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## Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

### Food Stand Report By Lynn Steingraber



A lot of fairgoers enjoyed the food at the Waupaca Farm Bureau stand.

The fair is over for this year and we did alright. It is a pleasure to work with such devoted and diverse members.

We say a great big thank you to Hank Haas for his help as he retires from his cooking and commanding the fryer job. He will be missed. A huge thank you to the devoted staff of young ladies that volunteer their time handling the front counter. Thank you for bringing friends to help you, being a smiling light to our jobs in the kitchen and working tirelessly to feed the fair populous! We want to thank Spiegelberg Implement for the use of their tables again this year.

A few things are changing next year. Arnie and Helen Heise

and I are going to lead the team of workers next year. As a committee, we have decided to work more closely together to make our food stand run more efficiently.

New this year at the fair was an opportunity to volunteer at the food stand and get your entry pass for free. It was a bit last minute so not everyone heard about it but we are going to try it again next year. If you tell us you will volunteer to work, your name goes on a list; drive into the first gate in front, tell them you are volunteering at the Farm Bureau stand and you will get a lanyard with the fair logo and Farm Bureau volunteer written on it. You bring it to the stand and we will return it to the front gate at the end of the day. Your entry is free since you are volunteering your time to work.

As we were inventorying the fair stand, we found some items that need replacing and some things in need of updates. The two crockpots we use for chili have served their time. The outside handles have broken off. If anyone might have a very large

one (8 quart variety) they no longer use, we will gladly take it off your hands.

Also on the agenda is moving the electrical outlet for the fryer since it is located behind the front counter that is covering it. The area behind the fryer is in need of an upgrade as well as the counter itself. The ordering counter has been in need of a different top.

Finally, we can use your wonderful help again next year at the fair. Kitchen workers, front workers and clean up. We cannot do it without your help and it is so appreciated. Our goal is to let this county know what Farm Bureau is all about. With your help we do and will continue to do so.



YFA chair Jake Hoewisch took a food order.



Fast and friendly service kept the counters and tables filled with customers.



There was a lot of help 'behind the screens' too. Jim Grant wrapped another burger.



Henry Haas cooked another batch of hamburgers done just right.



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WAUPACA COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

## Waupaca County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Highlights



President Wayne Steingraber conducted the Waupaca Farm Bureau annual meeting.

On October 4, Waupaca County Farm Bureau President Wayne Steingraber convened the Waupaca County Farm Bureau annual meeting at the Bear Lake Dance Hall in Manawa with 67 members in attendance.

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

Elected to a three-year term from Board District 1 was:

Don Lutz; elected to three-year terms from Board District 2 were: Tim Bowers and Dan Hintz; elected as a director at-large to a three-year term was Jon Bauer; elected as women's committee chair was Terri Hamm; elected as Young Farmer and Agriculturist committee chair was Jacob Hoewisch; and elected as Ag in the Classroom coordinator was Kari Riley.

WFBF Annual Meeting delegates elected were: Wayne Steingraber, Tim Bowers, Brian Preder and Lynn Steingraber. Dan Hintz and Don Lutz will stand by as alternates.

The resolutions that passed were:

1. We oppose mandates or bans on specific management practices unless farmers are appropriately compensated for the ensuing increase in costs or loss of revenue created by them.

2. The current fence law should be modified to require livestock farmers to be responsible for maintaining fences to contain their livestock. We oppose any general requirement that streams or lakes must be fenced.
3. Delete the current policy against shining deer.
4. The government should not restrict family labor on farms.
5. Ag labor: We support policies and programs to maintain an adequately skilled workforce for the agriculture industry.
6. Broadband internet-telecommunication services should be available to all rural areas.
7. We support requiring DATCP to re-evaluate atrazine prohibition areas every 5 years to determine if they are still needed.

Reports were presented by the Waupaca County Farm Bureau committee chairs about the many promotional, educational and social events that took place this past year.

Rural Mutual Insurance District Manager Tom Gustafson told about Rural Mutual Insurance's strong relationship with Farm Bureau and solid position in the market place.

Rural Health Initiative nurses Alissa Mueller and Dawn Dingeldein informed the group about their free health maintenance program available for farmers and agribusiness people, their families and employees.

Guest speakers Ryan Schulke and Ethan Michalowski from the Manawa FFA, along with their advisor Sandra Cordes talked about their state-award winning Food for America program.

Arden and Barbara Lightfuss were presented the Distinguished Service to Waupaca County Farm Bureau award.

Waupaca County Farm Bureau wants to thank Insight FS and the Rural Health Initiative for providing some of the door prizes.

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Alissa Mueller (left) and Dawn Dingeldein from the Rural Health Initiative quizzed annual meeting attendees about how much sugar is in some popular soft drinks.



Members of the Manawa FFA highlighted their Food for America program which was judged the best in the state this year.



Arden and Barbara Lightfuss were honored with the Distinguished Service to Waupaca Farm Bureau Award.

## President's Report



Another successful year has gone by. I want to thank the board of directors for making this a pleasant experience for me this year. Some of the accomplishments this year have been:

1. To start out the year, Arnie Heise attended the 4-H awards night and handed out three key awards along with a \$100 scholarship that is part of it too.
2. This past year, we were able to assist seven FFA members from three schools in Waupaca County to attend the FFA Farm Forum held in Wisconsin Rapids.

3. In January members attended Ag Day at the Capitol and met with Senator Luther Olsen and Representative Kevin Petersen to discuss ag issues that they were concerned about. We also met Don Lutz while we were there and after talking found he was interested in becoming active and became part of our board of directors. Thank you Don for stepping up and taking a leadership role in this great organization. You never know what friends you will meet, or make, while at Ag Day at the Capitol. I encourage all of you to join us this year at Ag Day at the Capitol and become a lobbyist for a day. It is through this effort that we can put a local face on the issues when our WFBF staff talks with our senator and representative during the year on our behalf. And believe me it does make a difference. They do remember you and recognize you throughout the year.

4. This year the Rural Health Initiative in Waupaca County continued to do health screenings. Alisa Mueller and Dawn Dingeldein are the health coordinators in Waupaca County. Be sure to call them to set up an appointment for a free health assessment.
5. The women's committee, Young Farmer and Agriculturist members, Ag in the Classroom and food stand were all active this past year and you can read more about their programs in this newsletter.

We had an enjoyable year. I thank each of you for your participation and I look forward to an even better year ahead.

**Wayne Steingraber**  
Waupaca County Farm Bureau President

## Distinguished Service to Waupaca County Farm Bureau Award Announced

By Wayne Steingraber



**President Wayne Steingraber (center) presented the Distinguished Service to Waupaca Farm Bureau Award to Arden and Barbara Lightfuss.**

Today's story will take us back in time many years, well into the last century. It begins with a group of young women, friends, you know the type, when they get together they are all chitty-chatty. They share their dreams. Their plans for the future. They talk about what it will be like when they meet their 'Knight in Shining Armor.'

They all had a little different story, but their stories had two things in common. 1. They would not fall for a farmer, and 2. He would never, ever be from Manawa. (So Barb, how did that work out for you?)

Enter tall dark and handsome. He was shy and a little mysterious, he knew what he wanted. But there was just one problem. She had friends. You know the type. They weren't going to give him a chance. So what was he going to do? Retreat, plan and come back with reinforcements. He waited for the right time. The time finally came one day when a neighbor boy came over to help clean calf pens.

After working hard all day he looked at his young friend who was just out of school and blurted out, "What the heck are we doing here? We need to find us some women, and I know just the place to look."

That eager young buck thought it was a good idea and his plan was coming together. (So Arden, how did that work for you?) You see, Arden was a Sunday school teacher and he had his eye on this young girl he may have taught some years before.

He convinced her to meet him and bring along a friend. I understand 'Club 45' has a special meaning for them. And,

from what I understand, their friends are forever in their debt.

Arden and Barbara settled in the Town of Union on Highway 110 and built their farm, AR-BAR LANE. She loved cattle, he did also and was good at repairing the equipment. They made a great team.

They joined the Farm Bureau family and became active members. When they were first told of this award, they said they didn't do much. But the flood of great memories came back. Arden was an active member of the board of directors, and Barb served as secretary for many years. How long? No one can remember for sure. But they were good times, happy times.

Arden and Barbara raised registered cattle. But there was no easy market for them. So they set out to create one, not only for registered cattle but also for the grade cattle. They wanted this sale to be for the 'Elite' cattle.

After much work and planning, on September 27, 1980, the first 700 Dairy Classic was held with 36 animals. The name came from the fact that all animals in the sale needed to be third generation, with at least 700 pounds of fat.

The Langlade, Oconto, Outagamie, Portage, Shawano and Waupaca County Farm Bureaus all worked together under Arden's leadership. First year sales grossed \$66,560, with a 10 percent commission. Three percent going to Midwest Livestock and 7 percent going to each of the county Farm Bureaus divided up by the amount of sales coming from that county.

Arden was active in helping to select only the best cattle to be represented at the sale, throughout all the years that it ran. Many herds were improved because of this sale.

Arden and Barbara helped at the fair food stand putting in many hours behind the counter and in the kitchen. They helped build the foundation for the Farm Bureau that we have today. Arden even went out on membership drives.

"Some were easy and some were not," he said. "I even went to one place I knew I was going to get turned down for sure. I did get turned down, but I went and I tried."

Arden and Barbara are the classic example of what a Farm Bureau member looks like. For their many years of service Waupaca County Farm Bureau is truly grateful. Thank you Arden and Barbara!

## Ag in the Classroom Report

By Kari Riley

Riley Crest Farm opened their farm up to tours during Waupaca FFA Farm Fest held on October 1 with Turner's Fresh Market.



**Tom Riley helped a guest milk a cow.**

This event draws more than 2,500 people to come out to the farm. The FFA Farm Fest is a great community event that promotes agriculture in a fun and educational way.

The Riley Crest Dairy Farm tour participants got to experience milking a dairy cow and goat. They also got to experience a Petting Zoo and feed the goats.

Turner's has fall harvest opportunities to pick pumpkins, stock up on seasonal produce and go through their corn maze.

The book of the year is out. The title is *Time for Cranberries*. With the book as a resource the 2017 Ag in the Classroom essay contest theme is 'Tell us about cranberry production in Wisconsin during one of the four seasons.'

Contest rules:

- The essay contest is open to fourth and fifth grade students in public, private and home school programs. Students involved in 4-H, PALS and after school programs also are encouraged to participate.
- Essays must be handwritten in ink or be computer generated. They must be single-sided and fit on one sheet of paper.
- The essay must be between 100- to 300-words in length (using common MS Word word count methods for counting words, numbers and abbreviations).
- Essays will be judged on content (25 points), grammar and spelling (15 points) and neatness (10 points).
- Essays must include: student's name, grade level, parents' names, teacher's name and email, school name and address, school phone number and county on the back of the essay. Please do not identify the student on the front side. Please send me contest entries by **April 1, 2017**, so that I can arrange for a county winner to be selected to be sent in for the statewide competition. Please keep in mind you don't have to wait until **March 30** to do this. Keep promoting agriculture.



**Welcome to the farm. The petting zoo was ready for 2,500 visitors who attended the Waupaca FFA Farm Fest and toured Riley Crest Farm.**

# Waupaca County Farm Bureau December Fruit and Nut Sale By Jim Grant

Waupaca County Farm Bureau will be offering the Florida Fruit and Nut Sale again this year. Many of the prices are down or the same as last year.

There are two new items:

- **Hamlin oranges, which is a juice orange**
- **Chocolate covered peanuts**

I have to buy case lots of all the nuts, so if I don't have enough orders for some items I will not be able to order them.

You can place orders by telephone, 715.258.5889, or by mail: James Grant 8175 County Road D, Almond, WI 54909.

**All orders must be to me by November 14.  
Delivery will be between December 5 and 9.**



## MEMBER ORDER FORM

Order Deadline: November 14; Delivery: December 5-9

| FRESH FRUIT AND FRUIT GIFT BOXES                                                                 |                                          | MEMBER PRICE | QUANTITY | \$   |    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------|----------|------|----|
| <b>NAVEL ORANGES</b>                                                                             | 4/5 Bushel Carton (Lg Box) approx 40 lbs | \$30.00      |          |      |    |
| Seedless and Sweet Eating Orange #1 Seller                                                       | 2/5 Bushel Carton (Sm Box) approx 20 lbs | \$18.00      |          |      |    |
| <b>RED GRAPEFRUIT</b>                                                                            | 4/5 Bushel Carton (Lg Box) approx 40 lbs | \$25.00      |          |      |    |
| Seedless, Sweet and Juicy                                                                        | 2/5 Bushel Carton (Sm Box) approx 20 lbs | \$15.00      |          |      |    |
| <b>Hamlin Oranges</b>                                                                            | 4/5 Bushel Carton (Lg Box) approx 40 lbs | \$25.00      |          |      |    |
|                                                                                                  | 2/5 Bushel Carton (Sm Box) approx 20 lbs | \$14.00      |          |      |    |
| <b>TANGERINES</b>                                                                                | 2/5 Bushel Carton (Sm Box) approx 20 lbs | \$22.00      |          |      |    |
| Easy to Peel, with a Sweet Zingy Taste                                                           |                                          |              |          |      |    |
| <b>GRAND SLAM GIFT BOX</b>                                                                       | 2/5 Bushel Carton (Sm Box) approx 20 lbs | \$24.00      |          |      |    |
| Contains: 6 Red Delicious Apples, 6 Di Anjou Pears, 3 Golden Delicious Apples & 17 Navel Oranges |                                          |              |          |      |    |
| <b>Holiday Gift Box</b>                                                                          | 2/5 Bushel Carton (Sm Box) approx 20 lbs | \$24.00      |          |      |    |
| Contains: 10 Navel Oranges, 11 Grapefruit & 10 Red Delicious Apples                              |                                          |              |          |      |    |
| <b>Premium Gift Box</b>                                                                          | 2/5 Bushel Carton (Sm Box) approx 20 lbs | \$24.00      |          |      |    |
| Contains: 6 Navel Oranges, 11 Grapefruit, 6 Red Delicious Apples and 3 Di Anjou Pears            |                                          |              |          |      |    |
| <b>Mixed Citrus Box</b>                                                                          | 2/5 Bushel Carton (Sm Box) approx 20 lbs | \$24.00      |          |      |    |
| Contains: An Assortment of 20 Navel Oranges, 11 Red Grapefruit                                   |                                          |              |          |      |    |
| <b>Citrus Trio Box</b>                                                                           | 2/5 Bushel Carton (Sm Box) approx 20 lbs | \$24.00      |          |      |    |
| Contains: An Assortment of 10 Navel Oranges, 11 Red Grapefruit & 10 Tangerines                   |                                          |              |          |      |    |
| FLORIDA FARM BUREAU'S OWN BRAND...Gourmet Quality Nuts                                           |                                          |              | CASE     | EACH | \$ |
| <b>CHOCOLATE Covered Peanuts (NEW)</b>                                                           | 2 can gift pack                          | \$12.00 Pack |          |      |    |
|                                                                                                  | 12 oz can                                | \$4.50 Can   |          |      |    |
| <b>Peanut Gift Pack</b>                                                                          | 3 can gift pack                          | \$11.00 Pack |          |      |    |
| <b>HONEY ROASTED MIXED NUTS</b>                                                                  | 30 oz tin                                | \$13.00 Tin  |          |      |    |
| <b>CARAMEL CORN/WITH NUTS</b>                                                                    | 20 oz tin                                | \$9.00 Tin   |          |      |    |
| <b>BERRY NUT TRAIL MIX</b>                                                                       | 15 oz tin                                | \$ 9.00 Tin  |          |      |    |
| <b>WHOLE CASHEWS,</b>                                                                            | 1 lb can                                 | \$ 9.00 Can  |          |      |    |
| <b>MIXED NUTS</b>                                                                                | 1 lb can                                 | \$6.50 Can   |          |      |    |
| <b>PECAN HALVES, Fresh Shelled</b>                                                               | 16 oz bag                                | \$ 10.00 Bag |          |      |    |
| <b>CHOCOLATE COVERED PECANS</b>                                                                  | 12 oz can                                | \$ 7.50 Can  |          |      |    |
| <b>SKINLESS 'Southern Fried' PEANUTS</b>                                                         | 16 oz can                                | \$ 4.50 Can  |          |      |    |
| <b>BRITTLE BITES</b>                                                                             | 12 oz can                                | \$ 4.50 Can  |          |      |    |
| <b>HONEY ROASTED PECANS</b>                                                                      | 8.5 oz can                               | \$7.00 Can   |          |      |    |
| <b>BUTTER TOFFEE PEANUTS</b>                                                                     | 12 oz can                                | \$4.50 Can   |          |      |    |
| <b>HONEY KRUNCH PEANUTS</b>                                                                      | 12 oz can                                | \$4.50 Can   |          |      |    |
| <b>ALMONDS, Natural Roasted &amp; Salted</b>                                                     | 9 oz can                                 | \$6.00 Can   |          |      |    |
| <b>TOTAL \$</b>                                                                                  |                                          |              |          |      |    |

To place an order, contact James Grant at 715.258.5889 or mail to James Grant, 8175 County Road D, Almond, WI 54909 by November 14.

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## YFA Report By Jake Hoewisch

Harvest is upon us and fall is the perfect time to reflect on the year. The YFA was busy this year. Here is a summary of what we have been up to.



YFA members helped in the food stand and then went to the Trick Pony Concert.

At the Waupaca County Fair the YFA got together on Thursday night in the grandstand for entertainment by the band Trick Pony. It was an awesome concert and the group moved to the beer tent afterwards for some more socializing. We had 16 people attend and anyone who helped in the food stand during fair week got their ticket paid for by the YFA.

The District 7 Discussion Meet was held at the River Rail Bar and Grill in Shiocton on September 14. Four YFA members participated in the event. The participants were Kristi Fiedler (Shawano County), Kristy Erickson (Outagamie County), Kyle Much and myself, Jake Hoewisch (Waupaca County).

A great meal was followed by a nice discussion about the purpose of food labels and how Farm Bureau can get involved in this issue. Congratulations to Kristi Fiedler, Kristy Erickson and Kyle Much who will be competing at the state Discussion Meet in Wisconsin Dells at the WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference. Jared Manske will be our sponsored YFA member to the WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference by Rural Mutual Insurance. Thank you Rural Mutual for supporting new YFA members to attend.

By the time you read this, we will have had a YFA Packer tailgate on October 16, prior to the Packers versus Cowboys game. Waupaca County YFA teamed up with the Outagamie County YFA for the tailgate party. We were on the corner of Oneida Street and Morris Avenue. Tailgating started at 11 a.m. and food and some refreshments were provided.

As always, if you have any ideas of events or activities please contact me. Have a safe Harvest and a blessed Thanksgiving!