



# Kenosha County Farm Bureau

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## Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

### Kenosha County Achieves Gain in Voting Membership

The membership year-end was September 30 and Kenosha County achieved a gain in voting membership.

Achieving the goal was possible because of the dedicated membership volunteers who signed new members throughout the year. Thank you to those who signed new members: Dave Daniels, Dan Kirchner, Wilfred Meier and Kevin Muhlenbeck.



### Wisconsin Ag Open Raises Money for Foundation

By Dave Daniels

On September 12, Kenosha County was well represented at the Wisconsin Ag Open at Christmas Mountain golf course.

The event raises money for the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation. The Foundation, as you may know, funds Ag in the Classroom, Young Farmer and Agriculturist program, Promotion and Education program, Farm Bureau's leadership Institute and collegiate Farm Bureau chapters at UW-Madison, UW-Platteville and UW-River Falls.



Team members (L-R) Dan McCrath, Maxx Daniels, Dave Daniels and Carl Daniels.

For more photos of the event, visit the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Flickr page.

**Mark your calendars:** The 2017 Wisconsin Ag Open is set for **Monday, September 11, 2017**, at Christmas Village in Wisconsin Dells.

### YFA Discussion Meet Contest Held

The District 1 YFA Discussion Meet was on August 24 at Jelli's Market in Helenville. There were five contestants who participated and the topic was: **Today's food companies employ many tactics to gain a marketing edge. What is the purpose of food labels? How can Farm Bureau work to ensure that consumers understand the labels and have confidence in the safety and quality of their food.**



The contestants included: (L-R) Scott Davel, Racine County; Sean Beres, Waukesha County; Jeff Debele, Waukesha County; Kallie Jo Kastenson, Racine County; and Brice Krull, Jefferson County. Finalists, Sean Beres, Jeff Debele and Kallie Jo Kastenson, will compete during the YFA Conference on December 2-4.

If you see the contestants, please wish them the best of luck as they move on to the state competition.

### Most Attractive Farm Award



The Kenosha County Farm Bureau women's committee selects a Most Attractive Farm each year.

This year the award goes to Dyer Lake Farms owned by Ron and Bonnie Denko.

**Congratulations!**





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## Kenosha County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Celebrates Success



The Kenosha County Farm Bureau annual meeting was on September 27 at Birchwood Grill in Kenosha.

Following dinner, members of the Kenosha County Farm Bureau

approved a bylaw change, passed resolutions, elected directors, voted on delegates to the WFBF Annual Meeting and presented the Most Attractive Farm Award.

Dave Daniels also spoke about his time in Germany with the WFBF Board of Directors. While in Germany they learned more about the dairy industry.

The members approved a bylaw change to change the name of the

women's committee to promotion and education committee. In December 2015, the Wisconsin Farm Bureau changed the name of the Women's Committee to Promotion and Education Committee. Kenosha County is following the lead of Wisconsin Farm Bureau in changing their name, hoping to get more members involved.

Dan Kevek and Scott Thompson were elected as board of directors for a three-year term.

Those elected as promotion and education chair and young farmer and agriculturists chair will serve a one-year term:

- **Promotion and education chair:** Connie Meier
- **Young farmer and agriculturist chair:** Dan Kirchner

Delegates were elected for the WFBF Annual Meeting. Those who will represent Kenosha County at the WFBF Annual meeting include Kevin Muhlenbeck, Wilfred Meier and Dan Kevek. The alternates are Connie Meier and Kim Muhlenbeck.

The WFBF Annual Meeting is December 3-5, at the Kalahari Resorts in Wisconsin Dells.

## Resolutions Approved at Kenosha County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting



Kenosha County Farm Bureau voting members were presented the following resolutions during the annual meeting. The state resolutions have been passed on to the Policy Development Committee for potential consideration at the state delegate floor. Below you will find each of the local, state and national resolutions approved by our county voting members.

### National

1. Whereas we have standards for any item (food, plants, animals) used for consumption.

Be it resolved that any product for food imported into the U.S. should be produced - grown with the same standards.

### State

1. We support state legislation to ban the use of cell phones while driving, unless using a hands-free device.
2. We support under documented workers being able to obtain a provisional driver's license with the completion of an instructional course. Provided they are not a convicted felon.
3. Livestock are a domesticated animal, to increase cleanliness of animals and for safety of farmers and farm employees, we oppose

the banning of tail docking. An SOP should be developed for the procedure and a fly abatement plan put in place.

4. Be it resolved that non-farmers should not be liable to require farmers without livestock to build fences.

### Local

1. Whereas current statute states a governmental body shall post public notice of a meeting or hearing in a newspaper and post a copy of such notice in a town or village hall. And whereas many landowners are not notified when issues are publicly discussed concerning their property.

Be it therefore resolved that when governmental bodies are deciding zoning, changes in zoning, special assessments or other actions affecting the value of private property, that the landowners of this property and adjoining neighbors, be notified in writing prior to the scheduled date of these meetings or hearings.

2. We support the continuation of all programs through UW-Extension in Kenosha County.

If you have any questions on any of the resolutions that were presented at the Kenosha County Farm Bureau annual meeting, please contact one of the board members.

Also, if you want to be involved in the policy development process, please contact a board member so that you can be added to the list to attend the 2017 Kenosha County policy development meeting.

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## District 1 Highlights



Greetings, as we wrap up another wonderful and challenging year in Wisconsin. I will highlight a few activities that your state Farm Bureau Board and organization have participated in this year.

Late in 2015, WFBF hosted representatives from the German Chamber of Commerce along with a few German dairy farmers. The topic of discussion was the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP).

In March of 2016, eight board members and two staff members visited Germany. We again discussed TTIP along with

risk management, commodity futures and herd expansion. We also discussed the layers of regulation, the effect of employment on larger farms and how grocers and marketing firms have mandated accepted farm management styles and systems. As we look to trade agreements being a focal point of the election, we must remember Wisconsin exported \$3.2 billion worth of agricultural products to 144 countries.

In July, the WFBF Board, staff members and Rural Executive staff sat down with representatives from Case IH. With the rewriting of implements of husbandry (IOH) legislation, we wanted to hear the perspective of this implement manufacturer headquartered in Racine.

All 50 states have different regulations and Case IH produces tractors for several continents. They were not concerned with the regulation shifts as long as their engineers have time to adapt. It also was impressive to see how high powered implements are built and how quality control is monitored.

As you can see, no one year defines an organization's accomplishments or challenges. It is a process that continues from year-to-year. I look forward to working for you and our organization. Have a safe harvest.

**Dave Daniels**  
WFBF District 1 Director

## Raise Your Voice for Agriculture



Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, March 8, 2017**, and plan to attend Ag Day at the Capitol.

It's important for us to raise our voice on issues. Take a few minutes to become familiar with an issue that is affecting you and call your legislators. Inform them how important agriculture is in Kenosha County and share your views on issues and how they affect your farm.

Remember when you talk to your legislators to be respectful and thank them for their support of agriculture.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Patti Roden at 262.689.1838 or [proden@wfbf.com](mailto:proden@wfbf.com).

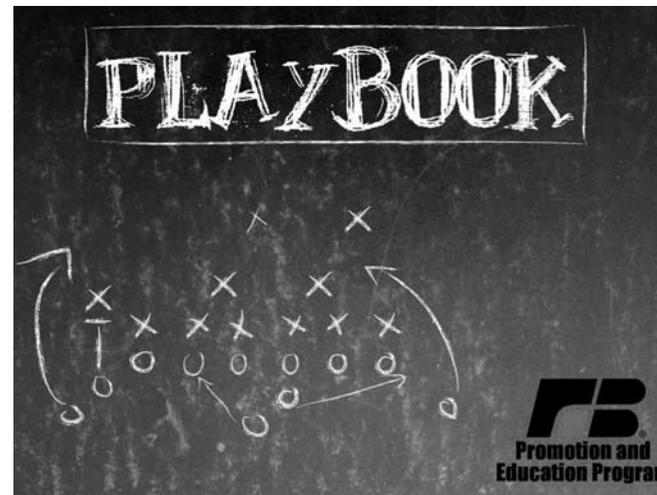
## 'Playbook' Available Online

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee has been busy collecting plays that happen at the local level. They compiled the plays and put them together in a 'Playbook.' The purpose of the 'Playbook' is to provide counties with ideas and resources for planning county activities and events.

Throughout the 'Playbook,' you will find activities and events for all ages, time frames and budgets.

Updates to the 'Playbook' will be made quarterly. If you have events that you want included in the next update, submit a play submission sheet by **December 15**.

To check out the 'Playbook,' visit this website [wfbf.com/programsevents/promotion-and-education/playbook](http://wfbf.com/programsevents/promotion-and-education/playbook).



## Watch for Ag Transportation Tidbits from WFBF

Now that the IOH trilogy is complete, but yet so many questions still remain, there has been discussion of creating a Wisconsin agriculture transportation guide book. This book will encompass all aspects of operating or transporting ag-related equipment and supplies within Wisconsin, both state and federal laws. Rob Richard, WFBF's Senior Director of Governmental Relations, and Cheryl Skjolaas of UW Extension, are working with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to write this guide book.

In preparation for the guide book, WFBF has been rolling out 'Today's Ag Transportation Tidbit' on social media. These posts are simple, yet important, transportation laws or rules that apply to ag-related equipment and its operation or transport on Wisconsin roads.

To see other tidbits from WFBF's 'Today's Ag Transportation



Tidbit' go to our Facebook page at [facebook.com/WIFarmBureau](http://facebook.com/WIFarmBureau). Read more about the transportation tidbit initiative at <http://bit.ly/TransportationTidbit>.

## Meet: Charlie Oberhaus, NEW District 1 YFA Chair



Charlie Oberhaus of Waukesha County was appointed to the Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Young Farmer and Agriculturist (YFA) Committee by the Farm Bureau's state Board of Directors. His term begins at the WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference on December 2-5 in Wisconsin Dells.

Charlie Oberhaus works on Cozy Nook Farm, a dairy farm near Waukesha managed by his parents Tom and Joan

Oberhaus. He is a graduate of UW-Madison's Farm and Industry Short Course. After high school Charlie formed Cozy Nook Trucking LLC, a one-truck business that he operates full-time along with working at the home farm. He is a member of the Waukesha County Farm Bureau.

The WFBF YFA Committee consists of nine couples or individuals (ages 18-35) from around the state. Its goal is to get more young farmers and agriculturists acquainted with and involved in Farm Bureau. They carry out a variety of statewide initiatives, such as conferences, contests and award programs. The YFA Program is funded by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation.

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## There are Benefits to Your Farm Bureau Membership:

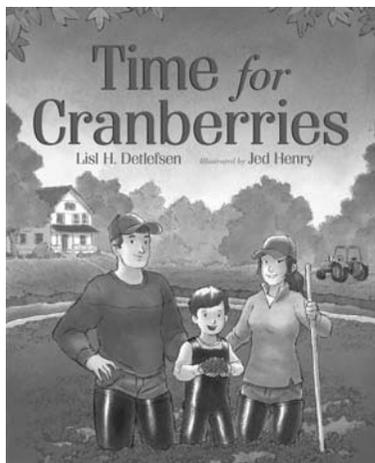
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For complete details visit [wfbf.com/benefits-membership](http://wfbf.com/benefits-membership).

## Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest Focuses on Cranberries



Each year, Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom offers an essay contest for fourth and fifth grade students in public, private and home schools, including 4-H clubs, Farm Bureau families and other organizations.

The 2016-2017 topic is 'Tell us about cranberry production in Wisconsin during one of the four seasons.'

The essay contest theme coincides with the book of the year *Time for Cranberries* by Lisl H. Detlefsen.

This book follows a boy and his family through the process of collecting cranberries to eating the delicious treat.

County contest entries are due by **April 1, 2017**. For more information, please contact Scott Thompson at 262.237.4777 or visit [www.wisagclassroom.org](http://www.wisagclassroom.org).

### DID YOU KNOW?

The cranberry became Wisconsin's official fruit in 2004. The result of a class project of a fifth grade student from Trevor Grade School in Kenosha County.

## Stay Humble and Kind By Patti Roden, District 1 Coordinator



*When the dreams you're dreamin' come to you  
When the work you put in is realized  
Let yourself feel the pride  
But always stay humble and kind*

I truly enjoy working with all eight counties in District 1. District 1 is one of nine Farm Bureau districts in the state. Our district includes the counties of: Jefferson, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Walworth, Washington and Waukesha. Each county is unique and the strengths of all the counties makes District 1 successful.

As we reflect on the past year and set goals for the upcoming year, I think of a simple song that has a big meaning – 'Humble and Kind' by Tim McGraw.

No matter the struggles you face on your farm with the low prices, farmers and agriculturists are known to help out the neighbors and remain humble and kind. I am proud to be a part of such a great organization with dedicated leaders who help make this general farm organization a huge success.

Looking back on the past year, in District 1 we have a lot to be proud of. All eight counties held each other accountable and worked together in March to achieve the early-bird membership goal.

In my four years as district coordinator, this has never hap-

pened and it raises the bar for next year. This would not have been possible without all the dedicated membership volunteer workers who put in countless hours right up until the last minute to ensure their county farm bureau would achieve its goal. In addition, we have had great attendance at district meetings and awesome participation in the Discussion Meet.

Everything that your county Farm Bureau is doing today might not help you directly, but think about your children and grandchildren who will be impacted by what Farm Bureau is doing.

How will you make Farm Bureau better for the future? Farm Bureau can't be successful without you, the members, what is your role? Let's continue to reflect on the past and look toward the future as we get ready to celebrate WFBF's centennial in 2019.

As the September 30 membership year-end approached, all the district coordinators were working hard to ensure the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation reached its membership goal. I am happy to report that the Wisconsin Farm Bureau reached its membership goal for the ninth consecutive year because of the great volunteers.

Thank you for being a Farm Bureau member, and as we look forward to the upcoming year, keep in mind what Tim McGraw has to say.

*Don't take for granted the love this life gives you  
When you get where you're going don't forget turn back around  
And help the next one in line  
Always stay humble and kind.*

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For more details on upcoming YFA events 'Like' Kenosha County Farm Bureau and YFA on Facebook, and visit the website [wfbf.com/countyfarmbureaus/kenosha](http://wfbf.com/countyfarmbureaus/kenosha).

## Meet Your Board of Directors



Front row: (L-R) Promotion and education chair Connie Meier and president Kevin Muhlenbeck.

Back row: (L-R) Young Farmer and Agriculturist chair Dan Kirchner, vice president Scott Thompson, board member Wilfred Meier and secretary /treasurer Dan Kevek.

If you are interested in being more involved with the Kenosha County Farm Bureau, please contact one of the board members. The board is looking for one person to fill a two-year term for the Randall-Wheatland district. The board meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month.



In May, the Kenosha County Farm Bureau received an award from the Burlington FFA Chapter as a token of appreciation for encouragement, cooperation and assistance to the FFA in helping them accomplish outstanding achievements in agriculture, leadership, citizenship and community development.