

Grassroots

District 1 News

Innovate. Grow. Network. Inform. Train. Engage. IGNITE

Farm Bureau leaders from across the state gathered at the first ever IGNITE Conference on April 5-6 in Stevens Point.

Attendees had the opportunity to attend workshops based on four different tracks that included: building farm bureau; policy, issues and advocacy; communicating for agriculture and farm bureau; and governance and organization. In addition, there were four speakers who provided lessons, laughter and tears to those in the room.

Opening keynote speaker Matt Rush, Executive Vice President of New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureaus, reminded attendees of their value. Farmers have to be viable like a seed, be willing and able to grow. Farmers are also valuable because what a farmer does each and every day impacts every single person on the planet. In the agriculture industry, there are a lot of opponents who are more vocal than our advocates. Farmers need to be visible and willing to start a conversation with everyone. The agriculture industry isn't what we do, it's who we are.

Before a fun casino night, Damian Mason, Indiana Farmer and Agricultural Speaker, had everyone laughing with his comedy show that was geared to those who work in the agriculture industry.

He encouraged everyone to share feelings when educating consumers. A simple story that's plain and simple goes farther than too many facts that consumers don't understand.

Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Sheila Harsdorf greeted attendees at the breakfast session on the second day. She encouraged everyone to be involved in getting their message to consumers and reminded attendees that 96 percent of farms in Wisconsin are still family owned.

It's never too late to get involved and having a relationship with your legislative officials can make a big difference when legislation is impacting how you can operate your farm.

Closing keynote speaker Matt Lohr, from



From left: Pam Debele (Waukesha), District 1 Director Dave Daniels (Kenosha), Daphne Holterman (Jefferson), Carl Wolf (Washington), Rick Roden (Ozaukee), Jacki Moegenburg (Ozaukee), Kathy Tober (Walworth), Kathy Papcke (Walworth) and Sue Thelen (Walworth).

Lohr Leadership, shared stories that brought tears to eyes throughout the room. He encouraged attendees to embrace opportunities to advocate for agriculture in five steps.

The IGNITE Conference will be held every other year. Save the date and plan to attend the next conference **March 26-27, 2020**, at the Madison Marriott West.



Lohr's five steps to advocate for agriculture:

1. **Focus on your guiding values and what's important to you.**
2. *Tell your story.*
3. **Be determined. Success comes from how you play the cards you are dealt, appreciate the bumps in the road.**
4. **Have faith.**
5. **Willingly serve and look for ways to help others.**



Jacki Moegenburg, Greg Zwald and Daphne Holterman were part of a panel about organizing a farm tour and educating consumers.

Where Concept Turns Into Action: Your Feedback Wanted

Like the new newsletter concept? At the Council of Presidents meeting in January, presidents and vice presidents throughout the state met and had a jam-packed agenda.

They heard the results of the voting member survey, talked about the member benefits, heard from keynote speakers, talked about county bylaws, policy documents and discussed a new newsletter concept.

District 1 is the first district to try the new newsletter and we want your feedback. Do you wonder why only six of the eight District 1 counties are featured? Only those counties that are a part of the services program offered by Wisconsin Farm Bureau will be a part of the new newsletter.

Take
the **Survey**

The services program includes newsletters, a secretarial portion that is done by the district coordinator and a financial portion. If the other two counties join the services program, they will be included in future newsletters.

Go to the survey at the link below and tell us what you think about the new newsletter. If you don't have Internet, contact Patti Roden at 262.689.1838 to get a copy of the survey. Survey link: bit.ly/D1NewsSurvey



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 and Ozaukee president Adam Melichar.

District 1 Director Report



Dave Daniels

WFBF District 1 Director

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' year.

Farm 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 time frame. 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 out those prices.

We continue to put pressure on our legislators in Washington, D.C., 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.

All of these things that your organization is working on may not show up in your local newspaper or on the TV 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 an informational District Policy Development meeting on **Tuesday, August 14**. It will hopefully help your counties 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.

Hopefully 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.

Governor Walker Addressed Attendees at Ag Day at the Capitol

The annual Ag Day at the Capitol was held on January 24. Attendees were briefed at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center where Governor Scott Walker spoke to the group. Following the briefing, members went to the Capitol to talk with their legislators and staff about agriculture issues. Save the date and plan to attend Ag Day at the Capitol on **March 20, 2019**.



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



Patti Roden
District 1 Coordinator

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 about are Ag in the Classroom and promotion and education.

The promotion and education committee is new to 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 by not limiting it to women.

So, what's the difference between the Ag in the Classroom and the promotion and education committee? Based on the name, they might incorporate 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 to teach about agriculture, some do library programs and other counties donate the book of the year to schools. The opportunities to educate students are 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 the local food pantry or helping or donating money to the county fair ag adventure area. Again, the opportunities to educate consumers, and those who have the purchasing power, are endless.

The District 1 promotion and education committee has helped at the Ronald McDonald House. This year, the committee is going to help at the Family Farm Weekend at the Milwaukee County Zoo on **September 8-9**.

If you are interested in volunteering (and receiving free zoo passes for the day), please 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.

District Ag in the Classroom Essay Winner Announced

Jacki Moegenburg

District Promotion and Education Committee Chair

Two-hundred and ninety-one essays from District 1 were reviewed and one district winner was selected. The district winner is from Washington County.

This year's essay topic was, 'Inventions that have made agriculture great.' Students wrote about a variety of inventions including: the milking machine, robots,

equipment and many more.

One county winner was chosen from each county and passed on to me for the selection of the district essay contest winner. I had a committee help me select the district winner. Each district then submits their winner to compete at the state level. The District 1 essay contest winner was written by fourth grade student Kyla Weber from Allenton Elementary in Washington County.



(from left) Kyla's teacher Becky Schuett, Kyla's mom Amber Black, essay winner Kyla, Kyla's dad Luke and stepmom Ashley Weber and Washington County Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom essay contest coordinator Mariann Gundrum.

Kyla's winning essay.

Robots

Robotic milking systems save a lot of time and money for the dairy farmer. Due to the shortage of help on dairy farms, many farmers have been switching over to robots to milk their cows. Farmers struggle to find people that want to work the long days and weekends that farming requires. With robots, the farmer does not need to spend as much time trying to find help. They take care of almost all of the milking so the farmer does not have to.

They use a computer system to keep track of everything. With the robotic computer system, each cow has a computer chip to identify them. These computer chips keep track of many different things. For example, they tell how often the cow has been milked each day and let the farmer know if she has been active or not. This is very important because if a cow becomes inactive that can mean there is something wrong, or she might be getting sick. The sooner the farmer knows something is wrong, the easier it is to get her healthy again.

Robots are constantly testing the milk. Farmers can program the robots to test for medicine or infected milk. If it tests positive, the milk will be separated into a special tank. A farmer can get into trouble if they send infected milk to the milk plant. This helps make sure that only Grade A milk is kept to be sent to the milk plant.

Once they are installed the robots are always there working. If the power goes out, they have back up generators to keep them running. The farmer can get many other tasks and chores done. These are just a few ways that robots save farmers valuable time and money.

Put More Life Into Your Time

By Pam Debele

WFBF Leadership Institute class participant

"You can't inject more time into your life. The challenge for all of us is to put more life into our time." – Mark Sanbor

This quote is from Mark Sanborn, author of, "You Don't Need a Title to be a Leader," a book I read prior to the second session of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Leadership Institute class. What is the best way to put more life into our time? These are skills we learn and practice through Institute.



(from left) Kyle Kudick and Pam Debele worked on a project during a session of the WFBF Leadership Institute.

It's easy to say you don't have time or that you've been through other leadership programs. This is what makes the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Leadership Institute class unique:

- **The content in Institute can be applied the next day in your own life.** In the first session, we learned about our strengths and how to increase our emotional intelligence. In the second session, we learned about trust and working with different generations. In the third session, we learned about telling our stories and working with the local media. And, there is still more to come.
- **Everything we learn is Farm Bureau specific.** Many motivational speakers and leadership books need to be vague to cover any possible scenario. Not with the Institute. Every speaker has a connection to Farm Bureau, and every classmate is involved in his or her local Farm Bureau. Your leadership learning can go deeper because of the shared experiences everyone has.
- **You put life into time by learning by doing.** There is no better way to learn new skills than by practicing. So far, we have worked on our public speaking, interviewing and teamwork.

While all of the sessions have been extremely valuable, my greatest takeaway so far has been learning about emotional intelligence. There are two aspects to this – recognizing emotions in yourself and recognizing emotions in others. More than once since this session, I caught myself doing both of these things, and then catering my reaction to what that emotion needs. This leads to stronger relationships and greater success.

I look forward to the second half of our Institute class and ultimately our capstone trip to Washington, D.C.

I know without a doubt that I will continue to develop my leadership and understanding through what I have learned.

I am especially thankful for Waukesha County Farm Bureau and their support of me in this program.

Do not hesitate to apply for the WFBF Leadership Institute class. You can't inject more time into your life, but you will put more life into your time. Applications can be found at wfbf.com/programs/leadership-institute and are due **August 15**.



Mark Your Calendars

AUGUST

11
SATURDAY HOUSE OF MOO AT WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

2-8 p.m.
Volunteers receive a fair admission ticket, House of Moo t-shirt, free sandwich coupon for the Real Wisconsin Cheese Grill and water. To volunteer, please contact Patti Roden at 262.689.1838.

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TUESDAY DISTRICT 1 POLICY DEVELOPMENT MEETING

6 p.m. - Social
6:30 p.m. - Buffet Dinner
7-9 p.m. - Policy Development Meeting
Location: The Machine Shed, N14 W24124 Tower Place, Pewaukee
Cost: \$15 per person; RSVP by August 7 to District 1 Coordinator Patti Roden at proden@wfbf.com.

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FRIDAY DISTRICT 1 PROMOTION AND EDUCATION EVENT

2 p.m. - Event to be held in Kenosha and Racine counties. For more details, watch your email or contact Judy Uhlenhake at Judy.Uhlenhake@landmark.coop or 262.949.1168.

24
FRIDAY DISTRICT 1 YFA DISCUSSION MEET

Location: Case IH Plant, 2701 Oakes Road, Sturtevant
5 p.m. - Tour of Case IH Plant and visit to company store
6:30 p.m. - Discussion Meet; dinner to follow
Notes: Park in the visitor parking lot. The District 1 question is: As the Voice of Agriculture, how can Farm Bureau be more inclusive of all agriculture and production practices? This includes, but is not limited to, women in agriculture, organic production, fresh produce, forestry and aquaculture. If you plan to attend the tour or want to participate in the Discussion Meet, please RSVP by August 17 to District 1 Coordinator Patti Roden at proden@wfbf.com.

SEPTEMBER

8-9
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY FAMILY FARM WEEKEND AT THE MILWAUKEE COUNTY ZOO

Time: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. each day
Volunteers (and their family) receive free zoo admission and parking. To volunteer, please contact Jacki Moegeburg at 262.689.7521.

10
MONDAY WISCONSIN AG OPEN

Location: Christmas Mountain Village, 5944 Christmas Mountain Road, Wisconsin Dells
Format: Four-person team scramble
Times: 9:30 a.m. - Registration
10:30 a.m. - Shotgun start
After golfing - Appetizers and prizes
Entry fee: \$125 per golfer
Registration and Sponsorship Deadline: August 10

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

30-2
FRIDAY-SUNDAY YOUNG FARMER AND AGRICULTURIST CONFERENCE

1-3
SATURDAY-MONDAY WISCONSIN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING

For more information on any Farm Bureau event, please contact District 1 Coordinator Patti Roden at proden@wfbf.com or 262.689.1838.

25th Annual Fourth Grade Farm Tour

The 25th annual Fourth Grade Farm Tour was held at Kutz Dairy in Jefferson on May 2. The family-owned business milks 1,900 Registered Jersey cows.

All fourth grade students from across Jefferson County were invited to attend. This year, nearly 700 youth and 150 adults participated in the tour.

This is a free field trip provided by the Jefferson County Farm Bureau and the Jefferson County Agri-Business Club.

Students visited 11 different agricultural stations spread out around the farm at 10-minute intervals. The stations were taught by FFA members from six surrounding areas including: Cambridge FFA, Fort Atkinson FFA, Jefferson FFA, Johnson Creek FFA, Lakeside



Lutheran FFA and Palmyra-Eagle FFA.

A few additional stations were staffed with Kutz family members, the farm veterinarian and other agricultural industry professionals. Tour guides, who led the students from station to

station, are FFA members. They kept the groups on schedule.

Lunch was provided to students, teachers and chaperones. Additional youth and adult volunteers served lunch to farm guests. Students from the 20 schools attending also received an educational packet of materials, a ticket to the Jefferson Dairy Breakfast and a free scoop of custard from Culver's.

Walt Coussens and Mariah Hadler chaired the event with support from members of the Jefferson Agri-Business Club and the Jefferson County Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom committee. More than 80 volunteers, both adults and FFA students, made the event a success.



The FFA students and Fourth Grade Farm Tour co-chair Walt Coussens posed for a photo.



Students lifted a bale of hay and a bale of straw to better understand that there are nutrients in hay making it heavier. The straw had the nutrients removed, making it lighter in weight. Therefore, hay is fed to animals and straw is often used as bedding for cattle.



Melanie Kutz and her daughter talked to the students about where cows live and what they eat. They also talked about the recycling program, making compost and returning nutrients to the soil so crops can grow.



After an introduction to calf care, students, parents and teachers entered the calf barn. They saw calves that were only a few hours old and some that were just a few weeks in age.



The fourth grade students and chaperones were provided a lunch including a ham sandwich, string cheese, carrots, chips, ice cream and milk. FFA members served lunch and delivered milk and ice cream to the elementary school students.

Plat Book Photos Wanted

The Jefferson County Farm Bureau is looking for agricultural-related photos from Jefferson County to put on the cover of the 2019 Plat Book. If you have a photo that you want to submit, please email the photo in .jpg format to Melissa Gross at mgross43@yahoo.com. The deadline for submitting photos is **July 20**.

Watch future newsletters for when you can get a 2019 Jefferson County Plat Book.

Jefferson County to Host Wisconsin Farm Tech Days

Plans are underway for the Wisconsin Farm Technology Days on **July 23-25, 2019**, at Walter Grain Farms in Johnson Creek.

The Wisconsin Farm Technology Days Committee is looking for volunteers to make the event run as smooth as possible.

If you want to volunteer, visit www.wifarmtechnologydays.com/jefferson.

Fair Volunteers Needed

Your help is needed to work at the Jefferson County Fair on **July 11-15**.

Gather your friends and sign up to serve cream puffs, shakes, sundaes, cones and milk. The money raised is used for scholarships.

The shifts are 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 2-6 p.m. and 6-10 p.m. daily. If you are only able to work a couple of hours, coordinators will work with you. Please call to get the time and date that you want to volunteer for.

To sign up, please contact Mary Mess at 920.248.1967. See you at the Jefferson County Fair.

Kenosha County Dairy Breakfast

When: Saturday, June 16, from 6:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Where: Spoerlein Never Rest Farms, 25222 52nd Street, Brighton

Since 1981, the Kenosha County Dairy Promotion Committee has sponsored the annual dairy breakfast on the farm. It has grown over the years to include a farm breakfast, milking demonstrations, a Wisconsin products tent, children's games, farm toys for sale, farm machinery and much more.



The breakfast will once again include scrambled eggs with ham and cheese, pancakes, fresh bread and butter, yogurt, muffins, milk, juice and ice cream.

'Like' Kenosha County Dairy Promotion on Facebook for more details.

Books Donated in Kenosha County

The Kenosha County promotion and education committee donated the book of the year, "John Deere, That's Who!" to the feeder schools in western Kenosha County, along with two local libraries.

If you want to be involved with the promotion and education committee, please contact Kim Muhlenbeck at kimmer53144@hotmail.com or 262.206.5780.



Kim Muhlenbeck presented the book to Roger Gahart, administrator for Paris Consolidated Grade School.

Milwaukee County

Milwaukee Vincent High School Gearing Up for the Wisconsin State Fair



Charlie is a bottle baby lamb that joined the school. He gets a lot of attention from the students while they get hands-on learning taking care of a lamb.

Vincent High School of Agricultural Sciences is a nurturing, safe and professional environment that supports the educational success and social, emotional and physical development of all students.

The school provides challenging opportunities in a culture where lifelong learning, creativity, respect and authentic enthusiasm for learning exist. They embrace a strong partnership with diverse communities, and one that promotes a passionate commitment to the agricultural sciences.



Students learned about what to look for in a market lamb before picking out their fair animals.

Students receive a hands-on experience with a variety of animals including sheep, beef, goats, turkeys, dairy cattle, chickens and horses.

The school has six different pathways for success: food science, animal science, horticulture science, environmental science, agribusiness and entrepreneurship and culinary arts.

The Milwaukee County Farm Bureau donated \$1,000 to the school to help students with the sheep project. Students from the school will raise and show sheep at the Wisconsin State Fair



The students have been busy training the beef heifers and learning how to comb them.

this summer. In addition, students are raising beef heifers that will be shown at the Wisconsin State Fair.

Stop by the Wisconsin State Fair to see the students showing their sheep on **Wednesday, August 8**, and **Thursday, August 9**, and beef heifers on **Tuesday, August 7**, and **Thursday, August 9**.

To stay up-to-date on what is happening at the school, 'Like' their Facebook page: Vincent High School Agriculture.

Vincent High School Hosts Agricultural Spring Showcase

Milwaukee Vincent High School of Agricultural Sciences hosted its second annual Agricultural Spring Showcase on April 25.

Throughout the 2017-2018 school year, students and staff have been busy learning about agriculture. The event included an animal

exhibit, a spring plant sale and food prepared and sold by culinary students.

The students were exposed to businesses and other organizations in the community that can help them achieve their agriculture goals and helped them connect to potential employers.



Racine County Farm Bureau Awards Scholarships

Two \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to students who are continuing their education in the agriculture field.



Justin Ehrhart is the son of Jeffrey and Kathryn Ehrhart. He is a 2018 graduate of Waterford Union High School and will be attending Southwest Technical College in the fall pursuing a degree in agribusiness management.

Please congratulate the 2018 Racine County Farm Bureau Scholarship recipients.



Taylor Schaefer is the daughter of Darrell and Carolyn Schaefer. She is a 2018 graduate of Franklin High School and will attend UW-Madison in the fall majoring in animal science and agribusiness.

Farm Bureau Cream Puff Stand Wants YOU

By Doris Malchine, cream puff stand volunteer coordinator



Do you know what you are doing this **July 25-29**? Why of course, you are helping in the Farm Bureau Cream Puff Stand.

It is that time of year when all of our attention begins to focus on the Racine County Fair.

The Cream Puff Stand is a **BIG** part of Farm Bureau fundraising. The profits from the Cream Puff Stand are given back in the form of scholarships (perhaps to your family),

essay contest winners, 4-H awards, library grants, local food pantries and more.

To volunteer, please visit the Racine County Farm Bureau website at wfbf.com/about/counties/racine or contact me at jmalchine@tds.net or 262.895.2206.

Time slots are each day (Wednesday-Sunday) **from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., 12 to 3 p.m., 3 to 6 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m.**

We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your help at the Farm Bureau Cream Puff Stand on **July 25-29**.

National Ag Day Celebrated

By Taylor Schaefer, Racine County Agriculture Ambassador



Although I live on a farm in Racine County, I have commuted to a different school district in Milwaukee County since the fifth grade.

I was never given the opportunity to enroll in any agricultural-related classes or activities, which to no surprise, motivated me to reach out to different elementary schools throughout Racine County so I could share my story with the youth who are not in the same position I was in seven years ago.

I spent National Ag Day at Raymond Elementary School and visited with K4-fourth grade students. Together we read a book about John Deere and his invention of the steel plow. We also talked about our experiences on the farm.

Students took home a work book to share with their parents. They asked me questions about the agricultural industry and what I do on a daily basis.

Reaching out to these students is a great way to talk about career opportunities in agriculture as well as the future of farming in Wisconsin.

This, again to no surprise, was by far my favorite experience from this past year as the Racine County Agriculture Ambassador.

Follow along on my journey by 'liking' the Racine County Agriculture Ambassador page on Facebook.



We Want You! Apply by July 9

Excellence in Agriculture



This award recognizes members who have derived a majority of their income from non-production careers in the last three years. Applicants are judged on involvement in agriculture, leadership and involvement in the community.

Achievement Award



This award recognizes members who have derived a majority of their income from on-farm production in addition to farm management, applicants are judged on their leadership and involvement in the community.

The YFA Program is funded by for Farming's Future (WFB Foundation)

Get your application here: bit.ly/WIYFAContests

Raymond Elementary Celebrated National Ag Week

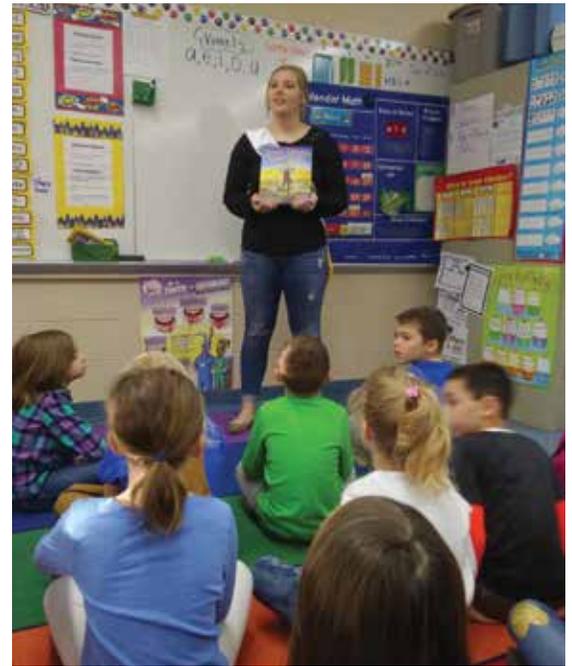
National Agriculture Week was March 19-23 and Raymond Elementary celebrated all week.

They had daily trivia questions and prizes; K4-fourth grade received a visit from the Racine County Ag Ambassador; a coloring contest; a farm display in the library with cards detailing what equipment is used for; the fourth grade class entered a Farm Bureau drawing contest of what farm equipment might look like in the year 2020; the fifth grade class entered the Farm Bureau essay contest after reading "John Deere, That's Who!"; the fifth grade also had a 'guess what it is' farm implement game where the winner received tickets to the Racine County Breakfast on the Farm; and a display of careers in agriculture.

On National Ag Day, March 20, students dressed like a farmer or a career in agriculture. A second grade student wore her beekeeper attire.

The Racine County Dairy Promotion donated a frozen treat for the students to enjoy at lunch.

The school had a great week learning about agriculture.



Breakfast on the Farm

Date: Saturday, June 23

Time: 7-11 a.m.

Location: Bratz Dairy Farm
11922 4 1/4 Mile Road
Franksville, WI 53126

Tickets: \$6 in advance, children 3 and under FREE

The 2018 Racine County Breakfast on the Farm will be held on **Saturday, June 23**, from 7 to 11 a.m. at Bratz Dairy Farm. Thank you to Jeremy and Jackie Bratz for hosting this wonderful community event. The breakfast will include eggs, sausage, muffin, cheese, juice, milk, coffee and ice cream. There will be lots of activities including: Music entertainment, kids' games, farmers' market, free petting zoo, tractor display and much more.

For information or if you want to volunteer, please contact racinecobreakfast@gmail.com. 'Like' and follow Racine County Breakfast on the Farm on Facebook for the most up-to-date information.



YOUNG FARMER & AGRICULTURIST CONFERENCE

November

30-2

December

Wisconsin Farm Bureau

Young Farmer and Agriculturist Program

Networking

Entertainment

Engaging Speakers & Workshops

Contests

Fun

Check out this offer for first time attendees!

If you've never attended this event before, Rural Mutual wants to sponsor you and a guest. Just complete the sponsorship application at <http://bit.ly/RuralSponsor18>. You may apply as an individual or as a couple, but don't delay - only 50 double-occupancy rooms are available, and the deadline to apply is **August 15!**

If you are a Farm Bureau member age 18-35 and are selected for sponsorship, Rural Mutual will pay the conference registration fee for you and a guest and two nights lodging at the Kalahari Resort. If selected, you will be notified by September 12, and additional details regarding the conference will be emailed to you with a conferenceregistration form that you will be required to complete.

Rural Mutual
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Refer A Friend - Get Some Cash!

Any YFA member who refers a first-time attendee who is accepted for sponsorship and attends the event will qualify for a \$100 cash award. (Limit: One award per family - you must be present at Friday night's banquet to qualify.)

SEE YOU THERE!

Apply Today at <http://bit.ly/RuralSponsor18>

Students Visit River Back Farms LLC

More than 250 fourth grade students from Decorah, Kewaskum, St. John's West Bend and Green Tree visited River Back Farms LLC, owned by Bob and Jane Falk, on April 26-27.

Students who visited the farm saw the cows and calves, walked in the milking parlor, heard from the farm nutritionist and veterinarian and enjoyed a snack.

We thank the Falk family for making their farm available to educate students about agriculture.



Everyone loved being able to climb into the chopper cab.



Students went into the parlor where the cows are milked.



Everyone met Dr. Jeff and learned about being a veterinarian.



The farm nutritionist was a presenter and talked about what cows eat and how they drink more than a bathtub full of water each day.

Getting Students Excited About Agriculture

Once again, March and April were busy for 12 Washington County farmers who took their agricultural stories into the classrooms of more than 900 fourth grade students at Decorah, Green Tree, Amy Belle, Erin, St. Boniface, Richfield, St. Gabriel, Rockfield, Jackson, MacArthur, St. John's-WB, Farmington, Rossman, Morning Star, Friess Lake, Holy Trinity, Kewaskum, St. Pete's and Allenton.

During National Ag Week (March 18-24), as well as the first week of April, our Farmer in the Classroom program educated students at 19 schools across the county, nearly all of whom attended a farm tour at the end of April.

When you see Ross Bishop, Charlie Jones, Mike Strupp, Helmut Wagner, Carl Wolf, Karen Hughes, Randy Thull, Garrett Goeller, Melanie Gierach, Ryan Elbe, Mark Schaefer Jr. or Kim Elbe be sure to let them know how much they are appreciated. Their dedication to this program is what makes it successful. The connection of farmer to students before the tours was priceless.



Mike Strupp, Helmut Wagner and Carl Wolf had a special 'lunch with a farmer' at Decorah.

FREE Sandwich, Drink and Dessert: Sign-Up Today

By Mike Strupp, food stand chair

Tuesday, July 24 to Sunday, July 29. We are asking, once again, for your help in the Farm Bureau food stand. You do not have to be a Farm Bureau member to volunteer and all volunteers receive a free admission pass to the fair. Those who volunteer in the food stand will receive a complimentary sandwich, drink and dessert.

Volunteers will be invited to the annual appreciation dinner that is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 2**, at The Columbian in West Bend.

This year, Washington County Farm Bureau is celebrating 75 years. To celebrate, the food stand is offering a special on **Tuesday, July 24**: \$1 grilled cheese sandwiches and a buy one, get one free milk promotion. The food stand will open at 3 p.m. on Tuesday.

Confirmation letters and volunteer passes will be mailed in June to those who volunteered in the past.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mariann Gundrum at 262.483.5114.

Times to volunteer:

Tuesday, July 24

3-7 p.m., 7 p.m. thru cleanup

Wednesday, July 25 | Thursday, July 26 | Friday, July 27 |

Saturday, July 28

9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 1:30-5 p.m., 5-8:30 p.m.,

8:30 p.m. thru cleanup

Sunday, July 29

9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 1:30-5 p.m., 5-8:30 p.m., clean-up crew at 6:30 p.m.

The committee is looking for individuals to learn the closing procedure at the end of each night. If you are interested in helping in this capacity, please contact Mike Strupp at 262.305.0418.

Thank you in advance for helping at this year's Washington County Fair. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Students Get Hands-On Experience

On April 26-27, Ross Bishop and Charlie Jones welcomed more than 500 visitors to their farms. Fourth grade students from Jackson, Erin, Friess Lake, Morning Star, St. Boniface, St. Gabriel, Richfield, Rockfield, MacArthur, Rossman and Amy Belle experienced the ins and outs of a dairy and then learned about a beef-cash grain farm. Some of the hands-on experiences included bushel baskets of grain, no-till soil, cattle feed, running the acre, the large animal scale and much more.

Thank you to Gehrigs Meat Market (beef sticks) and Dairy Farmers of America (milk) for your generous donations.



Feeling the healthy, cool, moist no-till soil from Farmer Ross's fields.



Bushel baskets of corn, soybeans and wheat were set out to experience the grains.



Farmer Ross explains the combine, how it works, and the economics of farming.



Friendly cows by Farmer Charlie greet visitors to the farm.

DNR NR 151 Rule Change



Forty agriculturists from Ozaukee and Washington County gathered on April 18 to learn more about the NR 151 rule changes.

The NR 151 rule modification is to develop a targeted performance standard to address spreading of manure on soils in sensitive areas of the state where depth to bedrock is shallow and the bedrock is fractured.

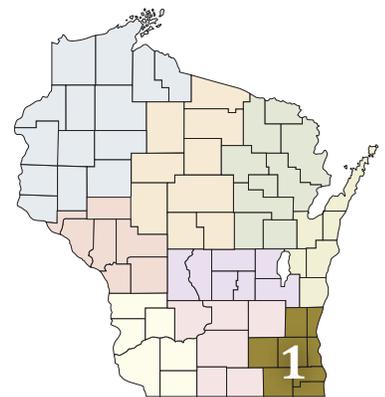
If you missed the meeting and want the most up-to-date

information, check out the DNR website at <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/nonpoint/nr151strategy.html> or contact the Wisconsin Farm Bureau or Washington County Land and Water Conservation Division.

Mark Your Calendar: District 1 County Annual Meetings

Each county holds their county annual meeting in the fall. At the county annual meeting, voting members will vote on:

- Board of Directors.
- Delegates who will participate in the policy development process at the WFBF Annual Meeting in December.
- Policy resolutions that the county developed at the county policy development meeting to be forwarded to the local, state and national level. State and national policies are voted on by the delegates as part of the policy development process at the WFBF Annual Meeting. Farm Bureau is a grassroots organization, so all of the policies that are voted on come directly from the counties.
- Bylaws, if applicable.



Those in attendance will hear from guest speakers, district and county Farm Bureau representatives, and enjoy a delicious meal. Watch your mailbox for a postcard with the details of your county annual meeting.

District 1 county Farm Bureau annual meetings include:

- September 6:** Waukesha County annual meeting
- September 9:** Racine County annual meeting
- September 10:** Milwaukee County annual meeting
- September 19:** Walworth County annual meeting
- September 23:** Jefferson County annual meeting
- September 25:** Kenosha County annual meeting
- October 2:** Washington County annual meeting
- October 7:** Ozaukee County annual meeting

Scholarships Applications Due June 30

By Ken Rosenow, scholarship committee chair

As the school year comes to a close, it's important to remember the deadline to apply for the Waukesha County Farm Bureau scholarship is **Saturday, June 30**.

Students pursuing higher education in the fall of 2018 are eligible to apply for the scholarship. The county will award up to six scholarships of at least \$500 each for deserving college and technical school students.

In the past, the committee has given scholarships significantly greater than \$500. In 2017, five scholarships were awarded.

Applicants must fill out an application and submit it by **June 30** to be eligible. The scholarship committee will base the selection on activities including participation in 4-H, school, community and employment; leadership positions held; essays; letters of recommendation; and transcript of higher or continued education grades. Preference will be given to students who are Waukesha County residents.

For an application, visit wfbf.com/about/counties/waukesha or contact Waukesha County Farm Bureau scholarships committee chair Ken Rosenow at ken@cedarhomefarms.com or 262.227.6298 to request an application.

We look forward to receiving many applications again this year.

Ronald McDonald House Volunteers Wanted

The promotion and education committee is going to prepare lunches at the Ronald McDonald House in Milwaukee on **Thursday, July 26**, and we want your help.

For more information, and if you are available to volunteer, please contact Judy Porter at 262.363.7397 or 82338j@gmail.com.

Volunteers will prepare lunches for the Lunch-2-Go Program. Volunteers prepare fruit, sandwiches, salads, snacks and other items to provide families with a healthy brown bag lunch. This program eliminates both the worry and the cost of a lunch for the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House while their child is receiving medical care at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin or other area hospitals.

If you are unable to help on **July 26** but still want to help the Ronald McDonald House, start saving pop tabs.

In 2017, the pop tabs on the top of soda cans generated \$48,070 in revenue for the Ronald McDonald House.



Celebrate Summer Fun for All Ages – July 18-22, 2018

By Chrissy Gluege, Executive Director, Waukesha County Fair Association

With warmer weather drawing near, farmers' busy planting and the school year coming to an end, this means fair and festival season will soon be upon us.

We've been busy planning an exciting event for 2018 that is sure to offer 'Fun for Everyone' this summer.

As the oldest county fair in the state, and the largest event held in Waukesha County, this family friendly event continues to impact the lives of more than 120,000 attendees each year in just five days.

Celebrating its 176th anniversary, the Waukesha County Fair, presented by Inpro Corporation, will incorporate more



entertainment, education and events than ever before.

Staying true to our agricultural roots of 1842, we work hard each year to highlight the importance and prevalence of agriculture in today's ever-changing world.

With the generous support of great corporate partners and more than 250 volunteers each year, the Waukesha County Fair continues to sustain through the evolution of time.

Unmatched dedication from the Waukesha County Farm Bureau helps us to continue to provide an opportunity for youth and adults of all ages to continue their learning and development in our Agriculture Adventure Area and Playland.

Offered are hands-on

activities, one-on-one interaction, 4-H and FFA exhibitors, a fun tractor maze, games, farm animal demonstrations, highlights of the more than 23 million agriculturally-based occupations in the world today, plus so much more.

Must-See Main Stage Headliners

- 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 19 - **Tesla**
- 8 p.m. on Friday, July 20 - **Vertical Horizon & Sister Hazel**
- 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 21 - **Warrant**
- 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 22 - **The Guess Who**

2018 Can't Miss Events

We are excited to welcome the **Nerveless Nocks Stunt Show** for the first-time engaging fairgoers of all ages with their incredible globe of death, rotating space wheel and acrobatic Lira.

Check out waukeshacountyfair.com for all of the details. The 2018 summer fun begins **July 18-22** and we can't wait to see you there.



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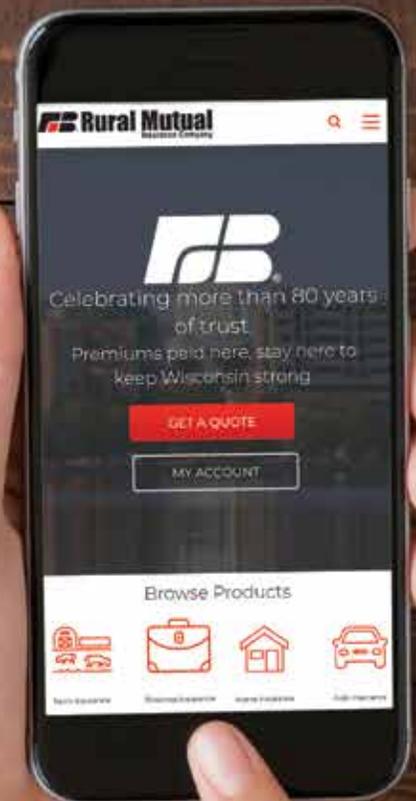
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