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Young Farmer and Agriculturist Discussion Meet

The District 6 YFA Discussion Meet was held on August 14 at CNC Links in Manitowoc.

Door County YFA chair Lauren Brey shared how to create a brand representing individuals and our farms. As customers are more interested in agriculture and how their food is raised, it is important that every farm develops their brand to help connect with customers and in their communities. Lauren shared her experiences in helping build personal brands and farm brands.

We had four very qualified contestants who participated in the Discussion Meet. The topic was: 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.

The four contestants were Mikayla Kuehl and Ryan Schulz from Kewaunee County; Ann Glowacki from Door County; and Kelly Wilfert from Manitowoc County. The three contestants who were selected are Kelly Wilfert, Ann Glowacki and Mikayla Kuehl and they will compete at the YFA Conference.

Wish them the best of luck as they move on to the state competition on November 30-December 2 at the YFA Conference.



The District 6 Discussion Meet contestants had intense conversation.



Door County's YFA chair Lauren Brey shared a presentation about building your brand as an individual and farm.

Lots of Participation in Kiddie Showmanship

2019 Kiddie Showmanship was sponsored by your Manitowoc County YFA committee. This year, 49 children participated on August 26.

Four classes of children included preschool, kindergarten, first and second grade.

Each child led a calf born between April 1 and August 15 to show his or her showmanship skills. Judge Travis Clark did a great job of working with the children to increase their knowledge.



WFBF Membership Incentives

Do you know a friend who might be interested in joining Farm Bureau? Feel good about helping your organization grow and get a chance to win some great prizes, too.

Farm Bureau 100-Race to the Centennial

Start Your Engines: Volunteer membership workers who sign up at least one new member by December 31 will receive a tire pressure gauge.

Full Speed Ahead: Volunteer membership workers who sign up three or more new members by March 31 will receive a Farm Bureau Proud Power Bank portable charger.

Splash And Go: Volunteer membership workers who sign up four or more new members by June 30 will receive a \$10 gas card.

Final Lap: Volunteer membership workers who sign up five or more new members by September 30 will receive a Farm Bureau Proud windbreaker jacket.

Don't forget this is in addition to the \$20 volunteer membership workers receive for signing any new members throughout the year. Watch for more district incentives coming soon.



COUNTYnews

MANITOWOC COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

Manitowoc County Farm Bureau Celebrates Success During Annual Meeting

There were about 120 members and guests who attended the Manitowoc County Farm Bureau annual meeting to hear guest speaker WFBF Chief Administrative Officer Dale Beaty. Dale shared his experience touring agriculture in Ireland.

Dan Meyer was re-elected as president at the reorganization meeting following the annual meeting. Vice president is Brent Sinkula, secretary/treasurer is Roger Sinkula and Delton Duchow as the member at large to make up the executive committee.

The county passed three local, two state resolutions and two federal resolutions that will now move on to the WFBF Policy Development Committee for consideration:

Local

1. We commend United Vision Dairy; Jerry and Marilyn, Joe and Michelle Neuser, for hosting the 2018 Breakfast on the farm.
2. We commend Bev Jenkins for her 27.5 years of service to the Manitowoc County Farm Bureau.



The Friend of Farm Bureau Award was presented to Kevin Sprang and Naomi Leonhard by Promotion and Education co-chairs Cheryl Duchow and Rosalie Geiger.

3. We support enforcement of the state's noxious weed law, specifically in regards to road right of way.

State

1. We support a tax, capped at \$0.05, gallon tax on agricultural dyed fuel to be used only for road improvement and maintenance. (Taxation-Fuel Tax)
2. Terms typically used to define dairy products, i.e., Cheese, butter, yogurt, should only be used to describe items derived using milk from mammals.

Federal

1. All imported food products should be held to the same testing standards as the U.S. products.
2. Terms typically used to define dairy products, i.e., Cheese, butter, yogurt, should only be used to describe items derived using milk from mammals.



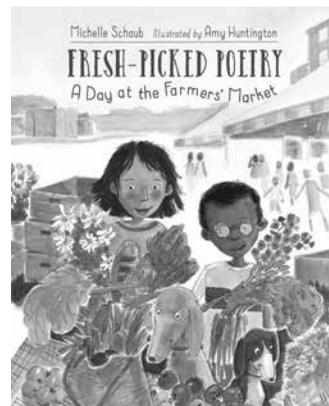
Manitowoc County Farm Bureau presented the Livestock Achievement Award to United Vision Dairy, Jerry and Marilyn Neuser, Joe and Michelle Neuser.

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Ag in the Classroom Announces Essay Topic and Book of the Year



"Fresh-Picked Poetry," written by Michelle Schaub, has been selected as the 2019 Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Book of the Year.

Each year, the Ag in the Classroom program holds an essay contest in conjunction with the book of the year for fourth and fifth grade students. This year's essay contest topic is, 'Making it happen at the farmers' market.' Accompanying lessons aligned to state standards and educational

resources are available online for teachers, students and volunteers to use in promoting and preparing essays.

"Many schools offer farm-to-school and locally grown foods to their students, so this book and essay will be popular," said Darlene Arne-

son, Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Coordinator. "The essay contest will give students a wide variety of topics to write about and teachers may also encourage poetry within the essay."

Essay submissions must be 100- to 300-words in length and will be judged on content, grammar, spelling and neatness. The essay contest rules, lesson plans and sample classroom activities are at wisagclassroom.org/whats-new. Essays are due **April 1, 2019**.

Nine district winners will be selected with one being chosen as the state winner in May by the WFBF Promotion and Education Committee. Each district winner will receive a classroom presentation. The essay contest is sponsored by We Energies and the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation. Last year, more than 2,500 students participated in the contest.

For more information or if you have questions about how to place an order, or about the book, please contact Darlene Arneson at darneson@wfbf.com.

A Message from the President



Another crop year is nearly behind us. In spite of less than ideal harvest weather during the early fall, many farms will be headed for the finish line of the 2018 cropping season by the time you read this, hopefully.

A time of year to reflect on what we accomplished this year, what

worked and what to maybe change for next year. Your Manistowoc County Farm Bureau is doing the same.

To wrap up our year, we held our county annual meeting on October 11, at the Wisconsin Farm Discovery Center. WFBF Chief Administrative Officer Dale Beaty was keynote speaker at our annual meeting. He entertained us with a very informative presentation sharing many facts about Irish agriculture he had learned while visiting that country with his wife and her FFA chapter. We were honored to have him join us this year.

Delegates for the WFBF Annual Meeting were elected and

they included: Brent Sinkula, Roger Sinkula, Stephanie Nagel, Kelly Wilfert, Delton Duchow, Randy Geiger and myself.

Our county also passed several resolutions this year. Many hard-working volunteers were honored that evening. After the annual meeting, we had a brief board of directors meeting to elect officers for the year. I was chosen president; Brent Sinkula, vice president; Roger Sinkula, secretary/treasurer; and Delton Duchow wraps up the executive committee.

November 30-December 3 is the WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference. If you have never attended, please consider attending. It is always a fun and educational weekend.

One very likely discussion for delegates at the WFBF Annual Meeting policy session will be on dairy quota system or other plans to help dairy farms struggling with low, in many cases, unprofitable prices. Please contact any of the delegate's if you have opinions on a dairy quota system or other ideas to help improve dairy prices.

Now, looking to the future. The Manistowoc County Farm Bureau board of directors is planning for the future. Please let us know what you want from your Farm Bureau. As we are goal setting during the next couple of months. We will be reviewing our bylaws and setting our goals for the year

and years to come. If you have ideas for what you want Farm Bureau to do for you and our county's farmers, please let me know.

Last but certainly not least ... please be safe this fall as you wrap up the harvest and prepare for winter. It has been very stressful fall harvest to get through wet and sloppy fields.

Prices of almost all commodities are not what we want them to be and, on many farms, it will be a challenge to pay bills. Remember you are not alone if you are feeling stressed or have financial concerns. Remember to take care of yourself, your workers, family, friends and neighbors. The most important part of every farm are the people. Be thankful for all the blessings on your farm.

Our family, friends and neighbors are the biggest blessings in my life. If you ever have ideas to make your Farm Bureau more successful or want to get more involved, please contact me at 920.980.9098 or dbmeyer@tcei.com.

Now back to the combine so I can reach the harvest finish line. Yours in Farm Bureau,

Dan Meyer
Manistowoc County Farm Bureau president

How Do I?

Your membership with Farm Bureau is important. Many people shy away from joining because they don't have the time.

WFBF has dedicated staff working on your behalf, as well as your Manistowoc County Farm Bureau local board of directors and committees that are organized to carry out projects. Your support as a member is vital to the work that we do in youth and consumer education, public relations and working with elected officials to keep agriculture strong.

Are you looking to up your involvement within your county? The board of directors meet at 8 p.m. each month on the third Thursday at the Rural Mutual Insurance

office in St. Nazianz. We have opportunities to volunteer on several committees that meet a handful of times each year.

Promotion and Education, Young Farmers and Agriculturists, Finance, Membership are just some of the opportunities to lend a hand. Farm Bureau also has one time volunteer opportunities throughout the year such as breakfast on the farm or the county fair food stand. Any help that you can give is appreciated.

In this newsletter, there is a list of your board members for each township and contact information. Please contact your board member or the president to ask how you can get more involved.

District YFA Green Bay Gamblers Game and Pizza Outing

The YFA Gamblers outing is set for 7:05 p.m. on **Saturday, February 16, 2019**. Join us as the Green Bay Gamblers take on the Madison Capitols including the ever popular Weiner Dog Race. To purchase tickets, visit www.ticketstaronline.com and enter promo code: WFBF. Code expires on **February 7, 2019**.

Are you interested in more YFA events? Call Stephanie Nagel, Manistowoc County YFA chair to find out what is coming next in Manistowoc County.



Upcoming Events

November

30 WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference

January

11-15 AFBF 100th Annual Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana
18 FFA Farm Forum early registration deadline

February

1 FFA Farm Forum final registration deadline
15-16 FFA Farm Forum, Wisconsin Rapids

March

1 Ag in the Classroom Matching Grant applications due
8-9 AgLEAD Summit, Appleton
15-18 AFBF FUSION Conference
19 Council of Presidents
20 Ag Day at the Capitol
20 National Ag Day Reading Event
31 County Early-Bird Bonanza membership cut-off

April

1 Ag in the Classroom essays due to county essay coordinators

SAVE THE DATE

New in 2019
Ag LEAD Summit

Hosted by



March 8-9, 2019

Appleton, Wisconsin

Ag LEAD summit

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Thank You to Our County Fair Workers

Thank you to those who worked hard to make the Manistowoc County Fair food stand a success.

Without your help, we couldn't do it. Looking forward to working with you next year.



Promotion and Education Committee Highlights

By Cheryl Duchow, Promotion and Education Committee co-chair

As I write this for the newsletter, it is a cool breezy fall day in the middle of October. We have had both summer and fall this past week having a few days close to 80 degrees, but the weather has come back to reality the last few days. It could always be worse, as we could have snow.

In spite of the changeable weather, the Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee has been very busy applying for the WFBF County Activities of Excellence Award focused on our 75th anniversary and our John Deere Event. We were chosen as winners under the Special Program category for our 75th anniversary. We also have applied for a scholarship to pursue a special activity.

Our 76th Manitowoc County Farm Bureau annual meeting was held at the Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center. We had a wonderful buffet-style chicken and tips dinner that was catered. WFBF Chief Administrative Office Dale Beatty was the guest speaker for the evening. He showed us some photos

of an agricultural trip he took to Ireland. It was a very interesting presentation showing the different types of farming in that country.

We awarded the Friends of Farm Bureau Award to Kevin Sprang and Naomi Leonhard. They have been an active part of Manitowoc County Farm Bureau for 15 years, and very deserving of the award. They were presented with a plaque, a Fleet Farm gift certificate and a floral arrangement.

We also had our regular monthly meeting after the annual meeting with election of officers. Officers will remain the same with Rosalie Geiger and Cheryl Duchow as co-chairs and Alice Petermann as secretary.

Looking ahead, the committee is planning for the Silent Auction item for the WFBF Annual Meeting in December. We are always looking for new committee members, so if interested, please let us know.

Update from the Manitowoc County Young Farmers and Agriculturists

By Stephanie Nagel, Manitowoc County YFA chair

Fall greetings to all. The YFA members have been busy all summer up until this point. We kicked off July with a cherry-picking event in Door County at Soren's Valhalla Acres, with the Door County YFA group. Fresh sweet and tart cherries were enjoyed by all. We toured the orchard and enjoyed cherry cheese and pies. A good time was had.

In August, we held our annual kiddie showmanship event at the Manitowoc County Fair. We had the largest number of participants this year since 1996. A huge thank you goes out to the volunteers who helped me put this great event together. We look forward to watching these kids grow their passion in agriculture. While at the county fair, the YFA members worked Saturday morning in the food stand. We served many individuals breakfast.

Earlier in the month we held our District 6 Discussion Meet at CNC links in Newton. Lauren Brey spoke on developing

your own brand and how to create a positive image around it. We also talked about social media training and how to engage people in your efforts. Then we had the Discussion Meet. Representing the district from our county was Kelly Wilfert.

To wrap up the fall season, we had the Manitowoc County Farm Bureau annual meeting. We developed policies for our local, state and national meetings. We also recognized many individuals their service to the organization.

Lastly, we wrapped up fall with our annual YFA cookout at Hermann's. We enjoyed good food and company, along with a bonfire.

Also, remember our annual wreath sale. All proceeds go towards the YFA events throughout the year. Wreaths are locally made by Sprang's Wreaths in Two Rivers. If you are interested in ordering, please contact me.

Membership Year End: Welcome New Members

Thank you to those who helped Manitowoc County Farm Bureau reach the voting goal for 2018. We achieved a 10-voting member gain bringing us to 677 voting members and 1,209 total members. Welcome new members.

Tracy Forry
Bruce Krueger*
Joseph Schnell
Matthew Phipps
Joy Zarn
Amy Wagner- Mc Williams
Michael Bressler
Matthew Simons
Treonoa Davis
Amber Dausg*
Mark Samz
Tim Ertel
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Jake Haag*
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Jaelyn Egdorf
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Garrett Zima
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Jeff Meyer
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Adam Diehl*
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Cary Nate
Wade Kasper
Miles Schreiber
Briana Propson
Bobbie Day
Paul Le Vene
Derek Rasmussen
Gary Riesterer

Matthew Hillman*
Ryan Wilfert
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Colleen Cummings
Adam Kolb
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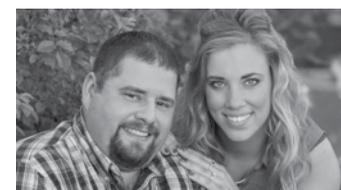
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Stay up-to-date on upcoming Manitowoc County Farm Bureau events by 'liking' us on Facebook. Don't miss the YFA activities and 'like' the Manitowoc County YFA Facebook page, too.

Meet Your Board Members



Stephanie Nagel is the Manitowoc County Farm Bureau YFA committee chair. The YFA consists of Farm Bureau members ages 18-35.

She grew up on her parent's dairy farm in Valders. Here they milked 80 Registered Holsteins up until 2012. Her parents now raise 150 head of steers, heifers and wet calves along with a few milk cows. They also crop farm 300 acres. Together with Stephanie's fiancé Keith, the two of them farm in New Franken. They milk 130 head of Holsteins and crop farm 1,100 acres.

Stephanie joined the board because she always wanted to find a way to give back to the agricultural community that has given her so much. Farm Bureau was one way to do that and meet new peers in the industry along the way. She also enjoys the legislative-side of the organization.

In her free time she enjoys gardening, plays trumpet and you can find her showing cattle at the county fair.

To get more involved in the YFA programs that Farm Bureau has to offer, please contact Stephanie.