

# Walworth County Farm Bureau

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# NEWS

June 2018

## Hello Farm Bureau Members!

Dairy Breakfast is June 16th and will be here before you know it. The Board of Directors appreciate all the volunteers and all the businesses that donate money and product in making our Breakfast a successful community event every year. This year our tour farm is Kylecrest Holstein and Jersey Dairy.

Thank you so much to the Kyle family for welcoming people to their farm for this event.

Farm Bureau dues to the state went up by 5.00 at the beginning of the New Year. At the 2017 annual meeting for Walworth County, the members in attendance voted to raise our county dues to \$58.00, this will go into effect on October 1, 2018. Still a reasonable price compared to other organizations. Membership dues, besides the three fundraisers that we do throughout the year are used to support scholarships, FFA Forum, 4-H activities. As well as our county annual meeting and the Wisconsin annual meeting held in December.

It also helps promote Agriculture through the classrooms, and events such as Earth Day at Gateway technical college.

This is the breakdown of your county dues. 58.00 For county dues – 45.00 (41.00 goes to the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation and 1.00 goes to the American Farm Bureau Federation) and 1.00 goes to the accidental death policy, which then 12.00 comes back to the county.

We have some volunteer opportunities for everyone to have some FUN at. So if you are available June 15, come help set up the breakfast, June 16, come and flip pancakes or serve some eggs! Help is always need for clean-up.

July 12-15 is Rib fest. Walworth County Farm Bureau works the beverage tents. Come and listen to music while helping the farm bureau. It was a lot of Fun last summer!

And of course there is the Ice Cream tent at the fair. An annual event to have fun at and eat a little ice cream.

Have a safe planting and growing season

Hope to see you at the 2018 Dairy Breakfast

President

**Terry Papcke**

## Calendar of Events

### JUNE 16

42nd Annual Walworth County Dairy Breakfast

### JUNE 27

29th Annual Brewers Game

### JULY 12-15

Ribfest

### AUGUST 11

House of Moo  
Wisconsin State Fair

### AUGUST 14

District 1 Policy Meeting

### AUGUST 24

District 1 YFA  
Discussion Meet

### AUGUST 29 - SEPT. 3

Walworth County Fair

### SEPTEMBER 19

Walworth County  
Farm Bureau  
Annual Meeting

# 42nd Annual Walworth County Dairy Breakfast 7TH ANNUAL COFFEE CAKE CONTEST

This year we will be holding our 7th Annual Coffee Cake Contest at the Farm Bureau Dairy Breakfast. Entries must be prepared using at least two (2) dairy products (no mixes). Bring a piece of your coffee cake on a 6” paper plate along with your recipe (please highlight dairy products and have your name, address, and phone number clearly printed on back of card)

to the contest booth located next to the ice cream area. Entries must be at booth by 8:30 a.m. Judging will take place at 9:00 a.m. and winners will be announced immediately. Winners do not need to be present to win. 1st place \$25.00, 2nd place \$15.00, 3rd place \$10.00. No age requirements—young or old can enter! Anyone can win!

## 2018 ESSAY CONTEST

Sponsored by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation and We Energies. Each year the Wisconsin Farm Bureau’s Ag in the Classroom program hosts an essay contest revolving around food and agriculture, open to Wisconsin 4th and 5th grade students. This year’s essay topic: “Inventions that have made agriculture great.”

Our Walworth county winners are:

**1st Place –Crystal Reyes \$25.00**

Teacher: Mrs. Olson  
Darien Elementary School

**2nd Place – Audrey Seaverson \$15.00**

Teacher: Mrs. Hudec  
St. Peters East Troy

**3rd Place – Jonah Feyen \$10.00**

Teacher: Mrs. Hudec  
St. Peters East Troy

*District 1:*

**Winner - Kyla Weber**

Teacher: Ms. Rebecca Schuett  
Allenton Elementary

**State Winner**

Isaiah Claussen  
Teacher: Meagan Towle  
Denmark Elementary - Brown County  
Parents: Josh & Ashley Claussen

## 2018 WALWORTH COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

**Walworth County  
Farm Bureau Scholarship**

\$500.00 - Matthew Lucht - Whitewater High School

**Duane Leseberg Scholarship**

\$500.00 - Connor Hessman - Big Foot High School

**Byron G. Palmer Scholarship**

\$500.00 - Laura Brost - Iowa State University

## Council of Presidents



*Back row from left:* District 1 Director Dave Daniels, Waukesha Vice President Tom Oberhaus, Racine Vice President Keith Jacobson, Washington Vice President Scott Schreffler, Walworth Vice President Bill Holtz, Ozaukee Vice President Bob Roden, Jefferson President Randy Mitchell. *Front row from left:* Waukesha President Lloyd Williams, Racine President John Scott, Washington President Peter Muth, Walworth President Terry Papcke, Ozaukee President Adam Melichar.



## June 27, 2018 29th Annual Brewers Game

Ticket Price \$45.00

- Family Section seats level behind home plate
- Charter bus drops off / picks up at the gate
- Golden Corral Buffet following the game (on your own - approx. \$12.00)

Bus Leaves  
10:45 am

Game Time  
1:10 pm

Bus Arrives Home  
Around 7:00 pm

**Brewers Play the  
Kansas City  
Royals**

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**ORDER YOUR  
TICKETS TODAY!**

## 42ND ANNUAL DAIRY BREAKFAST



### KYLECREST HOLSTEINS & JERSEYS LLC

David and Laurie Kyle, along with son Hayden, are the owners of Kylecrest Holsteins and Jerseys LLC in Elkhorn. They milk 140 Holstein and Jersey cows and sell their milk to Foremost Farms USA. David is Currently on the Board of Directors at Foremost and Laurie owns and operates Perkup Elkhorn LLC, A charming coffee shop nestled in downtown Elkhorn. Their daughter Mackenzie, will be a senior This fall at the University of Dubuque, studying Sports Marketing and Management, Business Administration and Coaching endorsement.

Dave spent about half of his childhood on a farm in Harvard, Illinois and had to move away at the age of 12 before losing his father. He always remembered that love of farming. After working on farms throughout high school and finishing the dairy short course at the University of Wisconsin- Madison,

Dave and his wife of 28 years, Laurie settled in Elkhorn. The Kyles rented farmland for several years. They built a new parlor and barn in 2007 on a hobby farm that had been purchased in 2000. They buy all Their feed and concentrate totally on the comfort of the cows.

Dave started in 1981 with 40 registered cows, but has started to embrace Jerseys since son, Hayden joined the farm. Now the 140 – cow herd is predominantly registered Jerseys and about 50 registered Holsteins. “It was Hayden’s passion for Jerseys that rubbed off on me and it turned out to be a great move on the farm and that’s from a self-described Holstein guy.” “Relationships and making the right changes are important in life and in the dairy business.”

Laurie is the owner of Perkup Elkhorn, LLC, downtown coffee shop that serves Colectivo coffee and her milk is purchased back to serve at her shop. Laurie and her family see firsthand how dairy plays a vital role in the local economy through the shop. It is an amazing place to share with the community both business that are near and dear to their hearts.

Laurie and Dave are both National Dairy Spokespeople for the dairy industry and enjoy every opportunity to share their story with anyone who is willing to listen. It is not a job for the Kyles, but a passion.



**Dave Daniels**  
**District 1**  
**Director,**  
**Wisconsin**  
**Farm Bureau**



**Patti Roden**  
**District 1**  
**Coordinator,**  
**Wisconsin**  
**Farm Bureau**

### **Farm Bureau Working For You**

Will summer ever get here? I wonder how many times that has been said this year, especially when the snow fell on April 18. And yes, summer will get here, and it seems that we may have missed spring on the way.

The weather concededly goes with the price of milk and other commodities, being in a low-price environment for consecutive months and maybe years. We would like it if commodity prices would stay flat and profitable. That would mean the four seasons would start on time and be approximately 91 days long. Mother Nature rarely gives us a “normal” average year.

7Farm Bureau is working to have tools in place for our members to work with the not so average prices that we are experiencing in this extended timeframe. We have been busy talking to our legislators to fix the Margin Protection Program (MPP), which we have succeeded in. The Farm Bureau board is working with American Farm Bureau and the new insurance tool that will soon be available for Dairy Farmers to hopefully average those prices out.

7We continue to put pressure on Washington to work on passing a Farm Bill this year. The Farm Bureau board hopes that the changes to improve these risk management tools will help farmers manage their businesses to profitability.

7All these things that your organization is working on may not show up in your local paper or on the T.V. news reports. They're working in unison with the policies that you put forward last December at the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Annual Meeting. And as you know, those actions start even earlier. We'll have a, informational District Policy Development meeting on August 14th. It will hopefully help your counties to start the grassroot process that makes Farm Bureau the best agricultural organization in Wisconsin. If you have any issues or policies that you want brought forward, attend your county or district policy development meeting, and watch your ideas turn into policies of Wisconsin Farm Bureau.

7Hopefully you will be able to average out your growing season and have a profitable year. Be safe when you're working in your fields and driving on the roads! Thank you for putting in the long days working the land and caring for the animals on your farm. Have a great summer!

### **What's the Difference? Ag in the Classroom vs. Promotion and Education**

Within Farm Bureau there are many committees that help each county run smoothly. In your county you have numerous committees including young farmer and agriculturist, scholarship, county annual meeting, bylaw, membership, nominating, policy development, ag in the classroom, and promotion and education. Two committees that members are often confused on are ag in the classroom and promotion and education.

The promotion and education committee is new to all members throughout the state. In December 2015, the voting delegates at the WFBF Annual Meeting approved a bylaw change to rename the women's committee to promotion and education committee at the state level. In fall of 2016, most of the district 1 counties also changed the name of the women's committee to promotion and education committee. While the projects conducted by the promotion and education committee are similar, changing the committee's name has helped your county get more members involved, not limiting it to women.

So, what's the different between ag in the classroom and the promotion and education committee? Based on the name, they seem like they might do similar projects.

The Ag in the classroom program provides teachers and students K-12 with an understanding of how their food is produced. Throughout district 1 there are a variety of ways that Farm Bureau volunteers educate students. Some counties host farm tours, others go into the classrooms and teach about agriculture, some do library programs, other counties donate the book of the year to the schools. The opportunities to educate students is endless.

The promotion and education committee also educates, but the target audience is those making purchasing decisions, not K-12 students. The committee promotes projects and programs that build an awareness and understanding of agriculture in the community. Each county in district 1 has a promotion and education committee and has done numerous projects that include: going to the Ronald McDonald House to prepare meals, preparing activities for the county breakfast on the farm, donating food or product to your local food pantry, helping or donating money to the county fair ag adventure area. Again, the opportunities to educate consumers and those who have the purchasing power is endless.

The district 1 promotion and education committee has helped at the Ronald McDonald House in the past. This year, the committee is going to be helping at the Family Farm Weekend at the Milwaukee Zoo September 8-9. If you are interested in volunteering (and receiving free Zoo passes for the day), contact Jacki Moegenburg at 262.689.7521.

If you are interested in being involved in your county farm bureau, don't hesitate to reach out to me or any member of your county Farm Bureau board. We are always looking for new faces at the table.