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The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation invites you to attend
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Early Registration Deadline: March 14
Cost: \$30 per person by registration deadline.
\$35 after deadline and at the door.

Tentative Schedule of Events:
 11:00 a.m. Registration
 11:30 a.m. Opening Program
 11:45 a.m. Lunch
 12:45 p.m. Legislative Briefing
 3:00 p.m. Leave for Capitol Visits

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Corn Fest Breakfast Thank You

We are proud to say the fifth year of hosting a breakfast in conjunction with the Loyal Corn Festival was a great success.

We want to thank those who attended and add that we truly appreciated it. The money raised from this breakfast goes back to the youth of Clark County in the form of scholarships.

Each year the scholarship committee reviews eligible students and awards two students with \$500 scholarships to help offset tuition.

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COUNTYnews

CLARK COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

Grassroots Policy: 73rd Clark County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Recap



Once a year, Clark County Farm Bureau hosts an annual meeting for its members. This year was no exception as members throughout the county gathered mid-August to celebrate the county's accomplishments.

This once-a-year gathering also is a time for members to elect new directors to the board and vote on policy critical to our grassroots organization. Below is the list of resolutions that the Clark County board of directors presented at the annual meeting on August 14. All resolutions printed below passed and will make their way to the WFBF Policy Development Committee for review.



In conjunction with the Clark County Farm Bureau annual meeting, we hosted a tour of Jim Froeba's farm. Jim transitioned from dairy to beef.

The WFBF Policy Development Committee is made up of volunteers from across the state. Last year the committee reviewed more than 500 resolutions that were submitted from across the state.

If you have questions or concerns or maybe you think there is another pressing issue that needs to be dealt with, be sure to make sure your voice is heard by contacting your county board members.

State

1. We support the direct sales of raw milk provided that a standard of testing is adopted to sell safe and wholesome raw milk. Dairy - Raw Milk
2. We oppose any constitutional amendment to restrict the right to recall elected officials. General Government - Elections
3. We support legislation requiring any entity, governmental and/or private, to compensate property owners when its actions reduce property values. Land Use - Eminent Domain
4. We oppose using taxpayer funds for the purchase of nonagricultural development rights of all land. Land Use - Purchase of Development Rights
5. The Clark County Farm Bureau calls for an end to the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Plan. Land Use - Stewardship
6. Clark County Farm Bureau requests the Wisconsin State Legislature to create laws that provide for single trip access to fields for overweight implements of husbandry and reduce penalties for violations of weight laws. Transportation - IOH
7. We support requiring all animal drawn vehicles to have a slow-moving vehicle sign, effective lighting and reflective tape on public roads. Transportation - Safety

8. We oppose the use of steel lugged wheels or steel shod horses on all paved roads. Transportation - Safety
9. We are in favor of appropriate, uniform and consistent regulation and fines across the state for farms that intentionally or willfully allow manure to enter waterways or wetlands. Natural Resources and The environment - Nutrient Management Regulations.
10. We support managed grazing as an approved method of stream bank management and managed wetland areas. Natural Resources and The Environment - End
11. We are opposed to any form of a quota system for dairy supply management. Dairy
12. We support milk marketing organizations using all funds to promote the sale of dairy products to a diversity of consumers. Dairy - DATCP
13. We support an accountability program created for check-off dollars that ensures a domestic increase in consumption of dairy products. Dairy - DATCP
14. We support basic agriculture questions on state standardized testing.
15. We support the implementation of the Wisconsin Agricultural Food and Natural Resource Standards in schools.
16. We would like to require all USDA bear traps be equipped with trap monitors to both reduce time spent by farmers and to ensure the health of the trapped animal.
17. We support better tracking and studying of movement of any relocated bear.
18. We support the removal of \$10,000 max payout from the DNR for wildlife depredation programs and changing to a percentage payout system where farms are compensated equally based on damage amounts.
19. We support the DNR to be required to create sub-zones for better control of over-populated wildlife bear, deer, goose and turkey in a small area.

Federal

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Internal

We are in support a membership data base that allows WFBF to identify members based on the commodities they are involved in.



Sandy Stuttgen from UW-Extension served as our guest speaker and focused on pointers for those interested in transitioning from dairy to beef farming.

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From the Desk of the District 8 Director and WFBF Vice President



Greetings from your WFBF Board of Directors.

I want to thank you for being members. I know that times are tough and I hope that this letter offers you some reassurance from your WFBF Board of Directors.

This year has proven to have quite a few challenges: damaging milk prices, low commodity prices and ongoing trade discussions let alone Mother Nature. To top it off, we are seeing an internal battle amongst farmers, activists speaking on our behalf more and more and an even greater divide amongst our consumers.

In the last year we have seen so many great things happen. Below is my run down of my top five reasons why I continue to be Farm Bureau proud.

1. This spring, we hosted our first IGNITE Conference. This two-day leadership conference was geared towards county leaders to ensure that they continue to have the tools that they need to run their county Farm Bureaus and be the outstanding leaders they are in their communities.
2. We had 12 counties band together for the Dairy 1, 2, 3 series. This series was geared towards identifying how our dairy pricing came to be, where dairy trends are going and what we can do to ensure a viable and healthy dairy industry. We also recorded the first two sessions. I encourage you to watch them online if you haven't yet.
 - a. Session 1 with Director of the Center for Dairy Profitability Mark Stephenson: bit.ly/Dairy123-1.
 - b. Session 2 with Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin staff member Beth Schaefer: bit.ly/Dairy123-2.

3. We continue to lobby for the farm bill and ensuring that it works for Wisconsin farmers.
4. We continue to advocate for trade deals working to create opportunities for Wisconsin farmers.
5. Policy Development. District 8 continues to try innovative ideas to engage members in the agriculture industry, to speak up and to think outside the box when brainstorming ideas to ensure Wisconsin stays America's Dairyland.

Thank you for your continued support of the county Farm Bureau.

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District 8 YFA Update



Congratulations to Clark County Farm Bureau and Young Farmer and Agriculturist members Brad and Kristine Boon (far left), who were appointed to the WFBF YFA Committee. They will start their three-year term at the YFA Conference.

Brad Boon farms full-time on his family's 300-cow dairy farm Boon Farms, LLC. His wife Kristine owns a quilting and fabric business in addition to managing the farm's finances and book work. The couple has been married for 12 years and have three children: Natalie (7), Fletcher (5) and Baylee (3). Brad is a Clark County Farm Bureau board member and the couple regularly attends the WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference.

The WFBF YFA Committee consists of nine couples or individuals (ages 18-35) from across the state. Its goal is to get more young farmers and agriculturists acquainted with and involved in Farm Bureau. They carry out state-wide initiatives, such as conferences,



Jill Nieman, Will Litzer and Marissa Graven will represent District 8 and Marathon County Farm Bureau at the WFBF Discussion Meet in December.

contests and award programs. The YFA Program is funded by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation.

This summer, we hosted the District 8 Discussion Meet in conjunction with the District 8 Policy Development Meeting at Randall's Sports Bar in Abbottsford. We want to thank the judges for the evening.

YFA Achievement Final Four



Congratulations to Ryan and Lindsay Prahl (Marathon County) for being named to the Achievement in Agriculture Award Final Four.

State YFA Conference Updates

We have been working to plan a fun and informative YFA Conference.

Please join us at the YFA Conference on November 30-December 2 at the Kalahari Resorts in Wisconsin Dells.

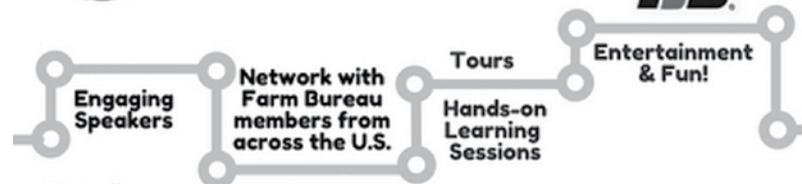
Rural Sponsorship for YFA Conference

Rural Mutual Insurance has announced the recipients of the 2018 Rural Mutual First Timers Sponsorship. The following YFA members from District 8 will receive paid hotel and registration to the YFA Conference held at the Kalahari Resorts in Wisconsin Dells: **Clark County:** Luke Luchterhand, Mark Elmhorst and Justin Schmitz; **Marathon County:** Sijmen Stuij and Samantha Solin.

Remember, if you nominated one of these individuals and they attend, you will receive \$100 on Friday night at the YFA Conference.

WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference

WFBF will hold their 99th Annual Meeting in conjunction with the YFA Conference on November 30-December 3 at Kalahari Resorts in Wisconsin Dells. The theme is 'Our Legacy.' Make sure you don't miss a moment of the action by following Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation or 'wifarmbureau' on social media.



Details:

- The conference will bring together volunteers from Promotion & Education, Women's Leadership & Young Farmers & Ranchers
- Early registration will be \$285/person
- Rooms will be available at the Hilton Milwaukee Center (\$145/night) and the Hyatt Regency Milwaukee (\$142/night)

Sponsorships:

- The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation will provide sponsorship for registration fees (\$285) for members to attend. Sponsorship applications are due on December 10, 2018. The number of sponsorships available will be based upon funds raised from the 50/50 raffle at the 2018 WFBF YFA Conference and Annual Meeting.

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

District 8 Splash of Red Cranberry Tour

District 8 Farm Bureau members toured different area marshes, picked fresh fruit from the vine and observed testing, cleaning and freezing of the fruit harvest with students from the nation's only cranberry science class as our tour guides.

A scrumptious lunch with special cranberry treats was included with the tour. All monies raised through the tour will go

toward scholarship and trip opportunities for Pittsville FFA members. The two-hour cranberry tour took place east of Pittsville in the heart of central Wisconsin cranberry country.

Pittsville FFA members and students gave this all-inclusive tour. The tour met at the Pittsville School auditorium with an introductory video to kick off the event.



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Share Your Farm Bureau Stories

In 2019, WFBF will be celebrating 100 years. As part of the celebration, the Centennial Committee is collecting stories. All stories are welcomed.



Farm Bureau members past and present can submit their stories via a Google form found at bit.ly/SubmitAFarmBureauStory. You can also email your story to wfbf100@wfbf.com or mail items to: Attention: Centennial Committee P.O. Box 5550, Madison, WI 53705.

The goal of the WFBF Centennial Committee is to share at least 100 Farm Bureau stories during the centennial year.

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