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FARMLAND Film On Sale Now

Academy Award®-winning filmmaker James Moll's feature-length documentary, FARMLAND, is now available on DVD at Walmart and Walmart.com. The availability of the documentary at retail locations across the country and online, provides another opportunity for viewers to experience the film, which offers a firsthand glimpse inside the world of farming by showcasing the lives of six young farmers and ranchers in their twenties.

This film is a great tool for educating others about agriculture. There are many ways to use this film in 'ag'vocating efforts. For example you could donate copies to your local schools and libraries or could set up a movie night in your community to watch the film together and discuss it after.

FARMLAND premiered in theaters across the country in spring 2014, and now, is available on hard disk for rent and purchase at Netflix, Amazon, select retail outlets and via On Demand platforms.



DVDs of FARMLAND is for sale at select Walmart locations and on Walmart.com. The documentary is also now available to rent on DVD from Netflix and to purchase on Amazon, with continued availability for rent and purchase via digital download on iTunes, Amazon Instant Video, Blockbuster On-Demand, Sony PlayStation, Vudu.com, Xbox and YouTube.

"I'm thrilled by how wide the distribution has been for Farmland," said Moll. "There's a lot of interest out there in the lives of young farmers and ranchers. It is a fascinating topic and I'm glad that there's such a demand for the film on DVD and online."

Produced by Moll's Allentown Productions, FARMLAND was made with the generous support of the U.S. Farmers & Ranchers Alliance®. Check out the official trailer and more information about the feature length documentary at FARMLANDfilm.com and on Facebook.

Save Your Can Pop Tabs!

The State Women's Committee is once again collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald's House.

Last year 734 pounds were collected, which is the equivalent to more than one million tabs. The Committee has set a goal of 700 pounds for this year.

If you are interesting in contributing, please contact Katelin Haglund at 715.210.5384.

Help District 7 lead the state!



Outagamie Farm Bureau at WPS Farm Show

March 24 was a beautiful spring day in Oshkosh as members of the Outagamie County Farm Bureau spoke with visitors at the Farm Bureau booth shared by five county Farm Bureaus in central Wisconsin to promote Farm Bureau programs, benefits and membership.

There were two new members who signed up and about 150 people registered for the bolt selection and storage unit that was being given away each day of the three-day show.



Verdell and Bert Krueger, Shawano County Farm Bureau members, were the Farm Bureau booth drawing winners.



Chris Volkman and Katelin Haglund (left) talk with visitors to the Farm Bureau booth at the WPS Farm Show in Oshkosh.



COUNTYnews

OUTAGAMIE COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

Plan to Attend the Outagamie Breakfast on the Farm By Kelly Oudenhoven



The 29th annual Outagamie County Breakfast on the Farm will be held at Wichman Farms, N4735 County Road EE in Appleton on June 14. Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Come out and enjoy a hearty breakfast of egg omelets, hash browns, breakfast ham, Wisconsin cheese, Manderfield's cinnamon rolls, milk and ice cream!

There is something for the whole family including the famous Addie the Cow which is sponsored by the Outagamie County Farm Bureau.

Other activities include inflatables, face painting, farmer look-a-like contest, farm tours of the robotic milking facility, petting zoo, live music by Star Fire, pedal tractor pull and also new this year is a church service, which will start at 7:15 a.m.

Make sure you stop by the children's tent and check out the My American Farm video game kiosks that also are sponsored by Farm Bureau.

For more information or if you would like to volunteer to help at the event, please contact Kelly Oudenhoven at 920.378.4744.

Outagamie County Farm Bureau Members Attend Ag Day at the Capitol By Bernie Vander Heiden

Ag Day at the Capitol was held on March 11 with lunch and a briefing from our lobbyists on what is happening at the Capitol.

After that we walked to the Capitol to meet with our assemblymen and senator. We met with Gary Tauchen, Jim Steinke, Roger Roth, Dave Murphy and Senator Robert Crowles.



Outagamie County Farm Bureau members met with Assemblymen Dave Murphy and Roger Roth (foreground) at the Capitol.

The topics we discussed were the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, the proposed DATCP board changes, UW Discovery Farms, non-point pollution abatement funding, animal welfare, wolves and Implements of Husbandry legislation.



Shawano and Outagamie County Farm Bureau members met with Assemblyman Gary Tauchen and Senator Rob Cowles during Ag Day at the Capitol.

When we finished our visits, we believed that we informed our representatives of our views on these topics. They also asked that all our Farm Bureau members call, write or email them to express any concerns on these or other topics.

Get Your Cream Puffs at Octoberfest!

On September 26 we will be selling cream puffs on Appleton College Avenue as part of Octoberfest.

The event starts with setup at 6 a.m. and ends at 6 p.m.



We need volunteers starting at 6 a.m. and throughout the day so if you can volunteer for a couple of hours we will be guaranteed to have a successful fundraiser.

We usually sell about 125 dozen cream puffs that raises about \$2,200 in one day. This event is an important fundraising activity for Outagamie County Farm Bureau and helps support the Rural Health Initiative in Outagamie County, Breakfast on the Farm and Ag in the Classroom programs.

To volunteer, please contact us at 920.766.9377 or WFBF District 7 Coordinator Wes Raddatz at 866.355.7346.

Appleton's Octoberfest is a great event and helping in the cream puff booth is fun, too! So save the date, Saturday, September 26, to enjoy Octoberfest and help in the cream puff booth.

Thank you,
Bernie and Linda Vander Heiden

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President's Message



What a difference a year makes. Last year, the first week of May was cold, wet and creating frustration for farmers. This year, planting is at a rapid pace. I will take this year over others.

This year also was a successful year for Farm Bureau membership. The county has met its goal of new producer members and next we will be working to meet our goal on renewal memberships.

Please continue to renew your membership promptly when you receive your renewal notice and help us make a gain in membership again this year.

This year the county has not received entries for the Century Farm Awards that we present at the county fair on Sunday, so if you know of somebody that has a century farm, the forms are available on the Outagamie County Fair Facebook page and website or you can call me.

The fruit committee had two successful sales and the third one will be in July for peaches and blueberries. This fruit has always been delivered in great shape and is very tasty. We will be sending out orders in July.

I hope everyone has had a great planting season and that we will have a great year for crops. It's time that I get back to keeping the tractor seat warm.

Mike Salter
Outagamie County Farm Bureau President

Meet A New Member: Ryan Singler

Hi, I'm Ryan Singler and though I'm new to Farm Bureau membership I have been involved in agriculture for a long time.

I represent Munson Hybrids in the Outagamie County area. Independent seed companies like Munson have the advantage of picking genetics and traits from every source available including Bayer Crop Science, Greenleaf Genetics-Syngenta, Illinois Foundation Seeds, MBS Genetics, Monsanto, Thurston Genetics and Dow AgroSciences.

Independent seed companies look at local field, agronomic and weather conditions and choose the genetics and traits best suited for a particular farm, down to the field level.

Munson Hybrids, for example, grows and sells seed for Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa farmers so we pick traits and genetics for these growing conditions.

With the rise of the large multi-national companies, the once nearly 400 independent seed companies has fallen to just more than 100 selling corn and soybeans but they are 100 of the strongest and most forward-thinking companies.

These independent companies hire the talented scientists and agronomists who want to remain around the family farm.

I'm proud of Munson Hybrid's 80 plus years of servicing farmers. They are proud of the excellent varieties of corn and soybeans that they choose and grow.

We are proud to be independent just like you the Wisconsin farmer.

For more information, contact me at 920.585.5113 or ryans@munsonhybrids.com.

Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Hosts Bus Tour for Educators and Volunteers

How often do you get the chance to walk in a cranberry bog? Or see how machinery gets from design to dealer?

Teachers and volunteers are encouraged to attend the Summer Teacher and Volunteer Bus Tour held by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation's Ag in the Classroom program.

Attendees will learn how to incorporate agricultural concepts into their K-12 curricula, network with fellow educators and obtain free resources available to students and classrooms.

Teachers and volunteers can 'Board the Bus' on July 14-15 to Wisconsin farms, processors and agricultural businesses in the Marshfield area.

This year's visits include Seehafer Farm, Schallow's Nursery, H & S Manufacturing, Dubay Cranberry Company, Marshfield Ag Research Station, AgSource Laboratories, Mead Wildlife Area and Lonely Oak Farm.

A \$50 registration fee includes lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday, Tuesday night dinner, bus

costs, entry fees and snacks. Participants are responsible for their own hotel expenses and additional purchases at venues.

All participants are required to pay the registration fees. Other expenses of the training opportunities are covered by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation-Jeanette Poulson Fund.

The UW-River Falls offers undergraduate and graduate credits for attending the tour. For more information, please contact James Graham at 715.425.3555 or James.Graham@uwrf.edu. If taking the training for credits, attendees will register and pay tuition fees directly to UW-River Falls.

For more information, please contact Wendy Kannel, Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Coordinator at 608.828.5719. To register, visit wisagclassroom.org and look for the tour under quick links.



District 7 YFA Report



The Volkman's made it a family night out.

Mark your calendars for September 9 for the District 7 Discussion Meet at 7 p.m. in the CRI Resource Center in Shawano.

At the district level we will discuss question #5. If you are interested in competing, please let us know.

1. How should Farm Bureau protect and encourage producers' ability to use new technology? How can Farm Bureau work with government and the public to ensure public acceptance while encouraging innovation?
2. Should we draft policy to protect livestock producers from false accusations regarding animal welfare? What could it look like?

Thank you to the people who came to the February 28 Gambler hockey game. We had 46 YFA members attend representing four of the six District 7 counties!

The 2015 YFA Discussion Meet questions are ready!

3. How do we balance agriculture's water needs with maintaining vibrant communities? How do historical water rights influence this discussion?
4. How do we get the public to support right-to-farm laws? Should these laws be determined on the state or the federal level?
5. How can we influence state and local policy that more effectively balances the social and economic interests of farmers and ranchers versus burdensome federal regulation?

Wishing you a great spring planting season!

Kristi and Brian Fiedler



Outagamie YFA members were some of the 46 District 7 YFA members who attended the Green Bay Gamblers hockey Dairy Night.

A Member Benefit the Whole Family Can Enjoy!



Get your peanuts and Cracker Jacks ready!

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation and Rural Mutual Insurance Company are teaming up for a special Farm Bureau Member Appreciation Day at the ballparks of the eight Wisconsin Northwoods League teams.

"This will be a great opportunity for Farm Bureau members to take part in a member event and enjoy America's favorite past time," said Jim Holte, President of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation.

From, June through August, there will be

Farm Bureau Member Appreciation games at each of the eight Wisconsin teams. This is a special event for Farm Bureau members with deals on game tickets that includes a team hat, soda and a hot dog.

The Northwoods League teams include Eau Claire Express, Lakeshore Chinooks, Madison Mallards, Wisconsin Woodchucks, Green Bay Bullfrogs, Kenosha Kingfish, La Crosse Loggers and the Wisconsin Rapids Rafters.

Tickets can be purchased by ordering from each team's website or by calling their ticket office. To receive the discounted price use the promotion code 'farmbureau'. For a list of Farm Bureau games, visit wfbf.com/benefits-membership.

There are Benefits to Your Farm Bureau Membership:

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 - Choice Hotels International, Inc.
 - Wyndham Hotel Group

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- AgriPlan Medical Reimbursement Program
 - Farm Bureau Bank
- Protection**
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 - Accidental Death Policy

For complete details visit wfbf.com/benefits-membership.

I'm a Rural Health Initiative FRIEND. Are You?

The Friend of the Rural Health Initiative is a 2015 networking campaign aimed at increasing awareness of the Rural Health Initiative (RHI) by making 1,000 individual FRIENDS within each of the Rural Health Initiative's four service areas of Shawano, Outagamie, Waupaca and Marathon counties in northeast Wisconsin.



1. Show your support of RHI, a local 501(c)3, community-supported program that brings preventive health services to local farms, agribusinesses and agriculturists, in effort to improve and sustain the overall health and safety. It's a concept that we call Kitchen Wellness, which includes complimentary preventive health screenings with immediate test results, health coaching and referral information.
2. Stay current with RHI News and Updates. You will automatically be added as a recipient of our monthly e-newsletter (only one email per month) full of current updates and news from the RHI staff. No worries; your email address is confidential. We will not share it with organizations or clutter your inbox.

Anyone can be our FRIEND! To sign up visit Rural Health Initiative at www.wiruralhealth.org and click on RHI Store or sign up in person with any RHI staff member. Check out photos of FRIENDS on the RHI social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and Google+.

Thank you for your support as we continue to serve as a bridge to improve and sustain the health and safety of farm families in northeast Wisconsin. Sign up today!

Become a \$10 Friend of the Rural Health Initiative today.

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District 7 WFBF Women's Committee Report

By Katelin Haglund



Hi! I am Katelin Haglund, the new District 7 Women Committee Representative.

I live in Hortonville and work for BMO Harris Bank in Appleton as an agriculture portfolio manager. I serve as the Women's chair for Outagamie County Farm Bureau.

I am from western Wisconsin where I grew up on a dairy farm outside of Plum City.

I am a graduate of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Leadership Institute, Class VI, and competed in the YFA Discussion Meet, representing District 7 and District 9 at the state contest.

I am excited to serve as the state Women's Committee Representative and planning to continue the District 7 Fall Women's Summit as well as having some additional events throughout the year.

Be Proactive on Animal Care Issues

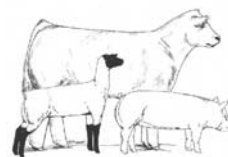
By Dale Verhasselt

I'm providing a link where people can find information regarding animal welfare: http://nationaldairyfarm.com/sites/default/files/FARM_manual_2013_WEB.pdf. There are many pages, but a lot of good information is provided.

I received this information in the form of a "Producer Dairy FARM Kit" from our Agropur field representative after he and a representative from the National Dairy Farm Program walked through our facility.

On page 77, you can find an Employee Code of Ethics that you might find beneficial to use on your farm.

For more information, visit the National Dairy Farm Program website at www.nationaldairyfarm.com or call the National Milk Producers Federation at 703.243.6111.



Humor Corner

By LeRoy Van Asten

Some people pay their bills when they are due, some when they are overdue, and some never do.

Terri: "I'm rich! I just bought 50 female pigs and 50 male deer."

Kari: "And what do you expect to get from that?"

Terri: "Expect, nothing! I've already got a hundred sows and bucks!"

Seek out the road to success, but don't be surprised if you find it's still under construction.

There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at 3 a.m.....like, it could be the right number.



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Annual Meeting Date Set

The 2015 Outagamie County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, at the River Rail Restaurant in Shiocton.

District 7 Board Report



The District 7 Member Information and Policy Development Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, August 10, at the River Rail Restaurant, N5547 River Street in Shiocton.

For more information about the meeting, please contact your county Farm Bureau board members.

We will have a fun and educational event that is something new. We will hold a discussion meet that members older than 35 years old can participate in. Dale Beaty, WFBF Director of Leadership Development, will help conduct the event.

We also will conduct a policy development session with a member of the WFBF government relations staff so bring your thoughts, concerns and ideas.

Wayne Staidl
WFBF District 7 Director

YFA Night at the Fair

By Kelly Oudenhoven

Come out for a night of fun at the Outagamie County Fair on Friday, July 24, for the JoDee Messina and Aaron Tippin Concert! The concert starts at 7:30 p.m.

JoDee Messina and Aaron Tippin are distinguished Nashville recording artists who are known for amazing shows!

Aaron Tippin will be celebrating his 25th year in the industry. You may know some of his number one hits such as "You've Got To Stand For Something," "There Ain't Nothing Wrong With The Radio" or "Workin' Man's Ph.D."

JoDee Messina is well known in the industry because she has charted nine number one singles, had sixteen Top 40 singles and has sold more than five million records worldwide.

For ticket information, please contact Kelly Oudenhoven at 920.378.4744.