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Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit By Lori Edquist



Racine County and Kenosha County Farm Bureau members who attended the Ag Women's Summit included: (from left) Kallie Jo Kastenson, Julie Kastenson, Dawn Noble and Lori Edquist.

The 2017 Women's Ag Summit was a success. Friday started with an inspiring presentation from speaker and author Jane Jenkins Herlong.

There were so many awesome breakout sessions, it was hard to pick. I listened to Kim Bremmer's talk about sustainability in agriculture; Peter Frisch of Rushing Waters Trout Fisheries LLC taught us how to prepare farmer friendly meals with fish; and I found the discussion panel for turning creative ideas into profits very interesting.

After an enjoyable social hour and dinner, we listened to Tony Rocker as we tried our luck at casino night. The night didn't come to an end without an ice cream bar for all to enjoy.

The summit came to a close on Saturday with brunch and another chance to hear Jane Jenkins Herlong. I had a great time at the summit and look forward to 2018.

Discussion Meet Scheduled for August 15



The Discussion Meet gives young members an opportunity to demonstrate their speaking skills on agricultural-related topics. Contestants are judged on their problem-solving skills as they discuss topics with their colleagues.

Date: Tuesday, August 15
Time: Farm Tour at 6:30 p.m., discussion meet at 7:30 p.m., cookout to follow
Location: Cozy Nook Farm
S11 W30780 Summit Avenue, Waukesha
Topic: Formation of family farm corporations is common practice. How can Farm Bureau work to ensure that the public's positive perception of the family farm is not lost?

If you are interested in participating or attending this fun event, please contact Charlie Oberhaus at 262.337.2448 or Patti Roden at proden@wfbf.com or 262.689.1838.

Kenosha County Farm Bureau Members Attend Ag Day at the Capitol

The annual Ag Day at the Capitol was held on March 8. Lunch was served at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center followed by guest speaker Governor Scott Walker.

After being briefed on topics, Kenosha County and Racine County members walked to the Capitol to meet with legislators. Some of the hot topics at the event included asking our legislators to ...

- Support the high capacity well bill.
- Support transportation and explain more rural road and bridge funding is needed.
- Co-sponsor the industrial hemp bill.
- Support the bill for rural broadband.
- Co-sponsor the farmer student loan assistance program.



Members from Kenosha County and Racine County Farm Bureaus had great discussion with their legislators and hope that more members are able to join Ag Day at the Capitol in 2018.

Save the Date: Ag Day at the Capitol January 24, 2018.



COUNTYnews

KENOSHA COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION



2017 Kenosha County Dairy Breakfast, June 17



Front row: (from left) Louise Daniels and Donna Daniels; back row (from left) Tom Daniels, Jordan Daniels and Dale Daniels.

When: Saturday, June 17, from 6:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Where: Daniels Dairy Farm II, 1077 248th Avenue, Kansasville

Cost: \$6 for adults; children six and younger FREE

The annual Kenosha County Dairy Breakfast will be held **Saturday, June 17**, at Daniels Dairy Farm II. Farm Bureau members Tom, Louise, Dale, Donna and Jordan Daniels are excited to host the event at their farm. They currently milk 300 cows, grow 740 acres of corn, hay, wheat and alfalfa, and manage 250 young stock.

Since 1981, the Kenosha County Dairy Promotion Committee has sponsored the annual dairy breakfast on the farm. It has grown over the years to include a big farm breakfast, milking demonstrations, a Wisconsin products tent, children's games, farm toys for sale, farm machinery and much more. The breakfast will once again include scrambled eggs with ham and cheese, pancakes, fresh bread and butter, yogurt, muffins, milk, juice and ice cream.

For more information, please contact Heather Richter from the Kenosha County Dairy Promotion Team at 760.898.0641 or kenoshacountydairypromo@gmail.com.

District 1 Spring Fling Is A Success

The 10th annual District 1 YFA Spring Fling was held on March 18 at The Columbian in West Bend. Over 350 attendees enjoyed listening to music by FM Rodeo. Throughout the years, the Spring Fling has always covered their costs and used their profits to host other educational or networking events throughout the district. This year members wanted to give back in a different way.

Many of the attendees are from the agriculture community, and those in agriculture always help their neighbors. As we were hearing more devastating news about the wildfires hitting Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado and Kansas, we wanted to help. The worst of the wildfires were in Kansas, so the committee did some research and determined they would raise money for the Kansas Farm Bureau.

"The farming community has a history of sticking together and supporting one another in times of need," said Jefferson County YFA chair Lindsay Knoebel. "A lot of the farmers and ranchers affected by the fires may not ask for help, but I know that if the tables were turned, they would do everything they could to help us in Wisconsin. So, we did what was right and gave the Kansas Farm Bureau our Spring Fling profits. We didn't do it for the publicity it would bring our event, we did it because it was the right thing to do."

Throughout the evening, members walked around and collected donations. Ozaukee County YFA co-chair Bob Nash walked around the crowd asking for donations carrying a cowboy boot. Bob mentioned that he "was not expecting much to be collected, but everyone kept throwing \$10s or \$20s in the boot. It was so neat to see how many people care about the agriculture community."

They used cowboy boots and a cowboy hat to collect donations. In total, they got over \$300 donated. The planning committee has decided to donate a total of \$750 to the Kansas Farm Bureau, spending their profits from the year.



Front row: (from left) Chaesta Shager and Kate Quinn; back row (from left) Tim Edquist, Matt Rowntree and Dan Kirchner.

Bob Nash states that "it was just the right thing to do. I have driven through Kansas and Texas a lot. Knowing what the landscape looked like and seeing pictures now is heart breaking. They lost everything so I wanted to do anything I could to help out, and the spring fling was the perfect opportunity."

WFBF District 1 Board of Director Dave Daniels is "proud of the District 1 YFA members who had a dream to start the Spring Fling 10 years ago, and who have now taken it to a whole new level by collecting donations and giving their profits to those in need."

Although our donation may be small, we are happy that we can help the Kansas Farm Bureau out in time of need. We know that others would do the same for us.

Mark your calendars for the 11th annual District 1 YFA Spring Fling: **March 24, 2018**, at The Columbian in West Bend. We hope to see more participants enjoy a night of music, dancing and socializing with other District 1 YFA members.

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From the Desk of District 1 Director



When the calendar turned from 2016 to 2017 there was a sigh of relief that this year is over and the next year will be better.

After the last month, when dozens of dairy farmers got the notice, I began to wonder. It was a short time frame, 30 days, to find a home for hundreds of gallons of milk to be processed.

Dairy Farmers take care of their cows and know how to keep them healthy and well fed so they can produce milk. They rely on someone else to process that milk and deliver it to consumers in various forms of products.

There needed to be a short-term fix so this milk can find a

home and be processed. Your organization stepped up to the plate and had those discussions. DATCP, members of the Board and your Government Relations team, along with other producer groups, discussed the situation to find a short-term solution. They laid out solutions; some were useful to see if processors would take these farm families in and pick up their milk.

Come May 1, we saw and heard Director of Governmental Relations Karen Gefvert report that almost 100 percent of those farm families were taken in and had a place for their milk. That was the short-term solution.

Now we have to look at the long-term solutions. Do farmers have long-term contracts with processors they ship their milk to for stability? Will bankers look at or insist that these contracts be in place before monies are borrowed? Will processors require dairy farmers to sign long-term contracts so they have

milk available to them? Many more questions and many not answered.

These are not the only long-term solutions that need to be focused on. Immigration, federal or can there be state-by-state solutions? Is there enough markets for beef farmers to ship their cattle to? Trade and the consequences of trade not being fair enough? These are the challenges that your organization is addressing and providing input.

We have a District 1 Policy Development meeting scheduled for **Thursday, July 6**. This is where we want your input and knowledge on these subjects and others. Mark your calendar and we hope to see you there. Happy growing season to all.

Dave Daniels
District 1 Director

Wisconsin State Fair Volunteers Wanted

Farm Bureau has signed up to help at the Wisconsin State Fair House of Moo on **Saturday, August 12**. Volunteers hours are from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Volunteers receive a fair admission ticket, house of moo t-shirt, free sandwich coupon for the Real Wisconsin Cheese Grill and water.

If you want to volunteer, contact Patti Roden at proden@wfbf.com.



YFA Members We Want You! Apply by July 10

The **Excellence in Agriculture Award** judges participants on their involvement in agriculture, leadership ability, involvement and participation in Farm Bureau and other civic and service organizations. Applicants must have derived a majority of their income from a non-production agribusiness enterprise for the past three years.



The **Achievement Award** judges participants on their involvement in agriculture, leadership ability, involvement and participation in Farm Bureau and other civic and service organizations. Applicants must have derived a majority of their income from on farm production for the past three years.

Get your application at: bit.ly/WIYFAContests.

Rural Mutual Insurance Announces New Farm Dividend Program

Rural Mutual Insurance Company, premier insurance provider for Wisconsin families, businesses and farms, announces a new dividend program that enables the company to use its financial success to reward farm policyholders for their loyalty to Rural Mutual and commitment to Wisconsin agriculture.

The Rural Mutual Farm Dividend Program is the first of its kind in the area and will return up to 5 percent of farm policyholders' annual earned premium.

Starting in 2017, Rural Mutual farm policyholders may qualify for the Dividend Program if their farm policy has been in force with Rural Mutual for more than one year and is in effect at the end of the year for which the dividend is declared.

Dividend calculations will be based on the financial results of Rural Mutual Insurance Company and its farm product over a three-year period. If dividends are earned, a check will be mailed or delivered by your Rural Mutual agent shortly after the farm policy renews in the subsequent calendar year.

Dividends are not guaranteed and are authorized solely at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

To learn more about Rural Mutual Insurance Company's Farm Dividend Program, please contact your local Rural Mutual agent or visit www.ruralins.com/farm-dividend.



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- Budget (NEW)
- Choice Hotels International, Inc.
- Wyndham Hotel Group

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Kenosha Water Utility Open House



Date: Saturday, June 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: 7834 3rd Avenue Kenosha

The Kenosha Water Utility Wastewater Treatment Plant recently won the American Council of Engineering

Companies (ACEC) 2017 Grand Award for the implementation of on-site renewable energy production.

The heat from the energy production is used to produce dried biosolids that comply with the requirements of the USEPA for Class A Biosolids with Exceptional Quality.

The Kenosha biosolids is high in nutrient value, typically nitrogen-phosphorus-potassium value of 4:5:0.2 and could be used on land to supplement soil organic matter and improve soil structure.

Save the date and learn how the Kenosha Water Utility protects our water quality through the process, producing renewable energy and a nutrient rich soil amendment.

Product specialists and soil scientists will be on hand to answer questions regarding the Kenosha biosolids. Samples of the soil amendment product will be available at the open house.

For more information, please contact director of operations Melissa Arnot at 262.653.4339 or marnot@kenosha.org.



WANTED: FIRST TIME ATTENDEES

Join us for the 2017 Wisconsin Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Agriculturists Conference,

December 1-3 at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells

Never attended the Young Farmer and Agriculturist Conference? Now is your chance to experience this conference for FREE! You will network, learn and have fun with engaging speakers, educational workshops, contests and more.



If you are a first-time attendee, Rural Mutual Insurance will pay the conference registration fee for you and a guest and two nights lodging at the Kalahari Resort. Registration fee includes registrant meals, workshop sessions and entertainment. This sponsorship is limited to 50 individuals/couples.

Complete the short application by **August 15** at <http://bit.ly/YFARuralSponsorship>.

REWARD QUALIFY FOR CASH, REFER A FRIEND

Any YFA member who refers a first-time attendee who is accepted for sponsorship and attends the event will qualify for a \$100 cash award.

Ag in the Classroom Bus Tour Set

Teachers and volunteers are encouraged to spend **July 18-19** on the Ag in the Classroom summer bus tour.

This year, the tour will be in Jefferson County visiting agribusinesses, museums, farms and other venues. The bus tour allows participants to learn more about Wisconsin agriculture, career opportunities and educational lessons and resources about the industry.

Some of the venues include Jones Dairy Farm, Hoards Historical Museum, McKay Nursery, Berres Brothers, Jelli's Market and Mid-State Equipment. The tour will start early on Tuesday morning in Johnson Creek and will end on Wednesday afternoon.

Teachers of all grade levels and subjects, home school parents, extension staff, non-traditional educators and volunteers are welcome.



For the schedule and registration, visit wisagclassroom.org and click the teacher tab.

Scholarship Deadline Extended

Kenosha County Farm Bureau scholarship applications are now available.



Two scholarships will be available to worthy applicants who enroll in any field of study. You could be eligible for a \$200 scholarship for a technical college, \$300 for Farm and Short Course or \$500 for a four-year university or college scholarship.

The deadline for the applications is **June 12**. Scholarships are available at all high school guidance offices or visit wfbf.com/countyfarmbureaus/kenosha.

You or your family must be a Farm Bureau member in order to be eligible to apply.

Upcoming County Meetings

Kenosha County Policy Development Meeting

Wednesday, September 13

- 6:00 p.m. - Cocktails
- 6:30 p.m. - Dinner with policy development meeting to follow

Location: Birchwood Grill

More information to follow.

Kenosha County Annual Meeting

Tuesday, September 26

- 6:00 p.m. - Cocktails
- 6:30 p.m. - Dinner with business meeting to follow

Location: Birchwood Grill

More information to follow.



District 1 Policy Development Meeting Scheduled

The District 1 Policy Development meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, July 6**.



Details

- 6:15 p.m. - Social
- 6:30 p.m. - Buffet dinner
- 7-9 p.m. - Policy Development Meeting

Location

The Machine Shed, N14 W24145 Tower Place, Pewaukee

For more information, please contact Patti Roden at proden@wfbf.com.