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You're Invited
Annual Meeting
Sheboygan County Farm Bureau

Tuesday, October 7 Klemme's Wagon Wheel in Howards Grove

The 72nd Sheboygan County Farm Bureau annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 7 at Klemme's Wagon Wheel in Howards Grove. The evening will begin with guest speaker Sara Schoenborn, Executive Director of the Wisconsin FFA Foundation, at 7:15 p.m. Dinner will follow at 7:45 p.m. along with our meeting and door prizes. Please come, even if you cannot make it until 7:45 p.m.

Join us to help create Farm Bureau policy for 2015, vote on delegates for the WFBF Annual Meeting and the Sheboygan County Farm Bureau board of directors while enjoying the company of other Farm Bureau members.

Note: The following townships are up for re-election to the board of directors: Lima, Lyndon/Mitchell, Plymouth, Rhine, Scott/Sherman, Sheboygan/Sheboygan Falls and Wilson. Also, there is a vacancy for the Mosel township.

The following townships need to select WFBF Annual Meeting delegates and alternates: Russell, Scott/Sherman, Sheboygan/Sheboygan Falls and Wilson.

RSVP deadline is September 30. To reserve your spot at this year's annual meeting, mail your deposit of \$5 per person to Kim Rusch, 10411 W Heather Dr., Mequon, WI 53097. Your deposit will be refunded to you at the annual meeting.

Meet A Farm Bureau Woman

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Women's Committee is working on a county newsletter project in 2013-14. We are featuring women active in Farm Bureau throughout their district and county. Each district will feature one woman from their district in all newsletters.



Kim Vanden Avond, Brown County

Kim Vanden Avond is from Brown County. Kim serves on the Brown County Farm Bureau board and is the Women's Committee chair. She's attended the Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit, the District 6 Fall Women's Summit, is involved with Our Food Link activities and has helped with the Beef Marathon. Kim enjoys being on the board of the Brown County Antiquarian Society and she is a business owner of R&R Drapery. Her hobbies include charity work, puzzles, reading, jet ski riding and hunting ducks and geese.

When asked what makes her excited about the future of women in agriculture, she responded by saying that women are taking on more leadership and management in agriculture today. Technology is helping make our life easier in many ways. Kim said that when she isn't working, her favorite thing to do is enjoy time with her family!

Keep up the good work Kim and thank you for sharing your story!

Rosalie Geiger
District 6 WFBF Women's Committee Representative



COUNTYnews

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

District YFA Cherry Picking

Everyone had a blast picking cherries at Terry and Toni Sorenson's farm in Door County on July 26.



Office Space for Rent



plus an open common area (470 sq. ft. total) with new carpeting

The Farm Bureau office building, located at 1209 Eastern Avenue in Plymouth, has some vacancies and the board of directors is looking for tenants. The space includes one office (260 sq. ft.) to the left of the main entrance for \$400 a month and two smaller offices

on the right side of the main entrance for \$450 a month. The floor plan could be divided among two interested parties. Rent is \$850 per month for the entire space. Heat and utilities are included. There are also a few desks available for use at no additional charge.

The main entrance is at the rear of the building with parking spaces included. Short term leases would be considered. If a lease is signed for at least six months, receive one month free rent. Contact president Mark Ramel at 920.980.4211 for more information or to set up an appointment for viewing.

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Ag in the Classroom Announces Essay Topic and Book of the Year

"Why are bees important to Wisconsin Agriculture?" is the topic of the essay contest from the Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom program.

"Our 2015 Book of the Year is 'The Beeman' by Laurie Krebs. The book and essay topic will allow us to educate students about bees and the important role they play in agriculture," said Wendy Kannel, Ag in the Classroom Coordinator. "We will again link the book, the accompanying lessons that we write for our Book of the Year, various Wisconsin educational resources and other Ag in the Classroom lessons into resources for teachers, students and volunteers to use in promoting and preparing essays."

Essay submissions must be between 100 to 300 words in length and will be judged on content, grammar, spelling and neatness. All contest rules, lesson plans and sample classroom

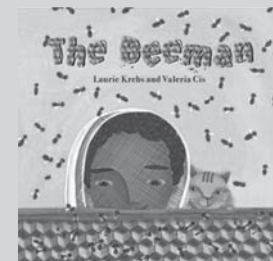
activities are located at wisagclassroom.org or by contacting Kannel at 608.828.5719 or wkannel@wfbf.com. Participating students and schools need to submit essays by April 1 to their county Farm Bureau essay coordinator. A list of coordinators is also available at wisagclassroom.org.

A state winner will be selected from nine district winners in May by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation's Women's Committee. Each district winner will receive a classroom presentation in May for their homeroom or class. The contest is sponsored by the Frontier-Servco FS, We Energies and the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation. Last year nearly 2,500 students participated in the essay contest.

In this year's Book of the Year selection, "The Beeman", introduces young readers to bees, beekeepers and the pollination process. The hardcover books come with an activity/lesson

plan packet that teachers, students and home school parents can use to enhance the reading experience. Book order forms are found at www.wisagclassroom.org under "Order Forms".

Ag in the Classroom is designed to help students in kindergarten through high school to understand the importance of agriculture. It is coordinated by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and by a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.



Sheboygan County Has a New Fairest of the Fair

Danielle Navis, daughter of Richard and Dawn Navis of rural Cleveland, is the 2014 Sheboygan County Fairest of the Fair. Navis, along with four other candidates, competed for the position during the annual Fairest of the Fair Gala held Monday, June 30 at Laack's Ballroom.

Navis is a graduate of Howard's Grove High School and is attending Concordia University Wisconsin, majoring in biomedical science with a minor in chemistry. She is employed by D & R Dairy Farm, Immanuel UCC Church and the United States Pony Club. Her future goals include becoming a doctor, physician's assistant or a clinical laboratory scientist and to continue her work with the United States Pony Club.



and Kathleen Kaestner Family Scholarship of \$500 and LDS Dairy Systems \$250 scholarship. Her scholarship winnings and gifts totalled more than \$2,250. Shannon McCabe, daughter of Tom and Katie McCabe and Debbie Oberreich received first runner-up honors along with a \$200 scholarship from Bill and Pauline Jens Family. McCabe is a graduate of Sheboygan North High School and Lakeshore Technical College and is attending UW-Fond du Lac

for pre-vet. Second runner-up honors and a \$100 Mike Burkart Ford scholarship were presented to Vanessa VanderWeele, daughter of Jay and Cindy VanderWeele. VanderWeele is a graduate of Oostburg High School and is attending Lakeland College majoring in history with a minor in Spanish and non-profit management.

As the Sheboygan County Fairest of the Fair, Navis will attend as many county-wide events throughout the year as possible, welcoming families to the fair while teaching them about the Fair's benefits to the community, agriculture and youth. She serves as an ambassador for Sheboygan County and strives to increase awareness of the Fair through media outlets in and outside of the county.

To schedule an appearance for the 2014 Sheboygan County Fairest of the Fair please contact, Brenda Phipps, Fairest Schedule Coordinator, at 920.838.2530.

The Fairest of the Fair serves as a spokesperson, ambassador and official hostess for the Sheboygan County Fair, promoting the enormous variety of opportunities - education, social and economic that are all available at the fair. She strives to increase attendance at the Sheboygan County Fair, held Labor Day Weekend, while attending as many community events as possible.

"I feel blessed and honored that everyone wants me to represent one of the best traditions in our county, the Sheboygan County Fair," shared Navis. "I am proud to be able to serve as fairest and look forward to educating and sharing information with the public about one of my favorite events of the summer! I hope to bring people together through my leadership qualities so they can help me celebrate the hard-working efforts of our youth."

The selection panel evaluated the candidates on their application, an individual interview, group interview, an on-stage 30 second self-introduction and a 30 second radio advertisement- impromptu question. Jenny Kuffel, 2013 Sheboygan County Fairest of the Fair, Wisconsin Fairest of the Fairs, Kaitlyn Riley and Heather Leibham also presented a professional development workshop during the interview day sponsored by Acuity.

As the 2014 Fairest of the Fair, Navis received the newly developed Barbara A. Siegart Memorial Scholarship of \$1,500, the Gene

Mini-Grants Available for Teachers



Do you know a teacher looking to incorporate agriculture into their classroom? Are they looking for additional funds for their project? Then, help us spread the word and encourage teachers to apply for a mini-grant through Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom and Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation. Grants up to \$100 are being offered 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.

Applications are due on October 15. Recipients will be notified by November 15. A project report is then due by June 15. For an application, visit wisagclassroom.org, and find the application under the quick links section on the right side of the page.

Nominations Being Sought for Teacher of the Year

Do you know a teacher who does a great job teaching about agriculture? If so, please encourage them to fill out an application for the Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom Program's Outstanding Teacher Award.

Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) annually recognizes a Wisconsin teacher or a teaching team for their achievements in teaching students the importance of agriculture while integrating agricultural concepts across a curriculum.

Certified teachers currently integrating agricultural concepts into non-agricultural curricula in the pre-K through high school levels are eligible to apply. Applications may be from an individual teacher or a teaching team. Certified agriculture education instructors are not eligible. Teachers must utilize agricultural information and/or materials within the classroom curriculum in an effort to assist students in learning the importance of agriculture. Learning activities may include, but are not limited to, understanding agriculture's impact on personal lives, our national heritage, the environment, national security and the economy. Innovative and interdisciplinary programs are encouraged.

The state winner(s) will receive a plaque and \$500 towards the 2015 National AITC Conference in Louisville, KY. They will also represent Wisconsin as the state's nominee for the Excellence in Teaching about Agriculture Award Program presented by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Ag in the Classroom program.

Applications are available from the Wisconsin AITC website (wisagclassroom.org - found under the quick links section on the right hand side of the page) and are **due (postmarked by) October 15.**



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Consider Donating to the WFBF Silent Auction



Donations are now being accepted for the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation's silent Auction held in conjunction with the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Annual Meeting, December 6-8, at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells.



The money raised during this event is used for ag literacy efforts through Ag in the Classroom, and funds the activities of our Young Farmer and Agriculturist, Women's and leadership Institute programs.

Donation forms can be found at wfbf.com/aboutwfbf/foundation/silentauction.

Time to Ride

Did you know that starting July 1, anyone who has been a Farm Bureau member for at least 30 days can get \$200-\$300 worth of 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.

Details

- All full size utility and sport vehicles (UTV) - \$300
- All full size all-terrain vehicles (ATV) - \$200
- All gem electric vehicles - \$300



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Collect Your Pop Tabs!

This year the state Women's Committee will be running a pop tab challenge. Pop tabs are the little aluminum tabs from all kinds of cans: soda, pet food, fruits, vegetables and more.



Once the pop tabs are collected they will be turned into a Ronald McDonald House to be recycled in exchange for money, which supports the children and families staying at the Ronald McDonald Houses in Madison, Milwaukee and Marshfield.

The WFBF Women's Committee pop tab challenge is a state-wide project which began in January and will run through November with the final collection in December at the WFBF Annual Meeting Trade Show at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells. The Women's booth will have nine tubs labeled by district. The committee asks that all counties send their tab collection to the Annual Meeting and drop them in their district tub. Pop tabs will then be taken to a Ronald McDonald house to be weighed and cashed in.

For more information on collecting tabs, contact Marcia Fenner at 920.467.6750 or Rosalie Geiger at 920.772.4184.

Plan to Attend County Resolutions Meeting - September 25

All voting Farm Bureau members and spouses are invited to attend the resolutions meeting on **September 25** at the Rural Mutual Insurance and Farm Bureau office in Plymouth beginning at **8 p.m.** to help direct this organization in our role of being the "Voice of Agriculture." There will be light refreshments provided.

If you have any questions or cannot attend, but still have a resolution to present, please contact vice president Lloyd DeRuyter at 920.946.3047.

Upcoming Events

September

25 – Sheboygan County Policy Development Meeting
 30 – Membership Year End

October

7 – Sheboygan County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

December

5-7 – YFA Conference
 6-8 – WFBF Annual Meeting