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You're Invited
Annual Meeting
Washington County Farm Bureau

Tuesday, October 7
The Columbian
3245 Lighthouse Lane, West Bend, WI 53090

Agenda:
6 p.m. – Registration/Cash Bar
7 p.m. – Dinner, Business Meeting to follow

Cost: \$5 per person

All voting members are encouraged to attend and vote on Farm Bureau policy.

In addition to the regular items of business coming before the members at the annual meeting, the Board of Directors will submit for approval by members a bylaw change to alter language that the Women's and YFA committee chair shall serve a one-year term elected annually at the annual meeting.

RSVP by September 30 to Bill Hinckley at 262.338.8404.

Sharing Our Passion for Agriculture



Join us the second week of September as we begin to plan for the new school year. Farmers will brainstorm ideas **Tuesday, September 9 at 7 p.m.** for our two biggest Ag in the Classroom programs: Farmer in the Classroom and Ag Day Farm Tours. We'll share our experiences from the 2013-2014 school year to help make our fourth grade outreach effort an even bigger success! Give Ross Bishop a call at 414.531.8531 and get involved today.

Ag in the Classroom to Promote "Pollinator Awareness"

Did you know?

Birds, bats, bees, butterflies, beetles and other small mammals

that pollinate plants are responsible for bringing us one out of every three bites of food. They also sustain our ecosystems and produce our natural resources by helping plants reproduce. Without the actions of pollinators, agricultural economies, our food supply and surrounding landscapes would collapse. *Source: Pollinator Partnership website*

Washington County's K-twelfth grade students are invited to participate in the 2015 Conservation Poster Contest "Local Heroes-Your Hard-



working Pollinators". Every student entering the competition will be rewarded. Each participant will receive a certificate commending his or her interest and concern for the environment. The top three local level winners of each category (grades K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12) will be awarded Visa gift cards and art supplies. All first place winners will automatically advance to the next level of competition for judging.

Posters shall be submitted to the Land and Water Conservation Division by **Tuesday, December 30** for judging and determination of local winners. Required entry forms and contest rules may be found on the web: www.co.washington.wi.us/lcd under Conservation Education for Kids.

This poster contest is a great partnership with our 2014-2015 Ag in the Classroom Book of the Year – *The Beeman*.



COUNTYnews

WASHINGTON COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

With Great Appreciation

On behalf of the food stand committee, we would like to thank our volunteers who put their time and efforts into making this year's fair successful.

For all our efforts, this year we served:

- 2,016 cream puffs
- 6,600 hamburgers
- 300 pounds of brats
- 585 hot dogs
- 105 tubs of ice cream (315 gallons)

We would like to thank the Women's committee for getting the volunteer letters out to the members. A special thanks to Mariann Gundrum for organizing the volunteers to their designated shifts.

We would like to recognize our shift leaders for all the time and responsibility in keeping things running smoothly.

Thank you Ross Bishop and Mike Strupp for all the time you put into this fundraiser.

All volunteers are invited to attend our appreciation dinner and annual meeting **for free** on October 7 at the Columbian in West Bend. A separate invitation will be mailed to you.



There were long lines at the Farm Bureau stand.

Thanks again for all your help and support.



Scott Schreffler made grilled cheese sandwiches.



Peter Muth helped make cream puffs.



Jesse Weber scooped ice cream.

Ag Adventureland Celebrates 15 Years

Another successful year was had in Ag Adventureland at the Washington County Fair. This being the 15th year, it was celebrated with milk and cupcakes. All activities, Farmer for a Day, pedal tractor corral, hands-on activities, photo and informational area were all free to fairgoers. This area was educational and entertaining for young and old. From start to finish volunteers plan and man the area, which makes it a year round project. This is all made possible through the support of business donations. Thank you to our sponsors: Badgerland Financial, Washington County Dairy Promotion, Washington County Farm Bureau, State Bank of Newburg, Dairyland Seed, Klotz's Piggly Wiggly and Hampel Corp.



The Washington County FFA Chapters joined the area this year with a petting farm. The biggest attraction in the area was five calves that gave people an up close and personal opportunity to pet calves and ask questions about the animals in the tent. Their plan is to make this a permanent project at the fair in the future.

The Ag Adventureland committee, consisting of four, is looking for additional people to join the group. Each year is a new adventure for fairgoers and a new feature each year is needed. With 15 years behind them and the loss of one of the original members, they are looking for new ideas and input. If you have any questions or are interested feel free to call Judy Kasten at 262.628.9262.

Fall Women's Workshop

Date: Friday, October 24
Time: Registration begins at 10 a.m.

Location:
Rushing Waters Trout Farm in Palmyra (N301 County Road H, Palmyra)



Cost: \$15 per person

Hosted by Walworth County Farm Bureau.

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President's Message

Washington County Farm Bureau has been busy!

Another Washington County Fair has come and gone, and your hard work and dedication to volunteering in our food stand did not go unnoticed. I would like to thank the numerous volunteers who made our Farm Bureau food stand a huge success! To show our appreciation for your help, each volunteer will receive a complimentary ticket to our annual meeting

on October 7. Mark your calendar to enjoy an evening of fun.

I hope you're all able to join us for our county annual meeting. As a grassroots organization, we will be approving policies that will be voted on and passed to the state level where they will become state or national Farm Bureau policies. If you have an issue or topic that you would like discussed please let me know prior to the meeting. At the county annual meeting

we will also be electing new board of directors and our delegates for the WFBF Annual Meeting.

Have your voice heard and attend this year's county annual meeting. Have a safe and prosperous fall harvest!

George Muth
Washington County Farm Bureau President

Proposed Resolutions for 2014 Washington County Annual Meeting

New resolutions for 2014 that will be voted on at the county annual meeting on Tuesday, October 7 include:

LOCAL:

1. Remove #8
 - To avoid conflict of interest, we propose redistricting of the county, in response to the census, be done without current county board members on the committee.
2. We encourage the county board to continue to support and finance Land Conservation Committee and UW-Extension programs.
3. We support the concept of pollution trading between municipalities and the agriculture community to reduce the overall level of phosphorus discharged into lakes and streams.

STATE:

1. We support a dairy producer's right to offer sales of raw milk directly to the consumer if it is state regulated.
2. We support all allocated State funding for all Land Conservation Committee programs.
3. We support maintaining the agricultural technical programs and encourage having a curriculum where the credits will

transfer into the UW system.

4. We support the ability for immigrant workers to obtain a valid drivers license providing they meet the criteria of the current state driving requirements.
5. We support the current state law on unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) and current American Farm Bureau Federation policy that states "We support the use of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) for commercial purposes; requiring the operator of the UAS to gain the consent of the landowner and operator, if the UAS will be surveying or gathering data about the landowners' property below navigable airspace; and the regulation of UASs as recreational aircraft. We oppose a federal agency using UASs for the purpose of regulatory enforcement, litigation, and as a sole source for natural resources inventories in planning efforts; UASs surveying and gathering data without the consent of the landowner and or operator below navigable airspace; and FAA regulations of UASs as fixed-wing aircraft."
6. We support lessening the requirement for county UW-Extension agents to have a four year bachelor degree instead of a master's degree.
7. We support the concept of pollution trading between municipalities and the agriculture community to reduce

the overall level of phosphorus discharged into lakes and streams.

8. We support the AFBF Ditch the Rule campaign. We do not support more regulations by EPA.

NATIONAL:

1. Property owners should have access to condition reports of underground pipelines carrying fuel or other hazardous materials in their community.
2. We support the elimination of the United States Bureau of Land Management. Land that is controlled by the United States Bureau of Land Management should be turned back to the state.
3. We do not support regulations based on the unproven science of manmade climate change.
4. We do not believe any state should be allowed to impose their state regulations onto other states.
5. We support allowing healthy, non-ambulatory animals to be slaughtered.

There will be a list of our current resolutions in your packet at the annual meeting.

YFA Member Travels to Washington, D.C.

Washington County YFA member Garrett Goeller attended the YFA Washington, D.C. trip with more than 30 other YFA members from Wisconsin.

"I would like to thank the Washington County Farm Bureau for the opportunity they gave me by giving the support of \$500 to send myself to Washington, D.C. There I was able to contribute to the agricultural community by meeting face-to-face with many government officials and telling them what we would like to see happen for agriculture."

-Garrett Goeller

From June 2-6, a delegation of Wisconsin YFA members was in D.C. and toured the American Farm Bureau Federation's headquarters, were briefed on agricultural topics and met with legislators to discuss how these topics affect their farms.



(L-R): Dodge County YFA Member Julie Martin, Jacob Peterson (staff member of Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner), District 1 Coordinator Patti Roden and Washington County YFA member Garrett Goeller.

Farm Bureau Family Hosts Dairy Breakfast



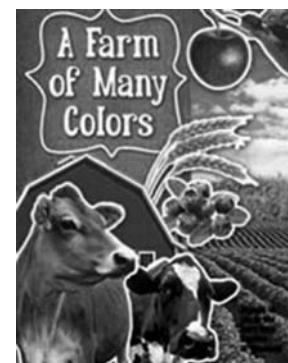
Mike Strupp and Bill Hinckley presented Bob and Jane Falk with a plaque for hosting this year's Washington County Breakfast on the Farm. Thank you for helping us spread the word about agriculture!

Color, Color Everywhere in A Farm of Many Colors

Farms are important for many reasons. Farms help make Wisconsin a beautiful place to live. They provide jobs and they grow fresh and healthy foods for us to enjoy.

This book shows foods from all of the different food groups in a wide array of colors.

A Farm of Many Colors will be donated this fall to the kindergarten classrooms by your Women's committee-Ag in the Classroom program and the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board.



Like us on
Facebook

www.facebook.com/WashingtonCounty.WI.FarmBureau

WFBF Seeks Photos for Rural Route

Wisconsin Farm Bureau members live and work on some of the most beautiful pieces of land. WFBF would like to highlight those sights and special moments with your families and friends in the *Rural Route* magazine.

Please email your photos (high resolution jpgs, 4x6 inches at 300 dpi) to lsiekmann@wfbf.com.

2014 Annual Meeting December 5-8

INNOVATE

EDUCATE

MOTIVATE

Kalahari Resort and
Conference Center,
Wisconsin Dells

95th Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting
80th Rural Mutual Insurance Company Annual Meeting
Young Farmer and Agriculturist Conference



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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2014 Clean Sweep

Washington County Residents
Hazardous Waste &
Electronic Goods Collection

Pre-registration & \$10 fee apply

Pharmaceutical Collection

Unlimited participation - Free

Used Tire Collection

Limited quantities, disposal fees apply

Saturday:

October 11, 2014

8am - 12 (noon)

at the

Washington County

Hwy Facility

900 Lang St.,

West Bend, WI 53090



To PreRegister You may either:

1. Download and mail the Registration Form at www.co.washington.wi.us/cleansweep
2. Visit the Planning & Parks Dept. at 333 E. Washington St., Ste 2300 West Bend; or
3. Call 262.335.4808 to get the form mailed.



The Women's committee shared their knowledge during "Beef Promotion" at the West Bend Farmers' Market on Saturday, July 5.

Hartford FFA Receives 2014 Matching Grant

Congratulations to the Hartford FFA Chapter for receiving a \$470 Ag in the Classroom matching grant last spring. The FFA students sponsored a Food for America day with Windlake Elementary School from Milwaukee. The goal of the program was to help students, especially those far removed from the farm, to discover not only where their food comes from but how it makes its journey from the farm to their kitchen table.



Thank you JLB Farms for hosting this annual event.

WCFB Local Resolution: We encourage and support the continuation of the agricultural clean sweep program and further recommend it be offered on an annual basis.



2014 Farm Bureau Scholarship recipients were (L to R): Katherine Etta, Kevin Etta, Tyler Hetebrueg, John Falk, scholarship chair Ken Falk and Mark Schaefer. We wish all of these recipients success in the pursuit of their academic goals. Congratulations!

The Beeman to Buzz into the Lives of Fourth Graders

Told from the viewpoint of a child whose Grandpa is a beekeeper, this rhyming text offers an accessible and engaging introduction to the behavior of bees. Children will learn where they live, how honey is made, what a beekeeper does and more.

The Beeman will be donated this fall to the fourth grade by your Women's committee- Ag in the Classroom program.

