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You're Invited! Women's Committee Hosts "Ladies Night Out"

Please join the Outagamie County Farm Bureau Women's Committee on **November 8**

for "Ladies Night Out" at Kerrigan Brothers Winery – N2797 Wisconsin 55 Freedom, WI 54130 – from **5 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

Tasting for Farm Bureau members is free, \$10 for non-members, heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served.



Please feel free to bring friends!

Please RSVP by Friday, October 31 to Katelin Haglund at katelinghaglund@gmail.com or 715.210.5384.

Outagamie County Farm Bureau Holds Timber Rattler Night



You never know when a t-shirt projectile from an air cannon might come flying your way.

Farm Bureau bunch was even lucky enough to catch a t-shirt that was lobbed up into the stands by the Timber Rattler's air cannon. Unfortunately the home team didn't chalk up a win that night, but they still made it a fun and interesting game.

Special thanks go to Kelly De Coster for making the arrangements for the event and picking up and distributing all the tickets for the event.

Top right: Fifty-two Outagamie County Farm Bureau members said, "Take me out to the ball game."

Bottom right: Members had great seats for the game.

On August 14, an energetic group of 52 Outagamie County Farm Bureau members of all ages spent an evening making new friends and visiting with old acquaintances while enjoying a tailgate party in the parking lot and then taking in the Timber Rattlers baseball game. One young lady in the





COUNTYnews

OUTAGAMIE COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

Outagamie County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Highlights

On Wednesday, September 10, OCFB secretary/treasurer Michelle Backhaus, convened the OCFB annual meeting at the River Rail Restaurant in Shiocton with 54 members in attendance.

Three members were recognized for their 25th consecutive year of membership. They were Harold Ellenbecker, Mike Birling and Robert Weiland.



(L to R) OCFB secretary/treasurer Michelle Backhaus with 25-year membership anniversary members Harold Ellenbecker, Mike Birling and Robert Weiland.

The members present elected members to the board of directors, elected delegates to represent OCFB at the WFBF Annual Meeting in December and approved resolutions to propose to Wisconsin Farm Bureau policy.



Rural Health Initiative nurses Dawn Dingeldein (center) and Alissa Mueller (right) spoke about the health program available to Outagamie County farmers, their families and their employees.

Directors elected to two-year terms from board district 2 were: Harvey Albert III, Mike Salter and Aaron Burmeister.

Directors elected to two-year terms from board district 4 were: Bernie Vander Heiden, Marvin Fox and LeRoy Van Asten.

Elected as a director at-large to a two-year term was Dan Knutzen.

Kevin Burmeister was elected to finish the second year of a two-year term representing board district 1.

Elected as Women's Committee chair was Katelin Haglund.



Lots of members turned out at the River Rail in Shiocton for the Outagamie County Farm Bureau annual meeting.

Elected as Young Farmer and Agriculturist Committee chair was Kelly De Coster.

WFBF Annual Meeting delegates elected were: Mike Salter, Michelle Backhaus, Katelin Haglund and Bernie Vander Heiden. LeRoy Van Asten, Dan Knutzen and Dave Daniels will standby as alternates.

The resolutions that passed were:

1. Counties should work together to share UW-Extension agents.
2. If special interest or government initiates legislation which leads to regulation that impacts the economy, the natural or the human environment, or right to property or its use, they shall collectively provide reimbursement for that impact.
3. We support increasing road weight limits on the interstate system to 97,000 pounds for trucks with six axles.

Reports were presented by the OCFB committee chairs about the many promotional, educational and social events that took place this past year. Chuck Reitz III, Rural Mutual Insurance Agency Manager, told about Rural's strong relationship with Farm Bureau and solid position in the market place.

Guest speaker, 12th District Senator Tom Tiffany, discussed his experiences in the state legislature and many issues facing agriculture.



Keynote speaker Senator Tom Tiffany addressed the group about ag issues and his experiences in the state legislature.

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President's Report



This has been an interesting year. There have been many priority changes in Farm Bureau. One year ago our main goal was to get a farm bill. Now they are trying to install all the parts of it. This year we are trying to decide what political candidate we want to represent us and we also have to make a choice on our governor.

In this past year Outagamie County Farm Bureau had another graduate of the Farm Bureau Leadership Institute class, Michelle Backhaus. Now our county has three graduates and

we are always looking for more candidates. You do not have to be a board member to apply. The Institute program consists of five sessions, four of them are here in Wisconsin, with one being a two-day session in another state's Farm Bureau office to learn how other states operate. The final session is a trip to Washington, D.C. to see first-hand how our country's political system works.

Our county Farm Bureau also had one member (Bernie Vander Heiden) selected from our district to go out to Washington, D.C. and explain to our representatives and senators points of interest to farmers. A very important part of Farm Bureau is legislative action. Whether it's local, state or

national, we have to inform our representatives of our needs. One of the things Farm Bureau worked on this past year was Implements of Husbandry legislation. We now have a bill that improves the situation for farm equipment, but as many of you know it is not perfect and will continue to be changed as needed.

I heard that Outagamie County Farm Bureau had a great annual meeting. I am sorry I couldn't be here for it as I was in Washington, D.C. talking to our legislators about the trade bills and why they are needed for farming to prosper.

Mike Salter, Outagamie County Farm Bureau President

District 7 Policy Development Meeting

The District 7 Policy Development meeting was held August 11 at Anello's Torchlight Restaurant in Shawano. Twenty eight members were in attendance from six counties. Wayne Staidl, District 7 Board Representative, conducted the session and Paul Zimmerman, WFBF Executive Director of Governmental Relations, was there to provide background information and assistance during discussion. The group discussed issues and ideas that they could possibly take back to their county Policy Development meetings.



WFBF Executive Director of Governmental Relations Paul Zimmerman (left) provided some background during discussion of issues and ideas at the District 7 Policy Development meeting.

Attending from Outagamie County were Aaron Burmeister, Dave Daniels, Marvin Fox, Mike Salter, LeRoy Van Asten and Bernie Vander Heiden.

Issues and ideas discussed were:

- Municipalities might want to insure wind generators in their jurisdiction.
- Large farm size can be a barrier to entry into farming.
- Autism in the population is increasing – is it related to GMO foods?
- If bats are placed on the Endangered Species List it could create problems for the forestry and crop farming industries.
- Algae/water quality problems – what can agriculture do about the problem to help?
- Today's young people have too many hurdles that tend to discourage them from choosing a farming career.
- OSHA law is outdated – exemptions should be updated.
- School district budgeting – conservative spending districts shouldn't be penalized.
- State School Aids should give an incentive for frugal budgeting.
- Farm data security needs to be addressed in WFBF policy.
- Driver's licenses for immigrant labor – Should background checks be necessary? What other requirements should they have?
- Should high capacity wells be more highly regulated to allocate water resources in Wisconsin?
- Could UW-Extension funding be separated from Public Radio to allow more favorable funding of Extension agents salaries?
- Combining UW-Extension services across county lines is a good thing.
- Child labor laws – Young people as young as 10 years old should be able to legally work in agriculture.
- Trucks should have higher weight limits on the Interstate highway system.
- Hemp should be legal to grow as an ag crop.

District 7 YFA Discussion Meet

The District 7 YFA Discussion Meet was held August 7 at the CRI Resource Center in Shawano. Four contestants competed: Brian Preder (Waupaca County), Heidi Pettis (Shawano County), Andrea Korth (Outagamie County) and Patty Sellen (Oconto County). Andrea, Brian and Patty qualified for the state contest.



Andrea Korth discussed what it takes to enlist and engage members in Farm Bureau.

A special thank you to the judges: Jamie Patton (Shawano County UW-Extension Agriculture Agent), Michelle Backhaus (Financial Services Officer at GreenStone Farm Credit Services) and Angie Ahlgrin (Global Alliance Development Coordinator for CRI).



Participants in the District 7 YFA Discussion Meet were (L to R) Brian Preder (Waupaca County), Heidi Pettis (Shawano County), Andrea Korth (Outagamie County) and Patty Sellen (Oconto County).



Andrea Korth delivered a winning closing statement during the District 7 YFA Discussion Meet. She is one of the qualifiers to compete in the state contest in December.

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Humor Corner By LeRoy Van Asten

Joke # 1:

What runs around the cow pasture but never moves?
-The Fence

Joke # 2:

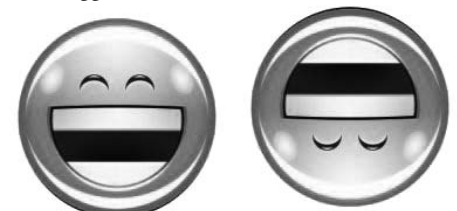
Where do cows go on Saturday night?
-To the moooo-vies

Joke # 3:

Why did Beethoven get rid of his chickens?
-Because they kept saying, "Bach, Bach, Bach."

Joke #4:

What did the wicked chicken lay?
-Deviled eggs



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Rural Health Initiative News

Rural Health Initiative is coming to locations near you in October. A free health screening will be available to anyone in farming/agriculture.



The health screening will take approximately 15 minutes and will include results of your cholesterol, blood pressure, blood sugar and % body fat/bmi.

Locations include:

Seymour:
Tuesday, October 21
9 a.m.-Noon
Muehl Public Library
436 N. Main Street
Seymour, WI 54165

Freedom:
Thursday, October 23
8 a.m.-Noon
Freedom Town Hall
W2004 County Road S
Freedom, WI 54131

Stephensville:
Wednesday, October 29
8 a.m.-Noon
Town of Ellington Community Center
N3802 Highway 76
Stephensville, WI 54944

Appointments suggested but walk-ins welcomed.

To reserve a time, please email Alissa@rhiwi.org or call Alissa at 920.574.0141.

Outagamie Fairest of the Fair 2015

OCFB is excited to announce we will be running the Fairest of the Fair Program for Outagamie County starting in 2015. The Fairest will be an ambassador for the Outagamie County Fair, help with educational events throughout the year, have the chance to compete for Wisconsin Fairest of the Fair and win a scholarship. The interviews for the Fairest will be in May 2015 with the crowning occurring at the 2015 Outagamie County Breakfast on the Farm in June.

If you are interested or know of someone who might be, please contact Michelle Backhaus at 920.639.4744 or Katelin Haglund at 715.210.5384 for more information.

District 7 YFA Wolf River Tubing Event

Farm Bureau involvement doesn't have to be all work and no play. On Sunday August 10, District 7 YFA members had a little fun in the sun floating down the lazy Wolf River near Shawano.



District 7 Young Farmer and Agriculturist members spent a beautiful summer Sunday floating down the Wolf River near Shawano.

Time to Ride

Did you know that anyone who has been a Farm Bureau member for at least 30 days can get \$200-\$300 in discounts on Polaris ATV, UTV and gem electric vehicles? The newest Farm Bureau member benefit is a manufacturer rebate on most Polaris products except for snowmobiles.

The discount will be stackable with other Polaris discounts, promotions or rebates that may be provided by Polaris. In order to get the rebate, members need to print a certificate at www.fbverify.com/polaris (just like GM) and be a member for 30 days.

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