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Outagamie County Farm Bureau Cream Puff Fundraiser

By Bernie Vander Heiden

We will again this year have a food booth at Octoberfest on September 29.

This is our largest fundraiser of the year and money earned that day helps us fund our projects like 4-H scholarships, FFA Farm Forum sponsorships, Rural Health Initiative, Breakfast on the Farm and Fairest of Fair to name a few of them. So, keep this date open so you can volunteer to help in the booth for a couple hours and then enjoy Octoberfest afterward.

The day starts at 6 a.m. and finishes at 6 p.m. so you can volunteer anytime during those hours. Hope to see everyone on September 29.



Help make Outagamie County Farm Bureau Cream Puffs at this Fall's Appleton Octoberfest.

Freedom Student Attends FFA Farm Forum

A Freedom FFA member was among the nearly 200 high school students who attended the Wisconsin Farm Bureau's FFA Farm Forum in Wisconsin Rapids on February 16-17.

During the two-day event at Hotel Mead, FFA members attended workshops that covered topics including post-high school agricultural opportunities, social media, agriculture advocacy and leadership.

Joining WFBF President Jim Holte as keynote speakers at the event were Mariah Martin, UW-Madison Collegiate Farm Bureau member along with Glen Schraufnagel, Cooperative Educational Service Agency (CESA) 10 Consultant.



Freedom FFA member Isaac School attended WFBF's FFA Farm Forum. He was sponsored by Outagamie County Farm Bureau.

Outagamie County Farm Bureau Timber Rattler Outing Scheduled

By Kelly Oudenoven

Take Me Out to the Ball Game. Bring the family to watch the Timber Rattlers take on the Cedar Rapids Kernels on Saturday, August 18.

Come early and enjoy an all-you-can-eat tailgate compliments of the Outagamie County Farm Bureau. Then sit back and relax and enjoy some good ole American baseball. The game that night will begin at 6:35 p.m.

It's also a special event night celebrating the Timber Rattler's mascot, Fang's, birthday. Fang and all his other mascot friends will be visit-

ing with the kids and doing some special things during the game.

This night is open to the Outagamie County Farm Bureau members and their families and is complimentary of the Outagamie County Farm Bureau board.

Please RSVP by August 15 to Kelly Oudenoven at 920.378.4744 or Kelly.oudenoven@gmail.com.

I hope to see you there.



Join Outagamie County Farm Bureau members at the Timber Rattlers game on Saturday, August 18, to enjoy summer with your fellow Farm Bureau members.



COUNTYnews

OUTAGAMIE COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION



Outagamie County Breakfast on the Farm Plans

By Kelly Oudenhoven

Come out and enjoy a delicious dairy breakfast at the 32nd annual Outagamie County Breakfast on the Farm located north of Freedom on Section Line Road.

Craig and Leah Van Handel are the hosts this year and excited to open their farm to many guests.

There will be wagon rides, inflatables, butter making by Farm Bureau members, safety demonstrations by Freedom FFA, face painting, a petting

animal area along with a tractor pedal pull.

Tickets are being sold in advance at Don's Quality Market, Freedom Foods, Family Insurance Center, all Fox Communities Credit Union locations and Simons Cheese during the week prior to the event.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Kelly Oudenhoven at 920.378.4744.



Make your own butter at this year's Breakfast on the Farm

Rural Health Initiative Support

By Alissa Mueller



Outagamie County Farm Bureau cosponsored the snacks for the Rural Health Initiative Wine and Cheese Fundraiser.

Thank you Outagamie County Farm Bureau for your donation to the 7th annual Wine and Cheese Tasting, held on April 20 at Crystal Falls Banquet Hall in New London.

The event raised more than \$10,500 and all proceeds stay local to keep farmers safe and healthy.

The Rural Health Initiative provides complimentary, convenient, and confidential 'kitchen wellness' to local

farmers and agri-businesses in Shawano, Outagamie and Waupaca counties. 'Kitchen Wellness' includes on-site preventive health screenings, health coaching and referral information.

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Mike and Judy Salter did some sampling at the Rural Health Initiative Wine and Cheese Fundraiser.

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Adam and Kristy Erickson helped distribute snacks at the Rural Health Initiative Wine and Cheese Fundraiser.

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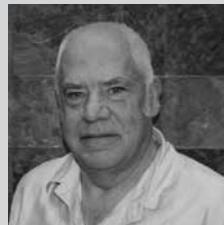
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President's Report



Outagamie County Farm Bureau members

Here it is the first part of May and I am writing this report waiting for 2 1/2 inches of rain to soak away with no corn planted.

When you read this we may be wishing we had some rain. This way I had time to contact legislators on

passing the farm bill that has quite a few things in it that Wisconsin Farm Bureau lobbied for, the main thing better milk price protection.

With this winter having no snow cover and the late spring this is getting to be a year that crops will maybe be hard to come by. Mother nature could change real soon.

We as great farmers will have to keep a positive attitude, for we've been through this before and hope all will end with better prices and a great season.

Michael Salter
Outagamie County Farm Bureau president

District 7 Director's Report



Politics are alive and well in Washington, D.C.

Heidi Pettis from the WFBF Leadership Institute Class XI did a great job meeting with legislators. The conversations we had were relevant to the current agriculture commodity prices. We have a lot to get done with the farm bill yet.

This is the time to put our best foot forward and tell our story of agriculture to everyone. We are the voice of the industry and it needs to be heard now more than ever. Now, this is a new environment with tariffs from President Trump on steel, NAFTA renegotiation's and China's backlash on U.S. agriculture. We are a general farm organization and it's time for our grassroots membership to bring all the commodity groups together to find that unified voice for agriculture.

The District 7 leaders training was great. Thank you to the new and seasoned board members who showed up. Thank you to Wendy Kannel and Wes Raddatz for a job well done.

Adam Kuczer
WFBF District 7 Board of Director

Farm Bureau Member Sign Sales Ending in 2018

Are you looking for ways to spruce up your farm yard or display your Farm Bureau membership? These single-sided 18" by 24" heavy aluminum all-weather signs are ideal for indoor or outdoor use and can be personalized with up to 14 characters per line.

The cost is \$45 per sign and orders received will be processed by group at the end of each month. With each sign purchased, \$5 is contributed to the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation to support agricultural education and agricultural leadership programs in Wisconsin.

Order forms can be found at wfbf.com/foundation/farm-signs or contact Darlene Arneson at 608.828.5644 or darneson@wfbf.com.



Outagamie County Fairest of the Fair Report

By Amanda Stingle

My year as the 2017 Outagamie County Fairest of the Fair is, sadly, coming to a close very quickly.

Although, my Fairest schedule is beginning to pick up some with spring upon us, I will be at many different parades and festivals around the county and the surrounding area.

At Breakfast on the Farm on June 10, I will crown the 2018 Outagamie County Fairest of the Fair. With my reign coming to a close, I can only reminisce on my time as Fairest. I was able to experience things that changed who I am.

Going into this program, I would have never have had the courage to talk in front of the grandstands at the fair, as I could hardly give a presentation in front of a class.

I didn't realize how much of an 'idol' I would become, when in sash and crown, people are always looking at you and kids

come up to you super excited to see a real 'princess.'

The Wisconsin Fairest competition was impactful on the way I present myself and how to remain professional at all times.



Amanda Stingle, 2017 Outagamie County Fairest of the Fair

I will truly miss my reign as Fairest, but the love for the fair and my tiara will forever live in my heart.

I want to thank everyone who supported me during my Fairest journey, and thank the Outagamie County Farm Bureau for their continued support of the Fairest program.

Wisconsin Ag Open Offers Something for Everyone

The 21st annual Wisconsin Ag Open hosted by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation will be held on **Monday, September 10**. The event will be held at Christmas Mountain Village in Wisconsin Dells.

All proceeds from the golf outing support the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation. The Foundation funds education and leadership programs such as Ag in the Classroom, Young Farmer and Agriculturists, Women's Leadership and Education Program and WFBF Leadership Institute.

The event welcomes golfers of all skill levels to participate. We have some experienced golfers, the recreational golfer and those who golf once a year. It's a scramble and is a fun, social and networking event vs. a competitive event. Mulligans are sold each year that helps to even the playing field.

The Wisconsin Ag Open begins with a shotgun start at 10:30

a.m. An awards program, appetizers and prizes will follow the golfing. Registration is \$125 and includes 18 holes of golf with cart, box lunch, appetizers, contests and door prizes. The field is limited to 144 golfers to insure a pleasant golfing experience and pace on the course.



Sponsorships ranging from \$50 to \$1,500 are available. For sponsorship and registration details, please contact Darlene Arneson at 608.828.5644 or darneson@wfbf.com. The registration deadline is **August 10**.

Humor Corner

By LeRoy Van Asten

What do bees do with their honey? They cell it.

There's a difference between knowledge and wisdom. Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is knowing you shouldn't include it in a fruit salad.

What's the most popular name for lawyers to name their daughter? Sue

Don't read this Humor Corner article to one of your cows. She might laugh so hard that milk would come out of her nose!



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- AVIS Car Rental Discount Program
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- Choice Hotels International, Inc.
- Wyndham Hotel Group

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

YFA Report By Kelly Oudenhoven

The members of the Young Farmer and Agriculturalist Program have had a fun, busy winter and are looking forward to an action packed fun summer.

The summer will kick off with volunteering at the 32nd annual Breakfast on the Farm on June 10, followed by the County Fair Home Free Concert on Friday, July 27. We will continue the fun by going to the Timber Rattler game on August 18 for a night of burgers, brats, beverages and good times for all.

In September and October watch for announcements of a Green Bay Packer tailgate and brewery tour. Make sure to like our Facebook page for updates.



In February, Outagamie County Farm Bureau YFA members got together with the Waupaca County Farm Bureau YFA members for some bowling.

First WFBF IGNITE Conference Is a Success

On April 5 and 6, my husband Keith and I had the gracious opportunity to attend the first WFBF IGNITE Conference held in Stevens Point.

IGNITE stands for Innovate, Grow, Network, Inform, Train, Engage. We had an absolutely fabulous time and really enjoyed the workshops that were offered.

I have already put to use the words of wisdom of AFBF staff member Johanna Miller on how to contact media to write the story that you want portrayed.

On Friday, I was part of a YFA panel discussion in which I explained the things I have done to make Outagamie's YFA program successful.



Bret Long and Keith and Kelly Oudenhoven wait for one of the Breakout sessions to get started at the WFBF IGNITE Conference. Katelin Steege also attended from the county.



Kelly Oudenhoven (center) participated on the panel in the breakout session designed to help members ignite a spark in their county Farm Bureau YFA programs

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Outagamie County Annual Meeting

Save the date for the Outagamie County Farm Bureau annual meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 11, at The River Rail Restaurant in Shiocton

- 7 p.m. - Registration
- 7:30 p.m. - Meal

SAVE THE DATE

Adventures in Dairyland Update

By Kelly Oudenhoven

The Adventures in Dairyland program is starting to wrap up another very successful year.

Curriculum booklets were updated as well as some of the supporting materials. Michelle Evers also created a Power Point of the Adventures in Dairyland presentation that could be used on classroom projection equipment.

This past year, we have taught about farming at 27 schools for a total of 1,725 students enrolled in the program. Fourth grade students in Outagamie County learned where dairy products came from and how they came from the cow and ended up on their table.

The Adventures in Dairyland program is a six-day course in which volunteer instructors go into classrooms once a week and teach the students about where dairy products come from.

At the end of the course the class tours a dairy farm so the students can see first-hand some of the things they learned about in their classroom.

The Outagamie County Farm Bureau is starting to get the Ag in the Classroom material into classrooms by partnering with the Outagamie County Dairy Promotions and helping fund this program.