



# Washington County Farm Bureau

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## Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

### AgAdventureland Has a Record Year By Judy Kasten



AgAdventureland's 18<sup>th</sup> year was a record success in visitors and sponsors. An estimate of 24,000 to 26,000 fair-goers, both youth and adults, learned something new about agriculture.

This year, 'What Is In My Food?' was the new activity that proved to be quite interesting to adults. They asked questions like "Corn is really in my toothpaste?" and "Playdoh has wheat in it?"

For the kids, we added two play horses that they ride in the saddle. As with

many stations in the area, their first year is a starter only to grow and improve in the future.

Due to health issues, AgAdventureland was run by two members of the committee this year. Our hopes are to rebuild the committee and continue with another successful year.

If you are interested in being a part of the committee or have questions, please contact Kelli Boone at 262.677.5060 or Judy Kasten at 262.628.9262.



### July Beef Promotion Is Successful

July 15 was a beautiful day at the West Bend Farmers' Market for the annual beef promotion. This year, we concentrated on tasty and

nutritious meals. Gehring's beef stick samples drew people in for good conversations on beef farming to meat cuts.



Melanie Gierach talked with a Farmers' Market shopper.



Marcy Bishop with the Farm Bureau beef promotion booth.

### County Annual Meeting and Fair Appreciation

**Date:** Tuesday, October 3

**Location:** The Columbian  
West Bend

**Agenda:** 6 p.m. - Registration and  
cash bar

7 p.m. - Dinner

**Cost:** \$5 per person\*

*\*Fair food stand workers will receive a free dinner voucher in the mail.*

**RSVP by September 25 to Judy Kasten** at 262.573.8339 (call or text, make sure to include your

name and number of people in the message) or [jkasten2332@earthlink.net](mailto:jkasten2332@earthlink.net).

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 increase the dues by \$5 effective October 1, 2018.



# COUNTYnews

WASHINGTON COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION



## Thanks for All Your Help! By Mike Strupp, Food Stand Co-Chair

With the cooperation of Mother Nature and the help of 190 volunteers, early indications are that 2017 will be another successful county fair. We served over 4,900 hamburgers, 1,104 brats, 580 hot dogs, 2,940 sundaes and 1,728 cream puffs.

Special thank you to:

- Mariann Gundrum and Stephanie Egnor for coordinating the volunteer schedule.
- Bill Hinckley, food stand co-chair, for his help in getting things ready prior to the fair, and the volunteers who helped place the floor mats.
- The volunteers who helped clean the food stand on Monday before the fair.
- The shift leaders who took time out of their busy schedules to keep things running smoothly during the fair.
- George and Kathy Muth for opening the food stand every morning.

- Dave Lettow for coordinating the daily financial transactions.
- The employees of Dairyland Seed and Rytec Corporation for volunteering in the stand.
- You! Without our dedicated volunteers coming to help the food stand wouldn't be possible.

As a token of our appreciation, our volunteers are invited to an appreciation dinner on **Tuesday, October 3**, at The Columbian in West Bend. Watch your mailbox for an invitation.

Thank you for another successful year.



Lee Kissinger was on grill duty.



It takes over 190 volunteers to run the food stand for the duration of the fair.



Long lines were a common theme at this year's fair.

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## Washington County Awards Scholarships to Four Ag Students

Congratulations to our 2017 Farm Bureau scholarship recipients. Each is entitled to \$750 after his or her fall semester and scholarship requirements are met.



(from left) Tiffany Miller, Kerewyn Cass, Noah Hardy and Washington County Farm Bureau president Ken Falk. Not pictured: Elliot Wetterau.

- Noah Hardy, son of Timothy and Jennifer Hardy of Richfield, will be a freshman at UW Washington County.
- Elliot Wetterau, son of Troy and Laurie Wetterau of Germantown, will be a freshman at Concordia University and UW Platteville.
- Kerewyn Cass, daughter of Mark Cass and Melanie Gierach and stepfather Kevin Gierach of West Bend, will be a freshman at UW Washington County.
- Tiffany Miller, daughter of Stanley and Sherry Miller of Cedarburg, will be a junior at UW River Falls.



A small awards presentation was held on WTKM radio on July 29 during the Washington County Fair.

# Proposed Resolutions for 2017 Washington County Annual Meeting

The Washington County Policy Development Committee met and has no new resolutions for 2017. The below local, state and federal resolutions have passed previous years and will not be voted on at the county annual meeting.

Have an issue that isn't addressed in the WFBF Policy Book or below? You can bring forward any resolutions from the floor at the county annual meeting. If you are considering bringing forth a resolution, contact Peter Muth at 262.689.2536.

## Local

1. We propose that the county board chairman place supervisors with agricultural or ag related business backgrounds on committees that deal with ag related issues.
2. We propose the County Farm Bureau review current on farm chemical and fire regulations, and reporting of emergencies to emergency government. We encourage our members to work with the emergency government director and local fire departments on reporting of all hazardous items and their location. We also encourage FB members to develop a file on individual farm plans and file it with their local fire department.
3. We encourage and support the continuation of the agricultural clean sweep program, and further recommend it be offered on an annual basis.
4. We encourage and support development and use of efficient alternative sources of energy in Washington County.
5. We encourage the county board to continue support of the

AIS (Agriculture and Industrial Society), the fair park, and their said mission statement thereby preserving the initial purpose of the fair park which was to serve and support local 4-H, FFA, educational and community events. In doing so, you recognize this organization is a non-profit organization and not an entity designed to generate county revenue.

6. The county needs to be more diligent in maintaining gravel shoulders to improve public safety and increase roadway longevity.
7. We strongly support that all donated naming rights at the Washington County Fair Park remain in place.
8. 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.
9. We support local law enforcement to help curb out of control violence.
10. We encourage the county board to continue to support and finance Land Conservation and UW-Extension programs.
11. We oppose any Highway 60 reliever routes that do not utilize existing county and state highways.

## State

1. We support a dairy producer's right to offer sales of raw milk directly to the consumer if it is state regulated.

*Dairy – Raw Milk*

2. We support all allocated State funding for all Land Conservation programs.  
*Natural Resources – Nonpoint*
3. We support maintaining the agricultural technical programs and encourage having a curriculum where the credits will transfer into the UW system.  
*Education – Technical College 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.  
*Transportation – License*
5. We support 2015 Senate Bill 344 (Interruption to adverse possession).  
*Land Use – Property*
6. We feel property owners should maintain 100% of their fence unless the fence is shared on both sides by livestock then it should be split 50/50.  
*General Government – Fences*

## Federal

1. We support the AFBF Ditch the Rule campaign. Federal Internal Resolution

**Don't forget, you can bring forward resolutions from the floor at the county annual meeting on October 3. Just contact Peter Muth at 262.689.2536 so we are following the proper procedures.**

## Sunset Farms Educates All Ages By Karen Wolf Hughes

In June, we had the MOMS of central Washington County. There was rain that morning so we had less than expected but the ones who came had fun!

The Washington County Family Center was scheduled for June also but we rescheduled for

July because of rain. These tours got to enjoy milk and cookies.

Our last tour will be the end of September with the MOMS of Germantown. We had some small groups and visitors also.

## District 1 YFA Members Advance to State Competition



The District 1 YFA Discussion Meet contest was held on August 22 at Cozy Nook Farm in Waukesha after a tour of the farm. We had four very qualified contestants who participated in the Discussion Meet.

This year's district topic was: **Formation of family farm corporations is common practice. How can Farm Bureau work to ensure that the public's positive perception of the family farm is not lost?**

The four contestants were Bob Nash from Ozaukee County, Sean Beres from Waukesha County and Scott Davel and Kallie Jo Kastenson both from Racine County. Three contestants were selected and will move on to compete at the YFA Conference. The finalists are Bob, Sean and Kallie Jo.

If you see any of the contestants, wish them the best of luck as they move on to the state competition on December 1-3 at the YFA Conference.



The four contestants were: (from left) Bob Nash, Sean Beres, Scott Davel and Kallie Jo Kastenson.



Attendees enjoyed learning more about Cozy Nook Farm.

## Board Nominations Needed for October Election

The nominating committee is seeking individuals interested in serving a three-year term on the Washington County Farm Bureau board of directors.

Two board members have completed their two-three year terms and cannot be re-elected according to the county bylaws.

Board meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month, except July and November. If you are interested, please contact nominating committee chair Judy Kasten at 262.573.8339.



## State Fair Fun at the Wisconsin House of Moo



District 1 members helped at the Wisconsin State Fair House of Moo on August 12.

Members were stationed throughout the House of Moo educating fairgoers about the dairy industry. Fairgoers could pet calves, milk a cow, see what cows eat, play games and look inside of a milk tank.

A few fun facts that were shared with fairgoers ...

- If people ate like cows, they would have to eat about 360 cheeseburgers and drink 400 to 800 glasses of water each day!
- Human hands never touch milk; it is carried through stainless steel pipes and then pumped into tanks and milk hauling trucks.
- A calf can stand and walk within one hour after being born.
- It takes 12.5 gallons of milk to make one gallon of ice cream.



Promotion and Education committee member Carl Wolf educated fairgoers about the parts of a cow stomach.

## There are Benefits to Your Farm Bureau Membership:

<b>Financial</b> .....	<b>Communication</b> .....	<b>Health</b> .....
• AgriPlan Medical Reimbursement Program	• AgriVisor	• ScriptSave® Prescription Drug Savings Card
• Farm Bureau Bank	• The Country Today	• Life Line (NEW)
<b>Supplies and Products</b> .....	<b>Insurance</b> .....	<b>Travel</b> .....
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• Caterpillar	• Farm Bureau Financial Services	• AVIS Car Rental Discount Program
• FS-GROWMARK Patronage	<b>Protection</b> .....	• Budget (NEW)
• Grainger	• \$500 Reward Protection Program	• Choice Hotels International, Inc.
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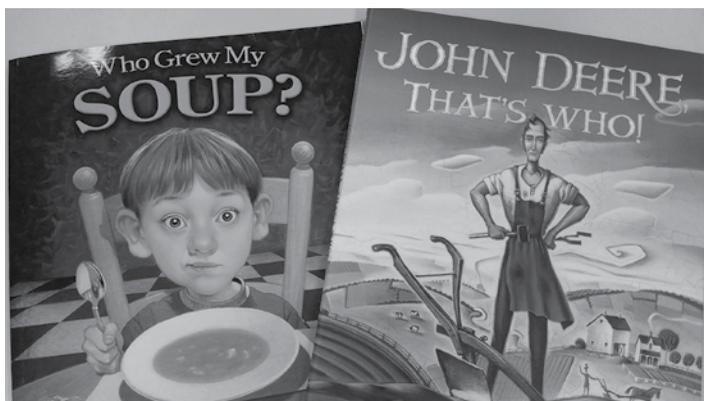
For complete details visit [wfbf.com/benefits-membership](http://wfbf.com/benefits-membership).

## Kids Want to Know ... Who Grew My Soup?

"Who Grew My Soup?" tells the story of young Phineas Quinn and his questions about the vegetable soup his mom serves for lunch. Phin declares he won't slurp a single spoonful until he knows:

- "Who grew these carrots? Who grew these tomatoes?"
- "These beans and this barley? This corn? These potatoes?"
- "Who sprouted this spinach? Who planted these peas?"
- And who picked this celery? Tell me now, please?"

"I'll not take one sip of this vegetable goop unless you tell me this: Who grew my soup?" Much to Phin's surprise, a man in a flying tomato balloon shows up to answer this stirring question. Join Phin and magical Mr. Mattoo as they fly from farm to farm, learning about amazing vegetables and the farmers who grow them.



The Promotion and Education Committee chose to donate this book to kindergartners this fall. Libraries received it in March in celebration of National Ag Week.

## John Deere, That's Who!

"Back in the 1830s, who was a young blacksmith from Vermont, about to make his mark on American history? John Deere, that's who!

Who moved to Illinois, where farmers were struggling to plow through the thick, rich soil they called gumbo? Who tinkered and tweaked and tested until he invented a steel plow that sliced into the prairie easy as you please? John Deere, that's who!

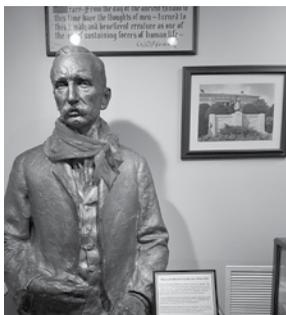
Long before the first tractor, who changed farming forever? John Deere, that's who!"

Fourth grade students throughout Washington County will enjoy this book come fall as the Promotion and

Education Committee will donate these to each of our local elementary schools and libraries.

## Summer Bus Tour Draws Ag Educators from Across the State

By Stephanie Egner

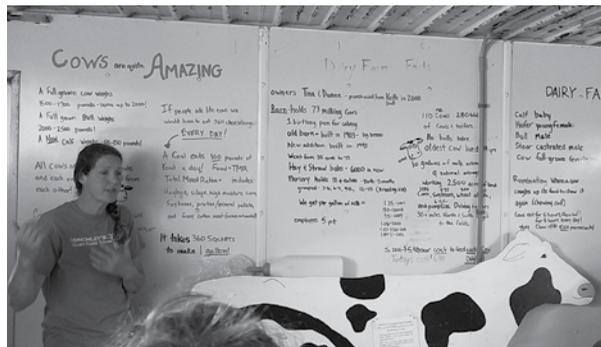


Nearly 50 agricultural educators and volunteers joined Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom for a two-day bus tour on July 18-19.

We visited Wisconsin farms, processors and agricultural businesses that broadened my horizons and gave me new ideas for Washington County's education program.



Destinations throughout Jefferson County included: Hinchley's Dairy Farm, Severson Learning Center, Jones Market, Hoard Historical Museum, Tyranena Brewing Company, McKay Nursery Company, Rock River Laboratory, Inc., Berres Brothers Coffee Roasters, Mid-State Equipment and Jelli's Market.



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## Clean Sweep

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 October 7, 2017  
 8am - Noon  
 at the**

**Washington County Highway Facility  
 900 Lang St., West Bend, WI 53090**

Registration may be Limited

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2. Download and mail the Registration Form visit - [washcoparks.com](http://washcoparks.com)
3. Stop at Land & Water Conservation Division 333 E. Washington St., Ste. 2300, West Bend; or
4. Call 262.335.4808 to get the form mailed.