I think J.K. Rowling said it best, "We are only as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided."

I encourage you to tell your story, take a stance not for big or little, conventional or organic, GMOs or non-GMOs but for agriculture and together we can make a difference.

From my family to yours, thank you. Thank you for being a member, for supporting agriculture and being a part of the one percent who feed the other 99 percent. May this coming year be filled with bountiful harvests for you and yours.

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Corn Fest Breakfast is Successful

The fourth year of hosting a breakfast in conjunction with the Loyal Corn Festival was a great success.

The money raised from the Corn Fest Breakfast goes back to the youth of Clark County in the form of scholarships. Each year, the scholarship committee reviews eligible students and awards two students with \$500 scholarships to help offset tuition.



Terri Turner and Cathy Shafto greeted guests and welcomed them to the Corn Fest Breakfast.

