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Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

Sheboygan County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting



Thank you to Sara Schoenborn, Wisconsin FFA Foundation Executive Director, for serving as our guest speaker and thank you to everyone who attended! We hope to see you in 2015!

Scholarship Applications Now Available

The Sheboygan County Farm Bureau board of directors is offering a \$1,000 scholarship for a student entering as a freshman enrolled in a long or short course at any accredited school of higher learning in any field of study. The family must be members of the Sheboygan County Farm Bureau.

The Sheboygan County Farm Bureau Women's committee is also offering a scholarship for a student

entering as a freshman enrolled in a long or short course at any accredited school of higher learning in Wisconsin. The family must be members of the Sheboygan County Farm Bureau. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to the top candidate.

To obtain a copy of either application, call our District Coordinator at 866.355.7345. The application deadline is March 20.

Membership Year End

Please welcome the following individuals/businesses to the Farm Bureau family: * indicates voting member

Aaron Arnhoelter*
Michael Ballweg*
Steven Benish
Kyle Berger
Benjamin Bergersen
Sandra Beseler
Brian Binversie
Simon Chappell
Kelly Dohse
Karl Eick
Maralyn Fowler
Gary Fritsch
Dennis Galler
Marcia Gehrke
Gary Grohowski
Gregory Hahn

Pang Hang
Soua Hang
Claude Hockrein
Brett Hoffman
Ryan Holm
Paul Holzwart*
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Nicholas Jens*
Seth Jirkowic*
Steven Kelling*
Ashley Kiefer
Melissa Kiela
Chad Kohlman*
Andrew La Fontain
Shelby Layton
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Daniel Morin
Clarence Nguyen
John Perronne*
Paul Piper
Elizabeth Rady
Jessica Ramel*
Jerome Schlegel*
Lyle Schmidt*
Jacob Sherman
Scott Smith
Mark Stuckmann*
Brent Timm

Jason Vorpahl*
Susan Watry*
Jera Weigert
Andrea Wellenstein
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Sheboygan County Farm Bureau Represented at the WFBF Annual Meeting



A group of Sheboygan County Farm Bureau members gathered for a picture after the Farm Bureau Awards Banquet. From left to right they are Mark Schleicher, Marcia Fenner, Don Fenner, Deb Ramel, Mark Ramel, Jeannie Johanning, Fritz Johanning, Lydia Turba, Ken Turba and Ryan Ernst.



Ken and Lydia Turba enjoyed the Producer Club lunch.



The delegates attended the district caucus.

Sheboygan YFA Members Attend YFA Conference



The Sheboygan County Farm Bureau was represented at the YFA Conference by (L to R) Jenny Kuffel, Matt Murkley, Ryan Ernst and Max Prange.

Office Space for Rent

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 plus an open common area (470 sq. ft. total) with new carpeting 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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Meet Farm Bureau Women in District 6



The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Women's Committee is working on a county newsletter project in 2014-15. It features a woman active throughout their district in each newsletter.

Char Sullivan is from Door County and has been active in Farm Bureau for 30

plus years and has served on the county Farm Bureau board for more than ten years. Char is a retired home economics teacher and is a produce farmer along with her family. Char and her family have a 240-acre produce and commercial farm. They supply fresh produce for local farm markets, restaurants and sold at the farm. Some of the produce they sell includes asparagus, rhubarb, strawberries, raspberries, potatoes, squash, and much more. For hobbies, she enjoys flower gardening and saving and collecting recipes.

Char got involved with her husband when he was on the Door County Farm Bureau board, especially with the fair food stand. She then got involved with Ag in the Classroom, Book of the Year, essay contest, June Dairy month contest, plus having the high school agriculture classes visit their 40-acre produce farm and greenhouses. They also have two interns each year from foreign countries who live and learn on the farm.

Char's favorite Farm Bureau event is the county recipe contest. She loves seeing the pride of contestants in their creations. She also enjoys the policy and political part of WFBF and is amazed at the knowledge she has gained and finds it very worthwhile.

Char would like to see more ladies run for their county's Farm Bureau president position and local boards. She also likes that Farm Bureau is offering programs that help with succession planning for farmers.

Char is involved with the Wisconsin Fruit and Vegetable Association, Buy Local Door County and is active in local school activities.

Char's role model is her husband, Steve. He is patient, a good listener and shared his Farm Bureau experiences which helped her gain involvement in Farm Bureau.

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

Rosalie Geiger

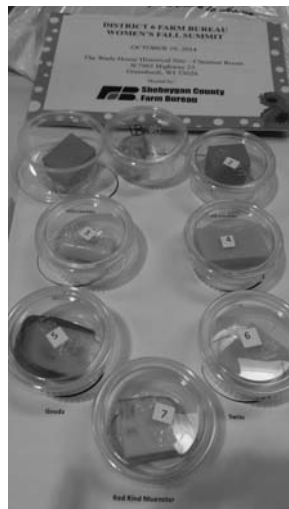
District 6 WFBF Women's Committee Representative

P.S. – Congratulations to Rosalie Geiger on being elected to serve as the WFBF Women's Committee Chair!



District Women's Fall Summit

Nearly 40 women from around District 6 attended the fall summit in Sheboygan County on October 10. The women learned about evaluating different cheeses, creating fall décor for the home or office and toured The Wade House. Next year's fall summit will be held in Brown County. We hope you'll make plans to attend!



The women were taken by horse and wagon to the Wade House.

5 for Farming's Future

Five dollars cannot buy much anymore.

That is, unless we're talking about the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation; then \$5 can make a huge impact.

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation provides the funding for the Ag in the Classroom program, collegiate Farm Bureau chapters at three Wisconsin universities, Farm Bureau's leadership Institute, as well as the Women's and Young Farmer and Agriculturist programs.

Keeping these programs financially viable is critical to growing future farm leaders and educating consumers about agriculture. To help fund the Foundation, in 2015 you will notice a \$5 voluntary contribution line-item for the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation on your Farm Bureau dues renewal statement or Rural Mutual Insurance bill. We hope you'll view this as an investment in farming's future and choose to make a contribution.

Why is this necessary?

Aside from contributions from generous supporters, the Foundation has traditionally relied on two annual fundraisers: the Wisconsin Ag Open golf outing and a silent auction at the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting. Programs like Ag in the Classroom and the Young Farmer and Agriculturist Program were moved under the Foundation's umbrella a few years ago. While this has provided a tremendous cost savings to our bottom line, it also means that additional funds are needed to keep these programs sustainable.

We in the agricultural community have always seen the importance of growing our future.

Moving forward, we want young students to know that farmers grow their food. We want college students from all backgrounds to see agriculture's opportunities. We need to help grow the next crop of agricultural leaders and help Farm Bureau members find their voice. The Foundation and this \$5 contribution is our vehicle to make these things happen.

In closing, we are asking you to:

GIVE to a way of life you love.

ENRICH the education of young people through agricultural education.

PLEDGE to get young people started in agriculture.

COMMIT to tomorrow's leaders.

INVEST in the future of farming.

There are Benefits to Your Farm Bureau Membership:

- Auto**
- General Motors Discount
- Health**
- ScriptSave® Prescription Drug Savings Card
 - Stroke Detection Plus
- Supplies and Products**
- Case IH
 - FS-GROWMARK Patronage
 - Grainger
 - Polaris (NEW)
 - Office Depot

- Communication**
- AgriVisor
 - The Country Today
- Insurance**
- Rural Mutual Insurance Company
 - Farm Bureau Financial Services
- Travel**
- AAA
 - AVIS Car Rental Discount Program
 - Choice Hotels International, Inc.
 - Wyndham Hotel Group

- Financial**
- AgriPlan Medical Reimbursement Program
 - Farm Bureau Bank
- Protection**
- \$500 Reward Protection Program
 - Accidental Death Policy

For complete details visit wfbf.com/benefits-membership.

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5 THINGS TO DO

right now to get ready for the 2015 Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit

March 13-14, 2015 Madison Marriott West, Middleton

1 RESERVE THE DATES
Get your calendar. Open it to March 13-14, 2015. Now, reserve it for attending the Summit. Done!

2 REGISTER by February 13th to save \$25
Registration is easy. Send in the form below or register and pay online at www.wiagwomenssummit.com.
Early Bird Registration Fee: \$115 (if received on or before February 13, 2015)
After February 13, 2015: \$140
NEW! One-Day Only Registration: \$100 (no early bird discount for one-day option)
Registration deadline: March 6, 2015



Presented by:



3 BOOK A HOTEL ROOM by February 13th to save

Because a hotel room is not included with the registration fee, please make your reservations at:

Madison Marriott West
1313 John Q Hammons Drive, Middleton, WI
Call for reservations: (888) 745-2032

Reduced Hotel Room Rate: \$118 + tax
Request the "WI Ag Women's Summit" room block by February 13, 2015 to receive this rate.

4 NOMINATE AN AGVOCATE OF THE YEAR by January 31st

Know a woman who is a true advocate for agriculture in Wisconsin? Nominate her for the AgVocate of the Year award, sponsored by the Fabulous Farm Babe, Pam Jahnke. Nomination forms and more information is available online at www.wiagwomenssummit.com.

5 INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

Grab your friends, family or neighbors and bring them along. Let's make this the best Summit yet! For more information, like "Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit" on Facebook.



District 6 YFA Green Bay Gamblers vs Cedar Rapids Roughriders
Saturday, January 24 • 7:05 p.m.
Resch Center
1901 S. Oneida Street in Green Bay
Tickets
\$15 - Adults
\$10 - Children ages 4-14
Free - Children 3 and under

This is a family game night! There will be \$1 hot dogs and \$1 sodas. If you plan to bring your kids, please specify how many adult tickets and children tickets you'll need.

RSVP by January 20. To purchase your tickets, please contact your local YFA chair or District 6 YFA Representative Carley Blado at 920.418.2226 or carleyblado@gmail.com.

WFBF will no longer be sending postcards to YFA members for events. If you'd like to continue to stay informed of events, please send your email address to krusch@wfbf.com and include "YFA email" in the subject line. Thank you!

Save the Date – Ag Day at the Capitol

The 2015 Ag Day at the Capitol will be held on **Wednesday, March 11** at the Monona Terrace in Madison.

Tentative schedule:

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| • 11 a.m. | Registration |
| • 11:30 a.m. | Opening Program |
| • 11:45 a.m. | Lunch |
| • 12:45 p.m. | Legislative Briefing |
| • 3 p.m. | Capitol Visits |

Individual registration is \$25 in advance and \$30 after March 5. For more information visit: wfbf.com/programsevents/ag-day-at-the-capitol

Calendar

January

24 YFA night at the Gamblers game

February

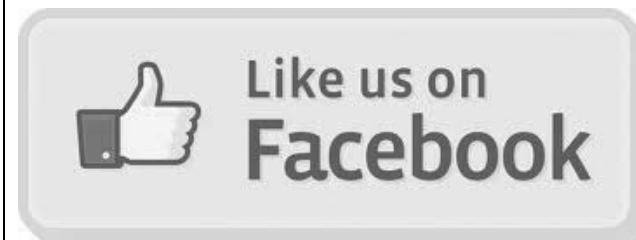
3 Estate Planning Meeting
14 Early registration due for WI Ag Women's Summit
21-22 FFA Farm Forum

March

11 Ag Day at the Capitol
13-14 Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit
20 CFB Scholarship applications due

April

1 Ag in the Classroom Essays due to Liz Gartman



Stay up-to-date on all upcoming Sheboygan County Farm Bureau events by liking us on Facebook!