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Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

Successful Dane County Breakfast on the Farm By Pat O'Brien



Dane County Farm Bureau set up a portable farm for kids to play farmer for the day at the Breakfast on the Farm.

Dane County's 39th annual Breakfast on the Farm was held on June 10. Blue Star Dairy owned by the Meinholz family hosted this event on Vosen Road in Middleton. A delicious breakfast of cheesy scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, assorted cheese, milk and coffee was served. Culver's provided their famous frozen custard for chocolate or strawberry sundaes.

After breakfast, the 5,600 guests had an opportunity to see cows and calves up close, enjoy music from the Soggy Prairie Boys, check out modern and antique machinery plus many educational displays, and to take a horse-drawn wagon ride.

The Dane County Dairy Promotion Committee coordinates the Breakfast on the Farm as well as Cows on the Concourse. Thank you to the Meinholz family and the 250 plus volunteers who helped make this year's event a great success. Thank you to Dane County Farm Bureau, Rural Mutual Insurance and the agricultural-related businesses that provided sponsorship support.

Dane County Farm Bureau Supports Cows on the Concourse



Dane County Farm Bureau helps financially sponsor many ag-related programs and events across Dane County. In addition, Dane County Farm Bureau supports agriculture in the community through youth programs, educational programs and scholarships. Dane County Farm Bureau board member Keith Engel (left) volunteered time to educate the public at Cows on the Concourse on June 3 held in downtown Madison.



A Message from the President ...



Dane County Farm Bureau needs your help.

We need Dane County Farm Bureau members to run for board of directors.

We also need Dane County Farm Bureau members to run for delegates to the WFBF Annual Meeting in Wisconsin Dells.

We have had a busy summer. Our safety committee has been very busy with fire/rescue training and safety camps. Thank you to the volunteers who helped.

Finally, I am personally inviting you to the Dane County Farm Bureau annual meeting. Please come and hear some great speakers.

Be safe,

Thomas M. Jelinek
Dane County Farm Bureau president





COUNTYnews

DANE COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION



Rural Farm Safety Day Is a Way to Connect with Fire Departments By Ryan Ripp

On May 20, Dane County Farm Bureau in conjunction with Cross Plains Fire Department held a Rural Farm Safety Day. Rural Farm Safety Day was thought up by our farm safety committee as a way to connect with fire departments in Dane County to train and educate how farm equipment works.

Stateline Farm Rescue instructed the clinic for a group of emergency responders from around the county. Both young and old attended this clinic. Throughout the day, training took place in the classroom and in the field.

Classroom work consisted of OSF (similar to Med Flight) protocols and procedures, also pre-planning responses. Outside the classroom, responders had experiences with a tractor rollover, feed mill entanglement and chopping heads for hay and corn. This unique training was helpful for responders to educate how equipment works and different techniques needed for certain rescues.

Dane County Farm Bureau is planning to host this event again with other Dane County fire and emergency medical service departments.



Farm Safety Demonstrations Held during Oregon Safety Day



Dane County Farm Bureau's farm safety committee presented farm safety demonstrations to 50 students at the Oregon Safety Day on June 13.



Dane County Farm Bureau shared a puppet show demonstrating farm safety around animals, equipment and more.



Following the puppet show, students participated in three hands-on stations including: grain cart entrapment, a model-size farm and animal safety on the farm.



The highlight of safety day was showing students the danger of a wood chipper, similar to other equipment on the farm. The students named their plastic bag (fake) person Bob.



Dane County Farm Bureau turned on the wood chipper and sent small logs through it followed by Bob to demonstrate the importance of safety around equipment. After the demonstration, students looked inside the wood chipper to see the damage to plastic bag Bob. What an eye-opening experience for students.

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District 2 Director Report



Hello again District 2 Farm Bureau members!

I hope you are having a great summer and your crops and livestock are doing well.

Farm Bureau has always been a supporter of 4-H and FFA. One of the highlights of my summer was seeing my niece Ciera Ballmer named Wisconsin State FFA President. Ciera

is a Rock County Farm Bureau member and a member of UW-Madison Collegiate Farm Bureau.

Congratulations Ciera!

As we near the end of this growing season, we close in on completing another Farm Bureau year. All six county Farm Bureaus in District 2 (Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Green, Rock and Sauk) are holding county annual meetings in September. I strongly encourage you to attend. It's very important to stay in touch with what they have been busy with. There are probably some activities and events that you may want to get involved in.

Another reason to attend is to be involved in the process of determining which resolutions go on from your county Farm Bureau to the state. We are a grassroots organization, meaning it starts at the county level. Also, you can elect the delegates and directors who will represent you. It's also a good evening to catch up with friends and neighbors.

September is an important month for another reason in

Wisconsin agriculture. The WFBF Board of Directors will travel to Washington, D.C., with our state Dairy and Farm Bill Committees. We will discuss the things that are important to include in the 2018 Farm Bill with elected officials who represent us.

The timing of this trip is crucial as the U.S. House and Senate will start discussions on the new Farm Bill soon. It's been an interesting experience for me to be one of the two members of the WFBF Board of Directors to represent the board on the Farm Bill Committee.

Hope to see you soon!

Arch Morton, Jr.
WFBF District 2 Director

2017 Dane County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

By **Scott Eastwood**, Dane County Farm Bureau secretary

Save the date! Your Dane County Farm Bureau annual meeting will take place on **Thursday, September 14**. The event will take place at Harley Davidson of Madison, located at 6200 Millpond Road in Madison, near Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison Casino. The event will start at 6 p.m. with a catered meal from Blue Plate Catering and a presentation at 7 p.m. Best of all, admission to this event is only \$10!

Several important bylaws will be discussed and voted upon at the meeting, including a proposal to increase your annual Farm Bureau dues from \$50 to \$55. The reason for this proposed increase is from an increase in dues to the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation effective October 1, 2018.

It's important for you know where your annual dues go:

- **American Farm Bureau:** \$4 of your dues are used to support Farm Bureau activities at a national level. These funds support agriculture's voice in our nation's capital as well as the many programs that AFBF has in place to educate consumers, share the message of agriculture and provide online resources to its members.
- **Wisconsin Farm Bureau:** \$36 of your dues are used to support state activities, conduct programs and provide staffing for those efforts throughout the state. Consumer and youth education, issue advocacy, leadership development and member publications

are services that also are funded with state dues. With the \$5 increase effective October 1, 2018, the Wisconsin Farm Bureau will receive \$41 of each membership dues.

- **Accidental Death Policy:** \$1 of your dues is applied toward an accidental death insurance policy that is a benefit of membership and covers you as a member, your spouse, and eligible children. Coverage begins at \$1,500 on the member and spouse and increases in value for the member and spouse with each consecutive year of membership up to \$3,500.
- **Dane County Farm Bureau:** The remaining portion of your dues are used to fund events and activities that take place locally. This includes county meetings, scholarships and other programs for youth, consumer education activities and member service programs in Dane County. Currently, Dane County Farm Bureau receives \$9 per membership payment. If Dane County Farm Bureau does not increase their dues, Dane County Farm Bureau will only receive \$4 per membership. Dane County Farm Bureau relies on their membership payments to help support and give back to the agriculture community through Ag in the Classroom, FFA and 4-H youth programs, scholarships and more.

More information, including your invitation, will be sent later this summer. We're looking forward to seeing you at Harley Davidson on **Thursday, September 14!**

Join a Farm Bureau Program!

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, October 17 at the WFBF Office in Madison

Mark your calendars to join Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation District 2 counties (Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Green, Rock and Sauk) share ideas and collaborate. This is an opportunity for YOU to get involved with two incredible Farm Bureau programs: Promotion and Education or Young Farmer and Agriculturist.

Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2017

Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: Wisconsin Farm Bureau Office, Second Floor, 1241 John Q Hammons Drive, Madison

Promotion and Education Program: The Promotion and Education Program is a group of Farm Bureau leaders who develop, implement and promote projects and programs that build awareness and understanding of agriculture and provide leadership development for the agricultural community.



Promotion and Education Program

Young Farmer and Agriculturist Program: The WFBF's Young Farmer and Agriculturist (YFA) program is for members between the ages of 18 and 35 years old. The YFA program offers opportunities for leadership and skills development, along with the chance for YFA members to meet and network with their peers.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact: District 2 Promotion and Education Representative Andrea Brossard at brossard_andrea@uwalumni.com or 920.296.2382; District 2 YFA Representative Alison Kepner at 608.354.9232 or Alison.Kepner@compeer.com; or District 2 Coordinator Amy Blakeney at 262.689.2000 or ablakeney@wfbf.com.



Young Farmer and Agriculturist Program



Dane County Farm Bureau sponsored the Learning Lanes at the Dane County Fair. In addition, they hosted a scavenger hunt on July 22 for fair goers to learn about agriculture throughout the Learning Lanes. Once fair goers of all ages completed the scavenger hunt, they are rewarded with a free cream puff coupon. Thank you to those volunteers who helped make this educational activity possible.

Welcome NEW Dane County Farm Bureau Members

Brandon Adler, Scott Amera, Samantha Anderson, Carolyn Benson, William Benson, Michael Berg, Carole Berndt, Eric Birsbach, Richard Bland, Larry Brady, Herbert Breunig, Emmarae Brown, C&K2 Investments LLC, Fred Clark, Kyle Dahmen, Karan Dhawal, Kelsey Diederichs, Richard Doerfer, Suvd Doyod, William Drewry, David Dushek, Jacob Fischer, Samuel Frederickson, Robert Fulford, Mary Gabrich, Daniel Gluskie, Liz Grady, Todd Grundahl, Robert Harrison, Elizabeth Hazzel, Amber Hernandez, Jeffrey Jensen, Britton Johnson, Randy Johnson, Marsha Jones, Mark Keller, Timothy Keller, Abby Klahn, Jennifer Kocherspeger, Louis Korth, Steven Krantz, Andrea Lasco, Lance Lattimer, Travis Leanna, Joshua Manthey, Taylor Maylott, Ryan Mayrand, Lawrence McCann, Paul Miner, Kaitlin Morrck, Movin North LLC, Patrick Murphy, Dennis Nolden, Kely Norton, Scott Novotny, Robert Pickett, Janelle Poehnel, Jamie Quick, Jeff Radl, Renee Raspiller, Patricia Riddle, Darin Ripp, Michael Sanders, Mykenzie Schillinger, Danielle Schmidt, Kim Schmitt, Kevin Schmotzer, Emily Schreiber, Thomas Schroeckenthaler, Harold Schroeder, Elizabeth Schultz, Jacque Scott, Samie Scott, Andrew Scully, Thomas Seib, Joseph Spahn, Kimberly Theobald, Jeffrey Thorp, John Umhoefer, Cindy Viney, Kevin Wagner, Kendra Wells, Derek West, Kris Whitaker, Charles Wilson, Bonnie Wirth, Wilhelm Zeichert and Hailey Ziegler.

Dane County Farm Bureau Golf Outing – There Is Still Time By Sam Skemp

Do you want to spend a sunny day on the beautiful Oaks Golf Course? There is still time to sign up for our Golf Outing and Fundraiser and have fun with fellow Dane County Farm Bureau members and supporters. Even if you aren't a regular golfer you can enjoy a best ball/scramble round of golf with friends. Don't forget the other activities such as hole prizes, ball toss, putting contest, along with a raffle and silent auction.

If you can't make it that day there is still time to support the event with a gift or a donation. Also remember that not only will you be having fun with friends but you will be supporting the Dane County Farm Bureau. All proceeds from this event stay in Dane County and go towards the following: college

student scholarships, Agriculture in the Classroom, Young Farmer and Agriculturist Program, leadership programs, agriculture promotions, materials for farm safety demonstrations, legislative and local affairs committee activities and more.

Don't hesitate, go on-line or send the registration form to reserve your spot for a fun-filled day on the golf course and support your Dane County Farm Bureau. Or if you can't make the event, send in your support.

Thank you and see you at the golf course!

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21st Annual Dane County Farm Bureau Golf Outing



Tuesday, August 15, 2017 | the Oaks Golf Course, Cottage Grove
Support Dane County Farm Bureau programs on one of the finest public courses in the area! Enjoy 18 holes of golf, lunch, prizes, awards banquet and more!

8:00 a.m. Registration with Coffee, Donuts and Juice

8:45 a.m. Ball Toss

9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

****Awards Banquet Luncheon, Silent Auction and Raffle to follow****

Cost: \$95/individual or \$380/foursome

For more information and registration, see our website or contact a committee member:

<http://www.golfoutingpro.com/event/danecountyfarmbureau>

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**Several Hole in One Prizes
plus Hole Prizes, Putting
Contest and Ball Toss!!**

Name/Business _____

Address: _____

Email | Phone: _____

Farm Bureau Member: Yes No

____ I would like to sponsor a hole! (\$100)

____ I wish to support Dane County Farm Bureau with a raffle or silent auction item!

Team Member Names:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

_____ Number of Golfers _____ \$ Amount Enclosed

Mail registration & payment:

Dane County Farm Bureau | c/o Golf Outing | P.O. Box 5550 | Madison WI 53705

*Non-Farm Bureau Members welcome! Don't have a foursome? Don't worry! We will match you up with one!

WANTED Board Members & Voting Delegates

Calling those interested in becoming a board member or being selected as a voting delegate!

Board member expectations include attendance at Dane County Farm Bureau's monthly meeting and assistance in leading committee work. Dane County Farm Bureau meets on the second Thursday of the month beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Dane County Farm Bureau office located at 5376 Farmco Drive in Madison. Dane County is looking to fill four board positions at the **September 14** Dane County Farm Bureau annual meeting.

Voting delegate expectations include attendance at Policy Development meetings and vote as a Dane County Farm Bureau delegate on Monday of the WFBF Annual Meeting on **December 4** at the Kalahari Resorts and Conventions in Wisconsin Dells.

If you are considering this opportunity, please contact Pat O'Brien at 608.358.5964 or Ryan Ripp at 608.852.2516. All board of director and delegate nominations should submit a headshot photo and biography to Amy Blakeney at ablakeney@wfbf.com by **Thursday, August 31**, to be included in the Dane County Farm Bureau annual meeting booklet.

DID YOU KNOW?

Dane County agriculture accounts for \$1.29 billion, or 3.7 percent, of the county's total income. This includes wages, salaries, benefits and profits of farmers and workers in agriculture related businesses. Every dollar of agricultural income generates an additional \$1.26 of county income.