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Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

District Director Report



Congratulations on another successful Farm Bureau year.

I want to touch on a few things that were very important to your organization and the accom-

plishments for this year.

First, two statewide committees were active this year. Obtaining information and deciding what is important to Wisconsin farmers in the upcoming 2018 Farm Bill was the focus of the Farm Bill Committee and the Dairy Committee.

In September, members of these committees, and the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Board of Directors, went to Washington, D.C. We spoke to our legislators and their staff on what is important to Wisconsin farmers and urged them to include or change a few things in the 2018 Farm Bill based on our committee recommendations.

Secondly, our governmental relations teams, with members, were conversing with our state legislators on how the State Budget will affect their livelihoods.

As I am writing this, we are getting close to passing this legislation that includes monies for continuing the Premise ID staffing and management, farmer-led watershed projects, and others that will help agriculture in the future.

Lastly, within the governmental relations division we hired Steve Boe. His charge is to validate and process issues at the local level with counties; then help county Farm Bureaus with these local issues.

Whether it is sand mines, water quality, urban sprawl or others that are important to your county organization, Wisconsin Farm Bureau has someone who can help.

Have a safe harvest and remember this is your organization. Use it and be an integral part of Wisconsin's largest farmer organization.

Dave Daniels
WFBF District 1 Director

District 1 Members Work at 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.



Sam and Nicole Dempsey interact with fairgoers and educate them about calves.

A few fun facts that we were able to share with fairgoers ...

- If people ate like cows, they would have to eat about 360 cheeseburgers and drink 400-800 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.



Charlie Oberhaus taught fairgoers how to milk a cow.



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Waukesha County Farm Bureau Celebrates Success at Annual Meeting

Congratulations on another successful Farm Bureau year. The Waukesha County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting was held on October 5 at the Machine Shed in Pewaukee.

The voting members approved policies and a bylaw change. The policy development committee brought forward resolutions, which recognize Waukesha County's position on national, state and local issues.

All the resolutions passed the voting membership and will be forwarded to the state Policy Development Committee for consideration. In addition, the voting members approved a bylaw change to increase the dues by \$5 effective October 1, 2018.

Each year the Waukesha County Board of Directors and the delegates to the WFBF Annual Meeting are elected at the annual meeting. Those elected to the board of directors from the northern tier include: Michael Deneen, Dave Morris, Tom Oberhaus, Jim Renn, Ken Rosenow, Alan Runyard, Dave Swan and Lloyd Williams.

The promotion and education committee chair is Judy Porter and the YFA co-chairs are Sam and Nicole Dempsey.

Delegates to the WFBF Annual Meeting are Dave Morris, Tom Oberhaus and Lloyd Williams. The WFBF Annual Meeting will be December 2-4 at the Kalahari Resorts in Wisconsin Dells.

The guest speakers were Waukesha County Sheriff Eric Severson and Deputy Andy Hebbing. They spoke about implements of husbandry and the lighting requirements.

Following the board meeting a reorganizational meeting was held to elect officers. The officers are as follows:

- Lloyd Williams, president
- Tom Oberhaus, vice president
- Ryan Brueggemann, secretary
- Dave Bartholomew, treasurer

Thank you to the members who attended this year's annual meeting.

Waukesha County Fair: Successfully Celebrated 175 Year History

By Chrissy Gluege, Executive Director, October 2017



The Waukesha County Fair has roots that truly run deep. The year was 1842, Wisconsin had yet to become established as a state and the Village of Prairieville (later to become the City of Waukesha) hadn't yet been incorporated.

This was the time of the Oregon Trail and the Underground Railroads, which now-a-days, you typically hear or read about from books and stories, not real life scenarios. 1842 was the start of something remarkable and right here in Waukesha County.

What began as a Fourth of July celebration including fireworks and a festive meal celebrated by villagers and farmers has evolved into so much more.

The 2017 Waukesha County Fair was July 19-23 and we welcomed an impressive 113,503 fairgoers through our gates. The 2017 Fair and these dates were officially proclaimed Waukesha County Fair Days by Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow. It was complete with a plaque and incredible words highlighting everything the Fair is about, its impact, and what the Fair strives for in its mission; providing a quality family event which preserves our rural heritage and is dedicated to educating and entertaining all ages in Waukesha County and surrounding communities.

The 175th celebration of the oldest county fair in the state and largest event in Waukesha County was certainly one to be remembered. An Opening Ceremony and Ribbon Cutting kicked the year off on July 19. This event included some of the key representatives from the community that the fair continues to impact and highlighted the nine locations the fair survived during its 175-year tenure.

A great group comprised of historians, the County Executive, Waukesha County business members, key community leaders, 4-H and UW-Extension representatives, the Waukesha County Fair Board president, the 2016 Fairest of the Fair, and members of a local Boy Scouts of America troop took the stage commemorating this historical event.

For the rest of the five days of fair, there was an incredible historical exhibit on display for all to see. Highlighted were posters, signage, contest rules of the past, premium books dating from the 1900s, photo albums and so much more.

Photos were one of the key components to capturing the history as artifacts were more challenging to attain. More than this, stories and testimonials shared were some of the best ways commemorating this event and offered the realization of how much the Fair has evolved during the last 25 years, let alone 175!



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President's Report



It's so hard to believe that this year went by so quickly. Wow!

Farm Bureau provides us with a road map to guide us with farm issues in agriculture for Waukesha County and Wisconsin. This is a grassroots organization that starts with each county. If you have any thoughts or ideas that will improve farming in Waukesha County, please share those with the Waukesha County Farm Bureau board of directors.

I want to take a moment to show appreciation for the little things that make Waukesha County Farm Bureau proud. Waukesha County made many donations this year. Just to

mention a few: the Waukesha County Fair, Ag Adventure Tent and WFBF Ag in the Classroom Program.

Waukesha County provides a program called Ag in the Classroom. We have active farmers that go into fourth grade classrooms to discuss farming practices. Last year we attended more than 30 classrooms. If you want us to attend a school near you, please contact us.

Our county promotion and education committee is dedicated to their programs, especially helping at the Milwaukee County Zoo Family Farm Weekend and the Ronald McDonald House. If you want to be a part of this great committee, contact one of the board of directors or the promotion and education chair Judy Porter.

We were honored this past year to award \$8,000 in college scholarships to students who pursue a higher education with a focus on agriculture. We encourage students to apply by June

30 of each year. Applications can be printed from our website.

Waukesha County has a great Young Farmer program. Some of the highlights this past year included a hayride, the go-cart outing and the YFA Conference at the Kalahari Resorts. Young Farmers are between the ages of 18 and 35. The Young Farmer program encourages you to join.

If anyone has neighbors or friends that want to join the Waukesha County Farm Bureau, please contact any Farm Bureau Board member or Rural Mutual Insurance agent.

Have a safe and successful harvest and a blessed holiday season.

God Bless,

Lloyd Williams

Waukesha County Farm Bureau President

WFBF Leadership Institute is an Amazing Opportunity

By Sean Beres



Being a leader isn't always fame and glory. With my time winding down in the WFBF Leadership Institute class this year, I have learned a lot about myself as a leader.

Sometimes being a leader means making hard choices for

yourself even though it is best for the group you represent as a whole. Through this amazing course, I've formed amazing friendships with my fellow classmates. Each of us have changed from the beginning, using what we have learned to further teach each other and groups we attend.

With the last session I attended in Madison, we held a mock legislative hearing. What an awesome experience. Not only did we have to prepare for a topic that was assigned to us knowing the issue both pros and cons, but we were not able to choose whether we were in favor or against our selected topic, which made it difficult for some of us because it meant we had to prepare testimony opposite of what our true feelings were.

I was one who had to go against my true beliefs, but looking back I am glad because I was able to learn where the other side was coming from and how information can be portrayed either negatively or positively depending on a few words. So, when you are preparing yourself for any type of engagement, read it out loud to someone ahead of time to make sure your wording fits your message.

I highly recommend participating in the WFBF Leadership Institute class. Not only if you are in a leadership position now, but also if you have been in one. It will make you grow not only as a leader but also make you take a look at yourself to improve upon everyday interactions. Communication is ever evolving, and we need to strive to make sure we are doing it effectively.

Farm Bureau is full of amazing opportunities, we as members need to take advantage of them. Some may seem small, but their impact is larger than you think. I've taken part in the family farm event at the Milwaukee County Zoo, volunteering for a shift. It's an awesome little thing to do. Answering question and playing games with children who don't have a farm background. I encourage you to step out of your comfort zone and volunteer for something. You never know what opportunities will come your way by stepping out of your comfort zone.

Debele Selected for 2018 WFBF Leadership Institute Class

Pam Debele is among 15 other agricultural leaders who were selected to participate in the WFBF Leadership Institute. The year-long leadership training program's mission is to develop strong and effective agricultural leaders.

The institute consists of five multi-day sessions that provide hands-on learning on issues important to agriculture, development of leadership and speaking skills, interaction with Farm Bureau and governmental leaders and staff at the state and national levels and networking with other participants.

The first session begins in January and focuses on public speaking, etiquette, emotional intelligence

and personality types. Subsequent sessions focus on media and advocacy training, running effective meetings, the structure and function of Farm Bureau, being a creative leader, the workings of local and state government and future national and international ag issues.

The class capstone event is a joint trip with the WFBF Board of Directors to Washington, D.C., in June 2019.

If you see Pam, make sure to congratulate her on being selected to participate in the Leadership Institute Class. Stay tuned as we follow Pam's journey through the WFBF Leadership Institute.

YFA Members Advance to State Competition



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

The District 1 YFA discussion meet contest was held on August 22 at Cozy Nook Farm in Waukesha after a tour of their farm. 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?**

We had four very qualified contestants who participated in the discussion meet. 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 Confer-



Attendees enjoyed learning more about Cozy Nook Farm.

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.



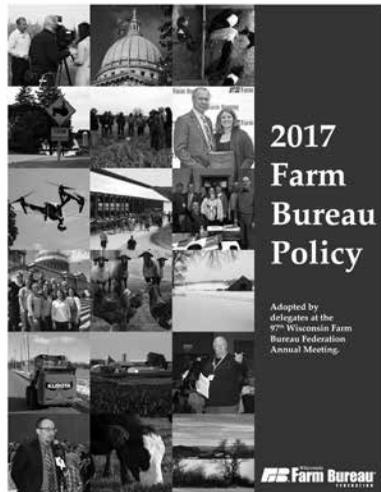
Ag in the Classroom Announces Essay Contest



Using the book of the year, "John Deere That's Who," the topic 'Inventions that have made agriculture great,' allows students to write about inventions that made agriculture advance in technology, efficiency and productivity.

For contest rules, lesson plans and supporting documents, visit www.wisagclassroom.org or contact Carol Bartholomew at 262.662.2782.. The essay contest is for fourth or fifth grade students and the deadline to enter the essay contest is **April 1, 2018**.

Policy Development approved at Annual Meeting



Waukesha County Farm Bureau voting members were presented the following policies at the county annual meeting. Each of these policies were voted on and passed; they will now be presented to the State Policy Development Committee for potential consideration at the state delegate floor.

Local

1. We support development of the Agriculture Enterprise Area in any area of the county which property owners desire to do so.
2. We support the county and state to maintain the cooperative nature of our extension service. We oppose the dilution of county extension service away from production agriculture.
3. We support the concentrated effort of county government to control their expenses, rather than using county sales tax, impact fees and other added taxes.
4. We support composting programs and recycling programs when cost effective in order to preserve our natural resources.
5. We support the Waukesha County Fair Board. We urge the continued participation of the Waukesha County Extension Service in the County Fair. We also support the youth organizations and volunteers, such as 4-H and other groups that contribute to the success of the Waukesha County Fair.
6. We encourage the financial support of Waukesha County, including the Waukesha County government, in the assistance of youth organizations (i.e., 4-H, FFA, Waukesha County Fair) that helps our youth develop into future outstanding citizens.
7. We support representation of the agriculture community on Waukesha County Land Use and Agriculture related committees. We also support just representation of the agriculture community on regional and multi-county committees.
8. We reaffirm our belief in the rights of private property ownership, and in the ability of the landowners to make prudent land use decisions. We would oppose rules and regulations that deprive landowners of their property rights without just compensation.
9. We urge the Waukesha County Board to maintain a drainage board to address the agriculture drainage problems and find solutions. We also promote a process in obtaining a permit for drainage purposes to be handled in a prompt and efficient manner.
10. Because water drainage systems (i.e., tiles, waterways, ditches, creeks and etc.) are critical to agricultural operations, we believe that any party allowing or causing deterioration of such drainage systems that affects other agriculture lands should be held liable for the correction of that drainage system based on a agriculture study. We also support stricter regulations with better engineering and enforcement of runoff from subdivisions and commercial development on to agriculture lands.
11. We support the 'Right to Farm Law' with continued efforts which will protect agricultural operations from nuisance suits resulting from odor, dust, noise, etc., when farming enterprises are operated in accordance with best management practices.

12. We extend a thank you to County Executive Paul Farrow and the Waukesha County Board for their support of agriculture and their continued support for the Waukesha County Fair.
13. Farmland should receive credits for permeable surfaces when calculating storm water management system assessments.
14. We support the inclusion of an appeal process in all storm water management decisions made by municipalities.
15. We support keeping the Waukesha County FSA Office open.

State

1. We support the county and state to maintain the cooperative nature of our extension service. We oppose the dilution of county extension service away from production agriculture. *Education: UW System*
2. We support the concentrated effort of state government to control their expenses. *General Government: Accountability*
3. We support the discontinuation of the current Producer Security Program, unless a usable program can be developed with yearly administrative costs at less than 5% of the total potential payoff sum. *Marketing: Producer Security*
4. Farmland should receive credits for permeable surfaces when calculating storm water management system assessments. *Natural Resources: Drainage & Water Law*
5. The veterinarian-client-patient-relationship (VCPR) should override any broad governing rules on appropriate animal husbandry practices on their farm. *Livestock: Animal Welfare*
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*
7. Many counties have very good regulations for water runoff and water quality. We support legislation that would require incorporated municipalities to abide by these regulations as do the unincorporated areas. *Natural Resources: Drainage and Water Law*
8. We support greater efforts to advance new technologies with the use of EQUIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program) and CREP (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program) funds to better utilize animal generated nutrients. *Natural Resources: Nutrient Management Plans*
9. We support the agricultural chemical cleanup program with enough funds to support the program. When funds in the program exceed the need, collected funds should be protected from reallocation and additional fees should be suspended. *Natural Resources: Ag Chemicals*
10. 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*

Federal

1. We support improving milk quality by lowering the SCC limit to 400,000.
2. When updating or renegotiating any trade, we should make sure no harm is done and farmers are treated better than the former agreement.
3. In the 2018 Farm Bill, we support the market access program and foreign market development programs.
4. The Farm Bill should be renamed to the Food Security Act because 76% of the current Farm Bill is used for food security.

Internal Resolution

1. The Farm Bureau State Board of Directors should not endorse a candidate running for political office until each candidate is offered an equal opportunity to be interviewed.
2. We urge the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation to become an active member of the U.S. Grain Council.

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Keep saving those tabs and turn them in to Judy Porter. The promotion and education committee will be going to the Ronald McDonald House in the spring to serve a meal, let Judy Porter know if you want to go along or get more involved with the promotion and education committee by calling her at 262.363.7397.

Scholarships Awarded!

Congratulations to those who received scholarships from the Waukesha County Farm Bureau!

Three \$2,000 scholarships are being awarded to Virginia Kuenzi, Derek Nelson and Brittany Renn.

Two \$1,000 scholarships are being awarded to Megan Dowd and Aurette Wittkopf.

We wish these scholarships recipients the best in their studies!

