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Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

District 1 Members Volunteer at the Wisconsin House of Moo

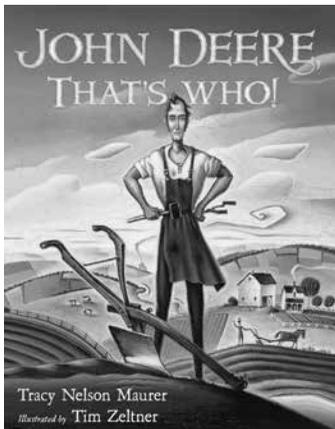


District 1 members helped at the Wisconsin State Fair House of Moo on August 12.

Members were stationed throughout the House of Moo educating fairgoers about the dairy industry. Fairgoers could pet calves, milk a cow, see what cows eat, play games and look inside of a milk tank.

- A few fun facts that we were able to share with fairgoers ...
- If people ate like cows, they would have to eat about 360 cheeseburgers and drink 400 to 800 glasses of water each day!
 - Human hands never touch milk; it is carried through stainless steel pipes and then pumped into tanks and milk hauling trucks.
 - A calf can stand and walk within one hour after being born.
 - It takes 12.5 gallons of milk to make one gallon of ice cream.

Ag in the Classroom Announces Essay Topic



Using the book of the year, "John Deere That's Who," the topic 'Inventions that have made agriculture great,' allows students to write about inventions that made agriculture advance in technology, efficiency and productivity.

Each year the topic has specific lesson plans, activities and other resources that teachers and home school parents can use to teach about Wisconsin agriculture.

The essay contest is open to fourth and fifth grade students in public schools, private schools and home school programs.

Students involved in 4-H, PALS and after school programs are also encouraged to participate. The essay must be between 100- to 300-words in length.

For contest rules, lesson plans and supporting documents, visit www.wisagclassroom.org. The essay contest deadline is **April 1, 2018**.

Members Participate in the Wisconsin Ag Open



Dave Daniels registering for the WI Ag Open.

On September 11, Kenosha County Farm Bureau was well represented at the Wisconsin Ag Open at Christmas Mountain Golf Course. Those who golfed on the Kenosha County Farm Bureau team included Dave Daniels, Maxx Daniels, Dirk Daniels and Dan McCrath.

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, WFBF Leadership Institute and collegiate Farm Bureau chapters at UW-Madison, UW-Platteville and UW-River Falls.

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

Mark your calendars! The 2018 Wisconsin Ag Open is set for **Monday, September 10, 2018**, at Christmas Village in Wisconsin Dells.



COUNTYnews

KENOSHA COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION



Kenosha County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Celebrates Success



A great group of people attended the Kenosha County Farm Bureau annual meeting.

The Kenosha County Farm Bureau annual meeting was held on September 26 at Birchwood Grill in Kenosha.

After dinner, members of the Kenosha County Farm Bureau approved a bylaw change, passed resolutions, elected directors and voted on delegates to the WFBF Annual Meeting.

The members approved a bylaw change to increase the county Farm Bureau dues by \$5 effective **October 1, 2018**.

Kevin Muhlenbeck was elected as a board of director for a three-year term; Tim Edquist was elected as a board of director for a two-year term; and Ben Harbach was elected as a board of director for a one-year term.



Kenosha County Farm Bureau received a lot of donations for door prizes at the county annual meeting.

Those elected as Promotion and Education chair and Young Farmer and Agriculturists chair will serve a one-year term:

- Promotion and Education chair: Kim Muhlenbeck
- Young Farmer and Agriculturist chair: Dan Kirchner

Delegates were elected for the WFBF Annual Meeting. Those who will represent Kenosha County Farm Bureau at the WFBF Annual Meeting include Tim Edquist, Kevin Muhlenbeck and Wilfred Meier. The alternate is Dan Kevek.

The WFBF Annual Meeting is **December 2-4** at the Kalahari Resorts in Wisconsin Dells.

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Resolutions Approved at Kenosha County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

Kenosha County Farm Bureau voting members were presented the following resolutions at the annual meeting.

The state resolutions have been passed on to the WFBF Policy Development Committee for potential consideration at the state delegate floor.

Below you will find each of the local and state resolutions approved by our county voting members.

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 any of the board members. Also, if you want to be involved in the policy development process, please contact a board member to be added to the list to attend next year's county policy development meeting.

From the Desk of District 1 Director



Congratulations on another successful Farm Bureau year!

I would like to touch on a few things that were very important to your organization and the accomplishments for this year.

First, two state-wide committees were active this year. Obtaining information and deciding what is important to Wisconsin farmers in

the upcoming 2018 Farm Bill was the focus of the Farm Bill Committee and the Dairy Committee.

In September, members of these committees and the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Board of Directors went to Washington, D.C. We spoke to our legislators and their staff on what is important to Wisconsin farmers and urged them to include or change a few things in the 2018 Farm Bill based on our committee recommendations.

Secondly, our governmental relations teams, with members, were conversing with our state legislators on how the State Budget will affect their livelihoods. As I am writing this we are getting close to passing this legislation that includes monies for continuing the Premise ID staffing and management, farmer-led watershed projects, and others that will help agriculture in the future.

Lastly, within the governmental relations division we have hired Steve Boe. His charge is to validate and process issues at the local level with counties; then help county Farm Bureaus with these local issues. Whether it is sand mines, water quality, urban sprawl or other topics that are important to your county Farm Bureau, Wisconsin Farm Bureau has someone who can help.

Have a safe harvest and remember this is your organization. Use it and be an integral part of Wisconsin's largest farmer organization.

Dave Daniels
WFBF District 1 Director

Farm Bureau Leaders Advocate in Washington, D.C.

Members of the WFBF Dairy and Farm Bill Committees, and WFBF's Board of Directors, visited Washington, D.C., on September 12-14. The priority issues that the committees discussed were the 2018 Farm Bill, dairy policy and immigration reform.

Those who went to Washington, D.C., have spent countless hours researching the topics they were lobbying.

For more details on their trip, see the October-November 2017 Rural Route. View it online at wfbf.com/newspublications/read.



Members: Raise Your Voice for Agriculture

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, January 24, 2018**, 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 Ag Day at the Capitol, please contact Patti Roden at 262.689.1838 or proden@wfbf.com.

YFA Members Advance to State Competition

The District 1 YFA Discussion Meet was held on August 22 at Cozy Nook Farm in Waukesha after a tour of their farm.

We had four very qualified contestants who participated in the Discussion Meet. This year's district topic was: **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?**

The four contestants were Bob Nash from Ozaukee County, Sean Beres from Waukesha County and Scott Davel and Kallie Jo Kastenson both from Racine County.

Three contestants were selected and will compete at the YFA Conference. The finalists are Bob, Sean and Kallie Jo.

If you see any of the contestants, wish them the best of luck as they move on to the WFBF Discussion Meet on December 1-3 at the YFA Conference.



The four contestants were (from left) Bob Nash, Sean Beres, Scott Davel and Kallie Jo Kastenson.



Attendees enjoyed learning more about Cozy Nook Farm.

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation invites you to attend
AG DAY AT THE CAPITOL
January 24, 2018
Monona Terrace Convention Center • Madison, WI

Early Registration Deadline: January 18
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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Faith, Family, Farming, Farm Bureau



Agriculture has been challenged with low milk prices, low grain and commodity prices, high land rent prices and the never-ending battle with the weather, every time the weatherman predicts rain it seems that we get more than we bargain for. When you are caught in a bind with the struggles in agriculture, what do you lean on?

Looking at the struggles the past couple years, I have found I lean on the four Fs.

Faith: Praying for rain or praying the rain stops, it's a battle we face in agriculture. It seems that we can never be perfectly happy on the weather, either it's too wet or too dry, or there aren't enough heat days for the corn to grow.

Dolly Parton says, "the way I see it, if you want the rainbow you gotta put up with the rain!"

The next time it's raining, take some time to think about agriculture and the challenges you are facing, and enjoy the beauty that is being shown to us in the rainbow that follows. We won't be given more than we can handle, so take every rainstorm and challenge as it comes.

Family: In agriculture it seems that we lean on family a lot, to me family is a broad term. Yes, my immediate family is always there if needed, but I think of you as part of my Farm Bureau family. In the agriculture industry, we are one big family. There is no one who understands the daily struggles of agriculture

better than those who are living it. This year's WFBF Annual Meeting theme is 'Rooted in Family.' I hope you, as part of my Farm Bureau family, are able to attend this year's WFBF Annual Meeting to connect with other farmers who are facing the same struggles.

Farming: Caring for animals and fieldwork is necessary to farming, and the farm is the reason we are all a part of Farm Bureau. As farmers, we care for not only our families, but for the world. We are proud to be part of such a great industry.

Montgomery Gentry said it best in their song Something to Be Proud Of, they say "you don't need to make a million, just be thankful to be workin'. If you're doing what you're able and putting food there on the table, and providing for the family that you love, that's something to be proud of."

We are proud to be part of a diverse industry that feeds the world.

Farm Bureau: As an organization we are here to help you get through the challenges. We are a grassroots organization that's committed to serving you, our members. It's so important that you bring forth issues that you are having in agriculture so we can help. As a grassroots organization, the policies listed in our WFBF Policy Book came from you, the members. If you have an issue and need help, don't hesitate to reach out to myself or your local Farm Bureau, we are here to help you through the struggles in agriculture.

"Even though there are days I wish I could change some things that happened in the past, there's a reason the rear-view mirror is so small and the windshield is so big, where you're headed is much more important than what you've left behind."

Thank you for being a part of the Farm Bureau Family! I look forward to seeing where we are headed.

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Meet the Kenosha County Farm Bureau Board of Directors



The Kenosha County Farm Bureau is run by dedicated volunteers. The board of directors include front row: (from left) Tim Edquist, Kim Muhlenbeck and Dan Kirchner; back row: (from left) Ben Harbach, Wilfred Meier, Kevin Muhlenbeck and Dan Kevek.

Announcing the IGNITE Conference

Join us for the 2018 IGNITE Conference at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Stevens Point on **April 5-6, 2018**. IGNITE: Innovate, Grow, Network, Inform, Train, Engage is a statewide information, training and fun-filled member engagement meeting for county Farm Bureau members.

The purposes is the strengthen county leaders and Farm Bureau by providing them with program ideas, resources and new skills to carry out the mission of their county Farm Bureau. More than 20 workshops available following four training tracks: 1. Governance and organization 2. Building Farm Bureau 3. Communicating for agriculture and Farm Bureau 4. Policy, issues and advocacy.

No matter what your involvement in Farm Bureau is, this a great opportunity to network with other county leaders and get more involved. Mark your calendars now.

Kenosha County Farm Bureau Achieves Gain in Membership



The membership year-end was September 29 and Kenosha County Farm Bureau achieved a gain in both voting and total membership.

Achieving the goal was possible because of the dedicated membership volunteers who signed new members throughout the year. A big thank you to Dan Kirchner who signed four new members throughout the year.

