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Outagamie County Farm Bureau Cream Puff Fundraiser

By Bernie Vander Heiden

Linda and I want to thank everyone who helped make the Octoberfest cream puff fundraiser a huge success.

We raised more than \$3,000 in one day. These funds are used to support Adventures in Dairyland, Rural Health Initiative, 4-H

scholarship program and FFA.

These are just a few of the programs we support throughout the year with dollars we raised. So please mark down **Saturday, September 29**, to help make this fundraiser a huge success again in 2018.



Bob Fox sprinkled powdered sugar as the finishing touch to the Octoberfest cream puffs.



Fairness of the Fair Amanda Stingle took a shift selling Farm Bureau cream puffs at Appleton's Octoberfest.

Members Attend the AFBF Annual Convention in Nashville

By Kelly Oudenhoven



Farm Bureau members from around the country visited the Outagamie County display at the IDEAg Tradeshow at the AFBF Annual Convention in Nashville, Tennessee.

During the first week of January, my husband Keith and I, along with Bernie and Linda Vander Heiden, traveled to Nashville, Tennessee, to attend the 99th AFBF Annual Convention.

The Milk and Cookies with Santa program was recognized by the American Farm Bureau as a County Activities of Excellence Award winner.

It was an honor to be selected as there were more than 122 counties that submitted appli-

cations from across the USA and only 24 were selected as winners.

We exhibited in the IDEAg Tradeshow and many people were very interested in the event. We had a lot of fun and also took in some shows in Nashville with the Wisconsin delegation.

In addition to the excitement, President Donald Trump accepted the invitation to come and speak during the closing session of the AFBF Annual Convention. President George Bush Sr. was the last president to address attendees at the AFBF Annual Convention more than 25 years ago.

In President Trump's address, he spoke about promoting trade along with his appreciation for the American farmer. President Trump also signed an Executive Order to expand broadband internet service in rural areas so farmers can promote products more efficiently. We were honored to be in the same room as the President and are humbled that he recognized the American Farm Bureau along with the American farmer as the "backbone of America."



COUNTYnews

OUTAGAMIE COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

Outagamie County Farm Bureau Members Attend WFBF Annual Meeting By Bob Fox

I had the pleasure to represent Outagamie County Farm Bureau at the WFBF Annual Meeting for the first time along with Mike Salter, Bernie Vander Heiden and our significant others. It was held at the Kalahari Resorts and Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells.

We arrived on Saturday and met up with others at the trade show and silent auction room. The trade show had booths set up from businesses associated with Farm Bureau, ag industry and personal health. Kelly Oudenhoven set up a booth for the Cookies with Santa program.

The silent auction consisted of items donated from the generosity of members, county Farm Bureaus, businesses and sponsors. All proceeds benefit the education and leadership development programs of the WFBF Foundation.

The banquet that night featured comedian Scott Novotny, a very good family oriented comedian. Later, there was a trivia contest and cornhole tournament.

Sunday morning started with a devotional service. From there we had brunch and listened to motivational speaker Chris Koch. Chris was born with physical disabilities. He spoke on a lighter side of how he never let his disability stop him obtaining his goals in life and setting new goals.

There were workshops set up in the afternoon. Since this was my first time attending I skipped them. Lori and I explored the rest of the conference center.



Outagamie County Farm Bureau members attended the WFBF Annual Meeting.

Sunday evening started with the Farm Bureau awards banquet and program. The evening ended with a reception and music.

Monday morning started with breakfast and a general session. From there we broke into small groups for District Caucuses to discuss resolutions that were to be voted as a full group.

All of the voting members met together to vote on the new resolutions and had a business meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

Reflecting on that weekend, it was well organized, and we met a lot of nice people from other counties. The food was good too.

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YFA Planned Outings By Kelly Oudenhoven

The Young Farmers and Agriculturists will start the year with the annual pizza and bowling event with Waupaca County YFA. Come and join YFA members at New London Lanes on **Thursday, February 1**, at 6:30 p.m. for bowling fun and socializing.

Please let me know if you will attend so we can plan on food and reserve lanes.

On **Saturday, February 24**, come and join YFA members at the Green Bay Gambler game as they take on the

Madison Capitols. We have discounted tickets available for \$16. The Outagamie YFA program will cover \$6 so your cost is only \$10.

To RSVP by **February 16**, please contact me at 920.378.4744 or Kelly.oudenhoven@gmail.com. Tickets need to be ordered and the promo code ends on February 17.

Free pizza and soda will be available after the game at the D2 Stadium District Sports Pub. Hope to see you there.



Watch the Facebook page for future events.

Adventures in Dairyland Partnership

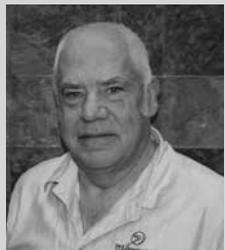
By Kelly Oudenhoven

The Outagamie County Farm Bureau is proud to announce that we have become a partner in the UW Extension Program Adventures in Dairyland. The Adventures in Dairyland Program is a six-week program that teaches fourth grade students in Outagamie County how milk comes from the cow and ends up in stores.

Volunteer instructors visit classrooms for five weeks teaching a curriculum-based on how cows came to America, different dairy breeds, how cows make milk to how milk is collected, tested and processed to end up in grocery stores. The program also includes a tour on a working dairy farm. Many times this is the first time children and parents have been on a farm. The Adventures in Dairyland Program was founded in 1982 by Jeanne Baum, who is an Outagamie UW-Extension agent, and Jim Barthels, who is a Winnebago UW-Extension agent.

In 2017, the Outagamie County Dairy Promotion partnered with the UW-Extension and gave the booklet a facelift. The booklet is now a full-color booklet and we have included more topics such as women in agriculture, types and sizes of farms along with a career section. We had our kick-off luncheon and the first classrooms will start the program in February. This year, we plan to reach 1,875 students.

President's Report



This report comes after the WFBF Annual Meeting, which was a great success with good financial reports and resolutions updating our organizations policies.

Outagamie Farm Bureau was selected for the County Activities of Excellence award for the Milk and Cookies with Santa promotion this year.

Ag Day at the Capitol also took place on January 24, and five members attended from the county.

During Ag Day at the Capitol some interesting things were discussed with legislators. Implementing hemp legislation, transferring CAFO oversight from DNR to DATCP, high-capacity well permitting process, wetlands issues and the new NR 151 rules.

The next event that you can attend and voice your opinion on what we are doing or what we should be doing will be the WPS Farm Show at the end of April. Outagamie County members will help in the Farm Bureau booth again this year.

I hope everybody enjoyed the January weather below zero to the mid-40s here in Wisconsin.



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Keith and Kelly Oudenhoven attended the Farm Bureau Proud Club banquet at the WFBF Annual Meeting.

District 7 Director's Report



The annual meeting went very well. It was great to see the quality of contestants from District 7 in Excellences of Ag and Discussion Meet. The silent auction

went over well. Thank you to everyone who donated and bid on items. The WFBF Foundations leader's challenge fundraiser is being supported very well.

It was great seeing a quality group of people graduate the WFBF Leadership Institute and to hear the names of the new class this year. I'm looking forward to meeting you and watching you grow with Farm Bureau.

As we start 2018, I look forward to the events early in the year including Council

of Presidents and Ag Day at the Capitol, which was January 24 at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center.

The IGNITE Conference is **April 5-6** in Stevens Point.

District 7 county Farm Bureaus covered the cost for members to attend Ag Day at the Capitol. The same holds true for the IGNITE Conference. Please take advantage of this great opportunity for self-improvement and contact your county board members for more information and possible carpooling to the event.

I hope that the progress on industrial hemp keeps moving forward swiftly. This will bring another viable industry to Wisconsin and give farmers another cash crop.

Adam Kuczer
WFBF District 7 Board of Director

Successful Leadership Boot Camp Series By Katelin Steege

The WFBF Promotion and Education Committee hosted the first Leadership Boot Camp Series on November 11 at Heartland Farms in Hancock.

The boot camp focused on the very timely topic of policy development. District 7 was well represented with five members present from three different counties.

WFBF Director of Local Affairs Steve Boe led the morning program with 'Having an Influence, Making an Impact,' which focused on how to convey your message to elected officials and their staffers.

During the afternoon, WFBF Senior Director of Governmental Relations Rob Richard walked everyone through the resolution process from inception at a county meeting to being adopted as policy.

A panel of Farm Bureau leaders, including Brian Preder from Waupaca County, shared experiences with crafting resolutions and the policy development process at the county and state levels.



Rob Richards (standing) led the policy development panel at the Promotion and Education Leadership Boot Camp.

The Promotion and Education Committee plans to continue the Leadership Boot Camp Series and move the location around the state.

Some other potential topics might include: social media training and public speaking.

District 7 YFA Report

Hello District 7 YFA members,

What better way to end another great year than at the Kalahari Resorts for the annual YFA Conference. We had more than 500 members from around the state attend this year's conference. Members had the chance to win it big at casino night and helped raise an astounding \$1,111 for the WFB Foundation through the 50/50 Raffle. That means one lucky YFA member also won \$1,111.

Members listened to the story of Chris Koch, a man born without legs or arms who is a farmer. District 7 YFA was well represented in the contests. Congratulations to Kelly Oudenhoven and Kristi Fiedler for being selected as finalists for the Excellence in Ag competition. Brian Feidler, Kyle Much and Jake Hoewisch did a great job representing District 7 in the Discussion Meet.



District 7 YFA members teamed up for a game of 'Google Feud' as an ice breaker at the district meeting on the first night of the YFA Conference.

Humor Corner By LeRoy Van Asten

Nothing depreciates your tractor so fast as a new model in your neighbor's field.

Here is the new simplified tax form:
Line 1. What was your income last year?
Line 2. What were your expenses?
Line 3. Income remaining after expenses.
Line 4. Send in the amount on line 3.



Be sure you plan to attend the annual District YFA event at the Green Bay Gamblers hockey game. We will be joining District 6 on **February 24** at 7:05 p.m. for a night of hockey and the chance to make new friends meeting other YFA members from around northeast Wisconsin.

Discounted tickets will be \$16 each. In order to access this special offer, please visit www.ticketstaronline.com and enter code 'WFBF' in the promo code box in the upper right hand corner of the home page. From there you will be able to select the game and then select your seat. The promo code will expire on February 17.

Join us for free pizza and soda after the game at the D2 Stadium District Sports Pub.

Brian Preder
District 7 YFA Representative



Kelly Oudenhoven was one of the four finalists in the Excellence in Ag competition.

Competing for Fairest of the Fair By Amanda Stingle

With winter well underway, and graduation from UW-Platteville over, I now have time to enjoy the beauty of the snow (on the few days we actually had decent temperatures) and look for a career path for myself.

Reflecting on my fairest self, I had the opportunity to help the Outagamie County Farm Bureau sell cream puffs at Octoberfest in Appleton on September 30. This was my first Octoberfest experience, I was in awe of the number of people who attended the event. I was happy to be able to enjoy the nice weather and to help give back to the Farm Bureau, as they have done so much for the Outagamie County Fairest of the Fair program.

More recently, I competed against 35 other contestants for the 2018 Wisconsin Fairest of the Fairs title at the 2018 Wisconsin Association of Fairs Convention on January 7-10 at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. It was a long four days filled with butterflies, smiles, tears and laughs. There were many discussions with the contestants about professionalism, etiquette, public speaking, Fairest programs and the fair industry, which means that I learned a lot in the



Amanda Stingle competed with 35 others for the state title of Fairest of the Fair.

four days.

I also sold a basket at the convention containing the flavors of Outagamie County, including wine from Kerrigan Brothers, Vande Walle's candies and cheese from five cheese plants in the county. My basket went over well on the auction.

Although I did not make it into the top 10, I still came out of the convention with many new friends and memories that will last a life time. Chances are I will never pet a baby monkey again or dance at a nightly showcase in professional dress. I thank the Outagamie County Fair Board and my family for the support given at convention, and I appreciate you making the drive for me. I wish the 2018 Wisconsin Fairest of the Fair, Isabella Haen from Kewanee

County the best of luck on her journey, and I hope to be able to work with you during the rest of my reign.

I encourage young fair enthusiasts older than 18 to consider running to be the 2018 Outagamie County Fairest of the Fair. Please 'like' our Facebook page (Outagamie County Fairest of the Fair) for updates when the applications become available. This is a great opportunity to give back to the fair and to better yourself along the way.

Although winter is a slow time of the year for Fairest duties, I am working on a list of events to attend this spring and early summer, including Family Daze in Black Creek and Cheese Fest in Little Chute. I hope to see you around at some of these events.

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Outagamie County Annual Meeting

Date: Thursday, October 11
Location: River Rail Restaurant
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Plan to Participate in the Wisconsin Ag Open

Hosted by the WFB Foundation, the 2018 Wisconsin Ag Open will be held on **Monday, September 10**, at Christmas Mountain Village in Wisconsin Dells. All proceeds will support the WFB Foundation education and leadership programs such as Ag in the Classroom, 4-H, FFA, WFBF Leadership Institute and Young Farmer and Agriculturist activities.

For information, please contact Ag in the Classroom Coordinator Darlene Arneson at darneson@wfbf.com or 608.828.5644.

Do You Know Someone Who Should Be a Farm Bureau Member?

To the right is a membership application for Wisconsin Farm Bureau. The dues in Outagamie County are \$55 per membership. Below are a couple of quick hints for you as you go through the membership application.

1. Can my spouse and I share a membership? Yes! Each membership is one vote for the County Farm Bureau. If you and your spouse feel you can have a shared opinion on county happenings, then you can have a shared membership. If you want to have two votes, you each have to buy a membership.
2. Why do you need my date of birth? Your birthday is used for the accidental death benefit that comes along with your county Farm Bureau membership. It also helps us target our Young Farmer and Agriculturalist members so that we can be sure to include them in activities that are specific to them. We won't sell it to anyone, it just helps us.
3. What is the Ag Newswire? The Ag Newswire is produced by Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation each Friday and it is a summary of agriculture news for the past week.
4. How do I know what my membership type is? A voting member is someone engaged in agricultural purposes, actively engaged in the business of producing agricultural products, owners of property where such business is conducted, or providing services to

agriculture. An associate member is other persons, partnerships, unincorporated associations and corporations interested in the philosophy and objectives of this association. They can be a member and participate in the member benefits, but without the right to vote or serve as a director. Typically, associate members are those without direct ties to agriculture, but carry a Rural Mutual Insurance policy.

5. Who is the membership worker? At Farm Bureau, we like to reward those who help us grow our membership. So, if you are giving this membership newsletter to someone in hopes that they will join, please write your name in the membership worker blank. We will send you \$20 for each new member you sign up. It's a great way to be rewarded for taking time to help us grow our membership.
6. Where do I mail my application? You can mail it to WFBF, P.O. BOX 5550, Madison, WI 53705 or you can drop it off at a board member's home.
7. When should I send in my payment, when is it due? Your membership starts on the day we receive your membership application and that will remain your renewal date. So, if you know that your cash is a little tight in the summer, but you could manage the renewal in September, send it in September. We are glad to have your membership anytime.

Welcome to the Farm Bureau Family

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

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Email Address: _____

Would you like to receive WFBF's weekly email newsletter, Ag Newswire? Yes No

Would you like a Rural Mutual Insurance agent to contact you? Yes No

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