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Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation



We invite you to come celebrate our Outagamie County Farm Bureau year and take part in our annual business meeting . . .

Outagamie County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Thursday October 13

During the meeting, we will vote on policy, elect directors and select delegates to the WFBF Annual Meeting. The keynote speaker is Robert Lorge, an attorney and beekeeper. He will talk about the challenges of beekeeping.

In addition to the regular items of business, the board of directors will submit for approval by members a bylaw change to change the name of the women's committee to promotion and education committee.

Time & Cost

- 7 p.m. - Registration
- 7:30 p.m. - Meal, chicken and fish.
- \$10 per person payable at the door.

Location

River Rail Bar and Grill
99 River Street
Shiocton, WI 54170

RSVP

RSVP by **October 5** to District 7 Coordinator Wes Raddatz at 866.355.7346 or wraddatz@wbf.com.

Join Us for Fall Family Fun Day

By Kelly Oudenhoven

Come and enjoy a Fall Family Fun Day at Porter's Pumpkin Patch in Navarino!

On **Saturday, October 8**, the Outagamie County Farm Bureau will be enjoying a day at the Pumpkin Patch. Take part in kids' games, try your luck in the 8-acre corn maze or take in the scenery on a hay ride.



The Outagamie County Farm Bureau will receive a group discount and will cover half of the cost of a wristband. The cost will be \$5 per person, two and younger are free. This will allow you to enjoy the games, rides and entries into corn maze as much as you want. Pumpkins, gourds and squash will be available for purchase.

Porter's Patch will be open to the general public on that day because it also is their Farmtoberfest celebration through the end of October. It is recommended that you come at 11 a.m. when they open.

Please RSVP by **October 6** to Kelly Oudenhoven at 920.378.4744 or kelly.oudenhoven@gmail.com and indicate how many will attend. You can still attend if you don't RSVP, but they want an approximate count so they can accommodate us. Hope to see you there!



COUNTYnews

OUTAGAMIE COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

Take Me Out to the Ball Game By Kelly Oudenhoven



On August 19, Outagamie County Farm Bureau members attended the Timber Rattler Game versus the Beloit Snappers.

There were 50 members who came for the complimentary game and enjoyed an all-you-can-eat tailgate party prior to the first pitch.



The Timber Rattlers put up a tough fight but in the end lost to the Snappers 1 to 5. The members ended the night watching a spectacular firework show.



The night was beautiful until the third inning when some little black bugs decided to make their debut. Even though some of us got 'rained out' by the bugs we had a fun time.



Outagamie County Farm Bureau members enjoyed a tailgate party before the game.



Outagamie Farm Bureau members enjoyed a night of baseball and some good company.



It was an exciting night of supporting the local team.

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The Fairest of the Fair Experience! By Angela Penterman

My experience as the Outagamie County Fairest of the Fair was the best time of my life and filled with so many memories.

For the past nine years, I loved showing at the fair and being the Fairest has given me an even bigger love for the county fair. I enjoyed mingling with fairgoers and getting to know them during the week.

Some of my favorite moments included speaking the fair events and

shows, TV interviews early in the morning, recording a live radio segment and the Futurity Show.

I want to thank the Outagamie County Farm Bureau, the Outagamie County Dairy Promotion and the Outagamie County Fair Board for allowing me to be the ambassador during the fair.

I look forward to the rest of my time as your 2016 Outagamie County Fairest of the Fair!



2016 Outagamie County Fairest of the Fair Angela Penterman took on many responsibilities at the fair. Outagamie County Farm Bureau organized the Fairest of the Fair selection.



President's Message



Are you ready for this fall's unpredictable elections and farm crops? I know we are tired of TV political ads but it is very important that we keep in touch because they affect our way of life.

We have a local 8th district House of Representatives election that is focused on social security, and they both have a difference of opinion on foreign trade. In Wisconsin, we need to elect people who will put attention into fixing the local road problems.

The Outagamie County Farm Bureau has a resolution to bring this to the Governor's attention. The state Farm Bureau is watching legislation on high-capacity wells, spreading manure and well contamination in Kewaunee County.

Farmers this year have a fantastic crop, but how about this rain? Farmers are talking about harvesting in muddy fields. There also is the potential problem of where this crop will be stored.

Another major problem is the price of the crop, which doesn't look good for next year. This is something we talk about, but being farmers, we always seem to find a way to come out on top of things.

Mike Salter

Outagamie County Farm Bureau President

YFA at Outagamie County Fair

By Kelly Oudenhoven



Outagamie County Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Agriculturist members enjoyed a concert during the Outagamie County Fair this summer.

On July 29, the Young Farmer and Agriculturist members attended the Outagamie County Fair for the Rock versus Country Concert.

There were 15 members who enjoyed a friendly competition between RPM and Grand Union. It was a beautiful night and fun was had by all. Both bands put on a great show but in the end, Grand Union definitely had more cheers.

YFA Packer Tailgate Planned

By Kelly Oudenhoven

Come out on **Sunday, October 16**, and tailgate prior to the Green Bay Packers versus Dallas Cowboys football game.

The Outagamie County Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Agriculturist members will team up with the Waupaca County Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Agriculturists to host a tailgate party like no other.

We will be on the corner of Oneida and Morris Avenue at 11 a.m. in the front parking lot of Carolyn's Mane Attraction, which also is across the street from Buffalo Wild Wings. Look for signs.

Food and refreshments will be provided. You are responsible for finding parking and tickets if you want to attend the game.

Please RSVP by October 14, to Kelly Oudenhoven by **Friday, October 14**, at 920.378.4744 or kelly.oudenhoven@gmail.com for head count for food.

Hope to see you there!



Wine Tasting Event for Ladies Night Out

By Katelin Haglund



The Outagamie County Farm Bureau promotion and education committee invite you to a 'behind the scenes' at Kerrigan Brothers Winery.

Join Outagamie County Farm Bureau for the annual Ladies Night Out at Kerrigan Brothers Winery in Freedom at 5 p.m. on **Saturday, November 12**.

We will enjoy a wine tasting with Troy and a tour of the winery. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. Cost is free for Outagamie County Farm Bureau members and \$5 for non-members.

Please RSVP by **Monday, November 7**, to Katelin Haglund at katelinhaglund@gmail.com or 715.210.5384. Hope to see you there!

Santa is Coming to Town

By Kelly Oudenhoven

Save the date for the second annual Milk and Cookies with Santa, which will be held on **Tuesday, December 13**.

Watch the Outagamie County Farm Bureau Facebook page and local Freedom establishments for more details.

Hope to see you there!



Judy and Mike Salter welcomed Santa to last year's Milk and Cookies event.

Ag in the Classroom Offers Teacher Mini-Grants



Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom program is offering grants up to \$100 to pre-school through high

school teachers, in a public or private school system, to fund projects that promote agricultural literacy in the classroom.

Grants can be used for innovative lessons, activities, resources, presentations, school fairs and other creative ideas. Projects should focus on integrating agriculture into a variety of curriculum areas.

A selection committee will review all funding requests that are properly completed and post-marked by the **October 15** deadline.

Applications can be downloaded from www.wisag-classroom.org under the grants section of the teachers tab.

Five signed copies of the application must be submitted. Items considered when evaluating the

applications include quality and uniqueness of the agricultural lesson, activity or project, integration of agriculture into a variety of curriculum areas, alignment with educational standards, assessment methods used to evaluate student's knowledge and quality of application.

The proposed project must be targeted to grades pre-K through 12 and should enhance student knowledge of the contribution made by agriculture.

Projects that use funds toward an ongoing, sustainable education effort will receive preference over those that involve a one-time program.

Winning applicants will be notified in November. A final report of the project and how funds were used must be submitted to WFBF by **June 15, 2017**.

For more information, contact 608.828.5719 or aitc@wfbf.com.



Peach and Blueberry Sale is Successful

By Mike Salter

Our August fruit sale included peaches and blueberries from Michigan. We had great response from our members so orders were delivered directly to the county.

The fruit came a couple days later than

anticipated but it was worth waiting for.

I enjoyed fresh peaches for two weeks. We keep them refrigerated, and the blueberries made great blueberry pancakes. Judy also made a peach blueberry pie that was fantastic.



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District 7 Member Receives \$500 Reward Member Benefit

Lee Veriha of Porterfield noticed that some heavy iron tractor parts were disappearing from his shop and he was pretty sure that he knew where they had gone and who had taken them.

After finding his stolen parts at a salvage yard he contacted the authorities, who arrested the perpetrator just as the individual was bringing in another load of Lee's tractor parts. Lee received the \$500 Reward from Farm Bureau for providing the information that led to the criminal's arrest and conviction.

The \$500 Reward is available to anyone providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons for

arson, theft or criminal damage to a Farm Bureau member's property when the Farm Bureau \$500 reward membership sign is posted on the member's property.

If you do not have a \$500 reward sign posted and want one or if your sign is faded and illegible and you want a new one, please contact your Rural Mutual Insurance agent, any of the Outagamie County Farm Bureau board members or District 7 Coordinator Wes Raddatz at wradatz@wfbf.com or 866.355.7346.

Signs are provided to members free of charge.



Marinette County Farm Bureau president Ryan Staidl presented Lee Veriha (right) with a \$500 check that he received from the Farm Bureau \$500 Reward member benefit.

Put Down the Phone When You See Orange Cones



Effective **October 1**, it will be illegal to talk on a handheld mobile device while driving in a Wisconsin road work zone when road workers are present.

This applies to all roads of the state and also applies to farmers driving implements of husbandry and agricultural commercial motor vehicles (Ag-CMV's).

The only exception to this law is that a call can be made to report an emergency to 911.

The law does not apply to the use of a voice-operated or hands-free device if the driver does not use his or her hands to operate the device, except to activate or deactivate a feature or function of the device.

Reminder for those driving Ag-CMV's, the use of a hand-held mobile phone is prohibited at all times when used in the following manners:

1. Using at least one hand to hold a mobile phone.



2. Dialing or answering a mobile phone by pressing more than a single button.
3. Reaching for a mobile phone that requires the driver to maneuver so that he or she is no longer in a seated driving position.

Read more about our Transportation Tidbits initiative at: <http://bit.ly/TransportationTidbit>.

Humor Corner By LeRoy Van Asten

Do we really need to find a "Fountain of Youth"?
It would be better to find a fountain of "Smart"!

Did you hear about the origami store?
It folded.

Why is your nose in the middle of your face?
Because it is the scenter.

What does a dentist call X-Rays?
Tooth pics.



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District Report



I was recently reading an article that hit close to home.

Did you know that 46 million people, which is about 15 percent of the U.S. population, live in rural America?

We and our fellow farmers provide the food and fiber that feeds and clothes our nation and much of the world.

We need to keep rural America strong and economically sound. A lot of national and state funding goes to urban areas rather than the rural areas, which in turn makes it difficult to attract teachers, new businesses and keep existing businesses flourishing.

We see so many local grocery stores, hardware stores, shopping centers, clinics and movie theaters close because of financial difficulties.

Another thing that seems to be put on the chopping block is the agriculture programs in our schools. This past weekend while at a party, I was asked about agriculture and FFA. "Why isn't FFA in more schools?"

Now that the focus is on growing some of their own food, many do not have the education or background on how to proceed. We need to step up to the plate to keep our schools and rural economy viable.

Wayne Staidl
District 7 State Board Director

Welcome Outagamie Members

Pedar Bloom
Charlene Bongers
Brian Davis
Samantha Goss
Robert Haertl
Tim Hippert
Jonah Kirchner
Thomas Milliken
Leah Roteik
Mark Rusch

Welcome
to **Farm
Bureau**