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2018 Shawano County Brunch on the Farm Is Successful By Christa Hoffman

Another successful Brunch on the Farm took place on June 24 at the Wagner Farms. More than 4,700 people were in attendance to enjoy the hearty country breakfast, agricultural activities and farm tours at the bunch. Beautiful weather helped encourage people to stay and enjoy a refreshing ice cream and participate in the 35th annual celebration activities including a scavenger hunt with prizes.

The theme was, 'People, Animals, Environment,' a motto used at the Wagner farm. Agricultural education was at center stage from the new Ag Ambassadors program who welcomed people to the farm through educational activities and opportunities to 'meet the

expert' agricultural professionals on the farm and on the tours. The event was chaired by Bob Krause and the dairy committee has about 20 members plus the host family helped plan the brunch. Additionally, hundreds of volunteers from the area, Farm Bureau, 4-H clubs, FFA chapters and area businesses worked to keep the traffic organized, food cooking, children's games running and grounds cleaned. Generous sponsors included many local agricultural businesses who helped raise money to cover the costs.

Thank you to those who helped make brunch possible.



Wagon tours around the Wagner Farms gave visitors information about the farm.



The cooks did a good job keeping up.



Volunteers helped to keep the dairy products coming for the visitors to the brunch.



A church service started off the beautiful day at the Brunch on the Farm



About 4,700 guests got a great breakfast at Wagner Farms.



The parking crew kept the flow of traffic moving smoothly.



Ag Ambassadors surveyed the visitors in the food line and welcomed them to the event.



Education was a priority.



Brunch on the Farm committee chair Bob Krause made sure things ran smoothly.



Ice cream at the Little Red Barn was a staple at the Brunch on the Farm.



This year, there were prizes for a special educational scavenger hunt.



Shawano County Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom had the Fun Faces of Agriculture tattoos for visitors.

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President's Report

We've completed one of our biggest events of the year, the Shawano County Brunch on the Farm, and what a success it was.

Thank you to the host farm, the Wagners, and the great volunteers who helped make it an awesome promotional event. Look for more details in the brunch article in this newsletter.

Right around the corner will be the Shawano County Fair and the Shawano County Farm Bureau will be there with its ice cream stand. Be sure to check it out for some wonderful dairy

treats, and maybe a new 2018 Shawano County plat book if that might be something you could use.

Also coming up, our Shawano County Farm Bureau annual meeting on **Sunday, October 14**. We will have the Sunday brunch at The Gathering in Shawano starting at noon with our meeting to follow. Watch for your annual meeting notice postcard in September for all the details.

See you at the Shawano County Fair.

Time to pick on my heritage.

Ole called the local TV station and asked to speak to the weather reporter. "Dis is Ole, and I jüst vant to comment on your vedder report last night ven you predicted 'partly cloudy.' I vant you to know I jüst scooped up about 14 inches of 'partly cloudy.'"

Neil Christianson

Shawano County Farm Bureau president

District 7 Director's Report



Political turmoil, over supply, farm bill and commodity prices that are in the tank.

Now, more than ever you should be standing Farm Bureau strong. Grassroots is where it starts. Your membership, volunteering and ideas are needed.

Policy Development

Yes, it is that time of year. **You** have the ideas to create policy for Farm bureau. Make sure you take time to get to your policy development meetings in your county. Please watch for your meeting dates.

We as members need to stay engaged in this financial environment more than ever. I know it is taking a toll on the morale in the agricultural community. Stay strong, take time to talk with political candidates, listen and tell your story and most important take time to vote.

So, yes, every one of your memberships for this organization makes a difference.

To the membership volunteers, thank you for what you do. You are the driving force at the grassroots level.

Adam Kuczer

WFBF District 7 Board of Director

Young Farmers and Agriculturists Washington DC Fly-In

By Brittney J. Muenster

In June, I had the privilege of visiting Washington, D.C., with the YFA Fly-In group on behalf of Wisconsin Farm Bureau thanks to the support of our local Farm Bureaus.



Brittney Muenster and Brian Preder attended the YFA DC Fly-in June 4-8

As a young farmer, this was an experience of a lifetime. The most valuable aspect of this trip was the program Farm Bureau had in place prepping the YFA participants for the meetings we had with our legislators.

Learning how to better tell our stories and how young farmers adapt to every day issues is vital to our continued existence and a priceless skill to have.

Making connections in the agriculture industry also is a necessary piece of the 'farmer puzzle' as networking keeps our minds fresh with ideas and improves our abilities to troubleshoot.

The friendships that I made on this trip are invaluable. I returned home with renewed perspective as an advocate for agriculture and great excitement for what the future holds.

Thank you to everyone who made this trip possible.



Brittney Muenster participated in an issue briefing session with AFBF staff prior to speaking with legislators.

Shawano County Fair Farm Bureau Ice Cream Stand

By Becky Kuczer

The summer season is in full swing; however, 'fair season' will be here before we know it. In order to prepare for the busy days of the Shawano County Fair, volunteers are needed to fill the schedule for scooping ice cream.

The fair starts on **Wednesday, August 29**, and concludes **Monday, September 3**.

Thank you to those who have already signed up. For members who have not worked in the ice cream stand before, please try it this year. For an invitation to see the schedule

and sign up, please contact Becky Kuczer at 920.609.0758.



Help out in the new Shawano County Farm Bureau fair ice cream stand



Be a part of the 2019 Leadership Institute by applying today!

The WFBF Leadership Institute is a year-long leadership development program to help you become a strong and effective leader. With six different sessions, you can network with Farm Bureau members and industry leaders and take your personal and professional leadership development to the next level. This program is open to ALL Wisconsin Farm Bureau voting members.

wfbf.com/programs/leadership-institute
APPLICATIONS DUE AUGUST 15

There are Benefits to Your Farm Bureau Membership:

Financial

- AgriPlan Medical Reimbursement Program
- Farm Bureau Bank

Supplies and Products

- John Deere's GreenFleet™ Loyalty Rewards Program
- Case IH
- Caterpillar
- FS-GROWMARK Patronage
- Grainger
- Office Depot

Communication

- AgriVisor
- The Country Today

Insurance

- Rural Mutual Insurance Company
- Farm Bureau Financial Services

Protection

- \$500 Reward Protection Program
- Accidental Death Policy

Health

- ScriptSave® Prescription Drug Savings Card
- Life Line

Travel

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

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

Young Farm Bureau Members Advocate in Washington, D.C.



District 7 YFA members Brian Preder and Brittney Muenster attended the YFA DC Fly-In.

Farm Bureau's young leaders became lobbyists for a day while meeting with Wisconsin's congressional delegation in Washington, D.C., on June 6. The issues discussed were trade, immigration and the farm bill.

The June 4-8 trip was available to Farm Bureau members active in the Young Farmer and Agriculturist Program. The program provides members between the ages of 18 and 35 with an opportunity to enhance their leadership skills while networking with their peers.

"This YFA trip was the experience of a lifetime," said Brittney Muenster, an Outagamie County Farm Bureau member and

dairy farmer. "The program dramatically increased my confidence when advocating for agriculture."

While in D.C., YFA members met officials from AFBF and the U.S. Department of Agriculture where they discussed issues pertaining to federal crop insurance, Conservation Reserve Program and changes to dairy's Margin Protection Program. A visit to the New Zealand Embassy on June 5 included a conversation on trade and the global agricultural economy.

The leaders met with Senator Tammy Baldwin, staff from Senator Ron Johnson's office and their member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Shawano County Farm Bureau Promotes Dairy at SunDrop Dayz By Ashley Schugel



The SunDrop float crew kept the delicious dairy treats coming though out the day. SunDrop floats were a popular treat at Shawano SunDrop Dayz.



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Plan to Attend the Wisconsin Ag Open Golf

Hosted by the WFB Foundation, the 2018 Wisconsin Ag Open will be held on **Monday, September 10**, at Christmas Mountain Village in Wisconsin Dells.

All proceeds from the golf outing will support the WFB Foundation education and leadership programs such as Ag in the Classroom, 4-H, FFA, WFBF Leadership Institute and Young Farmer and Agriculturist activities.

Open to the public, the Ag Open is for farmers, agribusiness

professionals and others who wish to support youth programs.

Registration is \$125 and includes 18 holes of golf with cart, box lunch, appetizers, contests and door prizes.

Sponsorships are available ranging from \$50 to \$1,500.

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Shawano County Annual Meeting

The Shawano County Farm Bureau annual meeting will be held **Sunday, October 14**, at the The Gathering in Shawano.

Registration will start at 12 noon and the meal, which includes The Gathering's Sunday brunch buffet, will start at 1 p.m. followed by the annual meeting.



Humor Corner

By Wes Raddatz, District 7 Coordinator

What vegetable do you eat by first throwing away the outside so you can eat the inside, but then eat the outside and throw away the inside? Corn on the cob

The only thing that's keeping my barn from falling down is that the termites are holding hands.

The artificial intelligence developers have created a computer that's almost human. It still can't think for itself but when it makes a mistake it blames another computer.

On which side does a chicken have the most feathers?

The outside.

