



Grassroots

District 1 News

Time to Celebrate 100 Years



Dave Daniels

WFBF District 1 Director

Wisconsin Farm Bureau will soon be 100 years old and we are preparing for a celebration. This grassroots organization started in townships within District 1 counties – Jefferson, Waukesha and Walworth counties were some of the first county groups formed. I'm sure the county farmer leaders who started this organization

never imagined that Farm Bureau would thrive to be 100 years old. The farmers' voices have progressed based on freedom with responsibility, individual opportunity rather than guaranteed security, all that has been carried on through the generations.

Wisconsin is one of many states approaching a Centennial Celebration, Farm Bureau is represented in every part of the country producing different commodities from dairy, beef, cranberries, cherries and many more. We are proud to represent all commodities to give farmers a voice to the legislators.

Speaking of legislators, Ag Day at the Capitol is set for **Wednesday, March 20, 2019**. Mark your calendars and plan to go to Madison to have your voice heard on issues that are important to you and the future of your farm.

Now back to the celebration that Wisconsin Farm Bureau is planning. The Centennial Celebration started at the WFBF Annual Meeting in December. We are hoping to host a few district and county events throughout the year to celebrate, especially in the counties that were instrumental in starting Farm Bureau 100 years ago.

Watch the Rural Route and future District 1 newsletters for more information on the Centennial Celebration. One of the purposes of this newsletter is that you read about events and projects that counties are working on to spur some conversations at your county level. If you are interested in being involved or have an idea, contact your local county Farm Bureau.

Let's raise a toast to our forefathers who started this organization. May we never let them down in our perseverance and may we always "lead a growing and dynamic agriculture."



Let's Work Together, Farmers and Motorists, To Keep Our Roadways Safe



Jacki Moegenburg

District 1 Promotion and Education Representative

As we continue to harvest this fall, farm equipment is a very common site as farmers make their way with large equipment from field to field. On August 31, Bob Stigler and his family hosted a road safety day at their farm in Waukesha. Our goal of the event was to share resources on road safety to local media;

ultimately to clarify rules and laws regarding farm equipment on the roadways.

Demonstrations were done to clarify the right and wrong ways of passing in a no-passing zone and left-hand turning equipment. The media representatives were shown the required lights and other safety features on the equipment and also were given the opportunity to ride in the equipment to see the dangers as seen from the cab.

Farmers and motorists should work together to keep the roadways safe so everyone can return home safely at the end of the day. It's important that we are aware of how to interact on the roads, and what the laws are – specifically related to those slow-moving vehicles in no-passing zones and when making a left-hand turn.

In 2014, it became **ILLEGAL** to pass an Implement of Husbandry (IOH) in a no-passing zone. IOH includes farm tractors and farm machinery, or an ag-commercial motor vehicle, such as trucks that are specifically designed for agriculture work. Farmers should not pull over or wave a driver forward to pass them in a no-passing zone.

Everyone wants to return home at the end of the day, so farmers and motorists must work together to ensure our roadways are safe.



Bob Stigler did media interviews at the road safety event.



The road safety day demonstrated what the potential dangers are when vehicles try to pass equipment in a no-passing zone or when equipment is turning left into a field or driveway.

Young Farmers and Agriculturists Advance to State Competition



Bob Nash

District 1 YFA Representative

Young farmers gathered at the Case Plant in Sturtevant for a tour and the Discussion Meet on August 24. We had five members compete in the Discussion Meet and three advanced to the WFBF Discussion Meet.

The three finalists were Kendall Riskedal from Jefferson County, Whitney Rathke from Ozaukee County and Kallie Jo Kastenson from Racine County.

Kallie Jo Kastenson advanced as one of the final four competitors at the YFA Conference.

District 1 YFA and Promotion and Education Committees are looking ahead to next year and

have some fun, family-friendly events planned for members.

Mark your calendar and watch your email inbox for more details on the events.

- **Sunday, January 20:** Snow tubing at Sunburst Ski Hill, Kewaskum
- **Friday, February 8:** Milwaukee Admirals hockey game
- **Saturday, July 20:** Miller Park tour, cookout and swimming
- **October:** Fall event at Jelli's Market

Save the date for the Fusion Conference brought to you by the American Farm Bureau on **March 15-18, 2019**, at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee.

It was great to see so many of you at the YFA Conference and I look forward to seeing many of you throughout the year.



Congratulations to the three Discussion Meet finalists (from left): Kendall Riskedal, Whitney Rathke and Kallie Jo Kastenson.

Membership Triumph



Patti Roden

District 1 Coordinator

Congratulations and thank you to those counties that achieved a voting or total membership gain at the end of the membership year. The membership year is from October 1 to September 30.

The counties that achieved both a total AND voting member gain in District 1 included: Jefferson, Milwaukee, Racine, Washington and Waukesha counties.

Thank you for being a Farm Bureau member. Each county decides the amount that they charge for county dues. This is a breakdown of District 1 counties and their yearly dues amount.

- \$55 = Jefferson, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Washington, Waukesha
- \$58 = Walworth
- \$60 = Racine

Do you know where your dues go? Your dues are helping the state and county conduct programs and goes towards your membership to American Farm Bureau. Check out the listing of your dues amount.

- Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation = \$40
- Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation Services Program = \$3
- American Farm Bureau Federation = \$5
- Accidental Death Policy = \$1
- County Farm Bureau = remaining amount between \$6 and \$11

Thank you for being a member of your county Farm Bureau. If you have any questions about your membership dues, how to read your billing statement or if you know someone who wants to join Farm Bureau, don't hesitate to contact me at proden@wfbf.com.

I look forward to another successful year as we begin the Centennial Celebration.



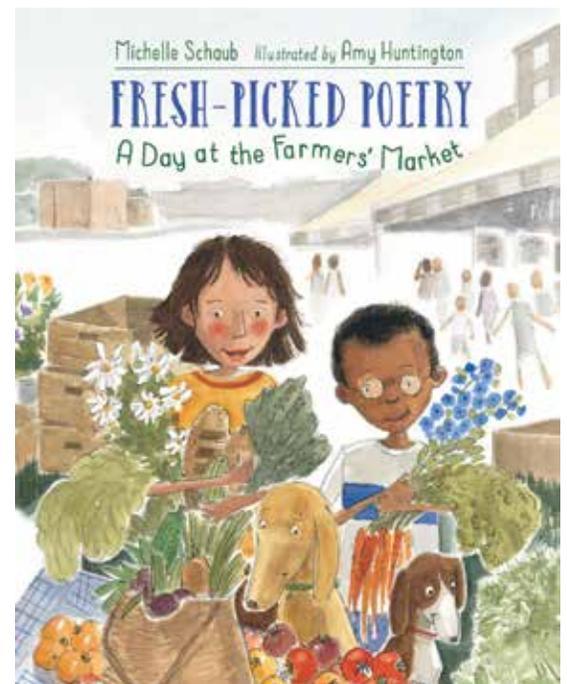
Farmers' Market Theme for Essay Contest

This year's essay contest topic is, *Making it happen at the farmers' market*. The 2019 book of the year is "Fresh Picked Poetry" by Michelle Schaub.

The book and essay topic will give you, farmers in District 1, the opportunity to go into classrooms and share your story about farmers' markets.

The essay contest is open to fourth and fifth grade students and are due **April 1, 2019**.

For more information, visit wisagclassroom.org.



Family Farm Weekend at Milwaukee Zoo

District 1 Farm Bureau members volunteered at the Milwaukee Zoo for the annual Family Farm Weekend on September 8 and 9. Volunteers interacted with attendees and shared their knowledge of agriculture.

Members had a display on how much sugar was in a variety of drinks. Did you know that a 13.7-ounce Starbucks Frappuccino has 11.5 teaspoons of added sugar? Or a 16.9-ounce A&W soda has 16 teaspoons of added sugar? You might want to rethink your drinks and go for some sugar-free or natural sugar options like

milk or water.

Kids made circles of the earth bracelets, got temporary tattoos, played plinko, played a match game in the corn and so much more.

Do you want to make your own circles of the earth bracelet? The supplies you need are one 12-inch brown leather strap and colored beads. The colored beads represent different circles on the earth. Clear represents people, blue represents water, green represents plants, brown represents soil, orange represents day, black represents night, white represents air and yellow



represents the sun.

To make the bracelet tie a knot at one end of the leather strap at about two-inches. String the colored beads to represent the circles of the earth. Take the end of the leather strap without a knot and lace it through the clear bead and tie a knot at the end. The clear bead is now the adjuster for the bracelet, excess leather strap below the knots can be trimmed.

Wear the bracelet as a reminder that everything is a circle and we cannot survive without all of the different colored beads.



Consumers Educated at Wisconsin State Fair

District 1 Young Farmer and Agriculturist Representative Bob Nash talked to Wisconsin State Fair attendees about the cow stomach and what cows eat. Other young farmers from District 1 also helped in the House of Moo at the Wisconsin State Fair. Each year, stations are set up to help attendees of all ages learn more about the dairy industry.

"You never realize how far removed people are from agriculture until you participate in events like the House of Moo," said Bob Nash. "I'm so happy to be able to share the story of agriculture and educate consumers."



The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation invites you to attend **AG DAY AT THE CAPITOL**

March 20, 2019
Monona Terrace Convention Center, Madison

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

Early Registration

Deadline: March 14

Cost: \$30 per person by registration deadline.

\$35 after deadline and at the door.

For information, please contact District 1 Coordinator Patti Roden at proden@wbf.com.



Members Gather and Celebrate Success During the 98th Annual Meeting

One-hundred-and-ten gathered on September 23 at the Plattdeutscher Hall in Watertown for the 98th Jefferson County Farm Bureau annual meeting.

Following a delicious dinner, voting members passed resolutions, elected directors and voted on delegates to the WFBF Annual Meeting.

Directors who have been elected to a three-year term included: Melissa Gross, Bob Halser, John Morris and Roger Zimmerman. Sue Marx was elected to a one-year term for Promotion and Education chair, and Lindsay Knoebel was elected to a one-year term for Young Farmer and Agriculturist chair.

Eight delegates were elected to be the voice of Jefferson County Farm Bureau at the WFBF Annual Meeting in December. Those who were elected included: Sue Andersen, Melissa Gross, Steve Jones, Eugene Mess, Randy Mitchell, John

Morris, Tony Schadt and Roger Zimmerman.

The guest speaker for the evening was Lavern Georgson. He spoke about the 2019 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days taking place at Walter Grain Farms on **July 23-25, 2019**.

During president Randy Mitchell's report, he talked about the events the county hosted in the past year, 2019 plat books that will be available at the end of the year and thanked Dan Poulson for his years of service.

Dan Poulson has been instrumental on the Jefferson County Farm Bureau board of directors and his voice at the board table will be greatly missed.

If you see Dan in the community, thank him for his years of service to not only Jefferson County Farm Bureau, but also District 1 and Wisconsin Farm Bureau.



County president Randy Mitchell ran a great Jefferson County annual meeting.



District 1 Young Farmer and Agriculturist Chair Bob Nash reported on the young farmer activities from the past year.



Dan Poulson has been a great leader for Farm Bureau.



Guest speaker Lavern Georgson.



Members of the Jefferson County Farm Bureau board of directors include, front row (from left): Melissa Gross, secretary/treasurer; Lindsay Knoebel, Young Farmer and Agriculturist chair; Tony Schadt, vice president; Randy Mitchell, president; Dawn Jones; Sue Marx, Promotion and Education chair; back row (from left): Scott Schultz; Steve Knoebel; Bob Halser; Sue Andersen; John Morris; Eugene Mess; Roger Zimmerman; and Steve Jones.

Ronald Ulsberger Awarded Service to Agriculture



The Service to Agriculture award was established to draw attention to an outstanding individual who demonstrates a commitment to agriculture in Jefferson County and who is highly regarded by Jefferson County Farm Bureau for his or her leadership and dedication to the promotion of agriculture.

This year's recipient of the prestigious award is Ronald Ulsberger. Ronald was awarded a plaque during the Jefferson County Farm Bureau annual meeting in September, and the Farm Bureau board also donated \$100 in his name toward a bench at the Jefferson County Fair Park.

Ronald has put in countless hours with the Jefferson County dairy breakfast, 4-H and FFA. The organizers of these events have always counted on Ronald's help with fundraising and lending a helping hand. Jefferson County is lucky to have someone so willing to give time and effort for community service.

Please congratulate Ronald Ulsberger on being the recipient of the Jefferson County Farm Bureau Service to Agriculture award.

Farm Bureau Float Promotes Ag



The Jefferson County Farm Bureau made an appearance in numerous parades throughout the year. Pictured is Roger Zimmerman pulling the float through the Lake Mills Town and Country Parade. Want to see the float in a parade that you attend? Or are you willing to pull the float in a parade? Please contact one of the board members to make arrangements. Keep your eyes peeled to see us in parades in 2019.

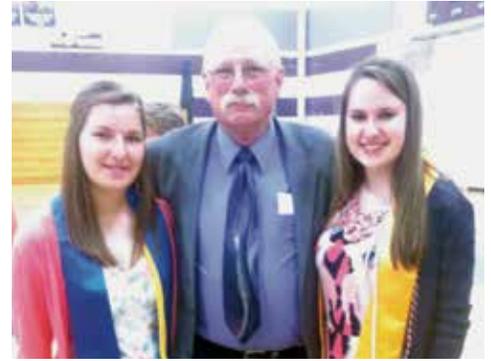
Scholarships Awarded, Applications Available

Eight scholarships were awarded to students who graduated high school in 2018 or students who were presently attending a college or university. Please help us congratulate the following 2018 scholarship recipients:

- Carlton Ehrke, graduate of Jefferson High School, plans to study diesel mechanics. Son of Scott Ehrke and Cyndi Pitzner.
- Morgan Keske, graduate of Palmyra-Eagle High School, plans to study business. Daughter of Keith and Lindsey Keske.
- Summer Keske, attending the UW-Madison studying special education. Daughter of Keith and Lindsey Keske.
- Colton Klecker, graduate of Lake Mills High School, plans to study mechanical engineering. Son of Troye and Dawn Klecker.

- Bailey Lawson, graduate of Lake Mills High School, plans to study early and middle childhood education. Daughter of Timothy and Mary Jo Lawson.
- Katherine Novak, graduate of Palmyra-Eagle High School, plans to study agriculture education. Daughter of Thomas and Tracey Novak.
- Alexis Schultz, attending the UW-Madison studying agronomy. Daughter of Scott and Nancy Schultz.
- Janelle Wenzel, graduate of Jefferson High School, plans to go into the medical field. Daughter of James and Holly Wenzel.

Scholarships are paid after notification that the recipient has successfully completed one semester of college.



Steve Jones presented Morgan Keske and Katherine Novak their scholarships at their high school celebration.

Applications for the 2019 scholarship are due **April 1, 2019**, and can be found online at wfbf.com/about/counties/jefferson.

Volunteers and Photos Wanted: Wisconsin Farm Technology Days

Wisconsin Farm Technology Days is being held **July 23-25, 2019**, at the Walter Grain Farm in the Town of Grellton.

Volunteers Wanted: Jefferson County Farm Bureau is looking for volunteers ages 16 and older to staff a food tent at Wisconsin Farm Technology Days. Each food tent takes a minimum of 25 volunteers per day. The food tents will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Jefferson County Farm Bureau hopes to get

enough volunteers to staff a tent for one day. Shifts will be for four to eight hours long.

Contact Melissa Gross at 920.988.7583 or mgross43@yahoo.com with the number of volunteers and the hours willing to work.

Monies given back for volunteering will be used to fund additional scholarships.

Photos Wanted: A slide-show is being put together to showcase the diversity of agriculture in Jefferson County. Please send your best

Jefferson County agriculture-related photos by **March 1, 2019**, to Lindsay Knoebel at lindsay.knoebel@gmail.com so they can be included in the slide-show in the Farm Bureau booth.



Generations of Farm Pride

Focus on Ag Event Held at Jelli's Market

Jefferson County Farm Bureau hosted its first ever Focus on Ag event to bring legislators, local officials and Farm Bureau members together to discuss important topics.

The event was held at Jelli's Market on August 21. The guest speaker was WFBF Senior Director of Governmental Relations Rob Richard.

He gave a general overview of Farm Bureau, talked about agriculture in Jefferson County, key federal and state issues, transportation, solar and wind projects, industrial hemp, water quality and eminent domain.

Those in attendance were pleased to get the chance to network with the legislators and local officials and help raise awareness of the issues affecting farmers.



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Ag LEAD summit

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Registration information, hotel accommodations and an agenda for the summit are available at wfbf.com/events/ag-lead-summit.

Members Discuss Business During the 97th Annual Meeting and Celebrate Success



Members of the Kenosha County Farm Bureau board of directors (from left): Wes Hawkins; Dan Kirchner, vice president and Young Farmer and Agriculturist chair; Dan Kevek, secretary/treasurer; Tim Edquist; Kim Muhlenbeck, Promotion and Education chair; and Kevin Muhlenbeck, president; not pictured: Ben Harbach.



Kallie Jo Kastenson spoke about GMOs.



Rural Mutual Insurance district agency manager Linda Schopen updated attendees about Rural Mutual Insurance.

Twenty-four members attended the Kenosha County Farm Bureau annual meeting at the Birchwood Grill on September 25.

Kallie Jo Kastenson was the guest speaker and she spoke about GMOs, the history of crop modification, what GMOs are and the benefit of GMOs.

The best resource to learn more about GMOs is GMOanswers.org.

Ben Harbach and Wes Hawkins were elected to a three-year term on

the board of directors, Kim Muhlenbeck was elected to a one-year term for Promotion and Education chair, and Dan Kirchner was elected to a one-year term for Young Farmer and Agriculturist chair.

The delegates to the WFBF Annual Meeting were Wes Hawkins and Kevin Muhlenbeck.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the 2019 Kenosha County Farm Bureau annual meeting on **Tuesday, September 24, 2019**.



Farm Bureau Scholarship Awarded

For the 2019 scholarship application, visit wfbf.com/about/counties/kenosha beginning in January. **The application is due in May.**

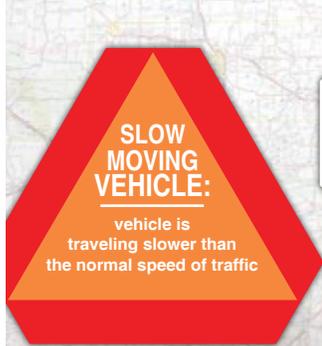
The scholarship applicant family must be a member of Farm Bureau.



Carrie Weis has been awarded the 2018 Kenosha County Farm Bureau scholarship. Carrie is the daughter of Tim and Jane Weis. She is a sophomore at Carthage College and is studying nursing.

Road Safety A Priority For Farmers and Motorists

Everyone wants to return home safely at the end of the day. Farmers and motorists must work together to ensure the roadways are safe.



Motorists should watch turn signals and hand signals from farmers indicating a left hand turn.



The Kenosha County Farm Bureau displayed this banner during the Kenosha County Fair. The Kenosha County Farm Bureau board of directors wanted to inform drivers about the rules of the road around farm equipment.

Wisconsin Ag Open



The Kenosha County Farm Bureau sponsored a team at the Wisconsin Ag Open, a fundraiser for the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation. The team included (from left): Dave Daniels, Maxx Daniels, Scott Thompson and Dirk Daniels.

West Allis Hosts 90th Successful Annual Meeting

The Milwaukee County Farm Bureau annual meeting was held at the Pallas Restaurant in West Allis on September 10.

Attendees heard from WFBF District 1 Director Dave Daniels, Farm Bureau District 1 Coordinator Patti Roden and Rural Mutual Insurance manager Ken Bosman.

The voting members nominated John Napientek to attend the WFBF Annual Meeting as a delegate. The members passed one resolution to the state level for consideration as a potential resolution to the WFBF Policy Book.

That resolution reads: The Milwaukee

County Farm Bureau encourages retention of USDA encouraging humane treatment of animals, particularly those raised on organic farms, in order to ensure quality product for consumers.

The 90th Milwaukee County Farm Bureau annual meeting was a success and we look forward to another great year.



The Milwaukee County Farm Bureau board of directors is led by dedicated volunteers. The board members include (from left): Henry Kiesow, vice president; Scott Ninnemann, president; John Napientek, secretary/treasurer; Elroy Honadel; and Martin Hintz.

Vincent High School Students Show Sheep

By Monica Gahan, Vincent High School Ag Teacher

Thank you to the Milwaukee County Farm Bureau for their donation of \$1,000 to help students with their sheep projects. Students from Vincent High School raised and showed the sheep at the 2018 Wisconsin State Fair.

Six young ladies showed sheep in the junior show. They did very well. Overall, a lot of positive comments were received about how well the students did and how well they took care of their animals. The students had an amazing time as they spent four days in the dorms.

Each of the students want to participate in the Wisconsin State Fair again next year.

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. The school provides students with

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 get 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.

So far this school year, the students have gotten some new experiences. We took a bus to World Dairy Expo in Madison and the 91st National FFA Convention in Indianapolis.

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

Boy Scouts Visit Pampered Produce

By Martin Hintz, Owner of Pampered Produce

Milwaukee's St. Gregory the Great Boy Scout Troop 536 visited Pampered Produce in northern Milwaukee County on September 23.

They spent about four hours on the farm. They were a great help in weeding the vegetables, they fed the goats and hogs and had a great time petting the rabbits.



Racine County

Wisconsin Ag Open



The Racine County Farm Bureau sponsored a team at the Wisconsin Ag Open. The team included (from left): Jim Hanson, Keith Jacobson, Ryan Jacobson and Brett Jacobson. Members enjoyed the day on the golf course meeting up with friends while raising money for the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation.



Members Gather in Waterford for 97th Annual Meeting

A new venue and day, and the 97th Racine County Farm Bureau annual meeting was a success. The county annual meeting was held on September 9 at the Cotton Exchange in Waterford. There were more than 60 people in attendance.

Board members who were elected to three-year terms included: Scott Davel, Keith Jacobson and Brian Schaal.

The Promotion and Education committee chair and Young Farmer and Agriculturist chair positions are both one-year terms and Judy Uhlenhake and Jim Waldron were elected to



Carol Thelen thanked those who helped in the fair cream puff stand.



Jim Fitzgerald spoke about his Haiti mission trips and how Farm Bureau members can help those in need.

those positions, respectively.

Based on membership, four delegates were voted on and attended the WFBF Annual Meeting in December and included: Brian Baumeister, Brian Schaal, John Scott and Judy Uhlenhake.

President John Scott congratulated the four outstanding 4-H award winners and each received a certificate.

The winners included: Kevin Ehrhart, Rabeka Liberto, Ashley Schaal and Michael Schaal.

During the meeting Carol Thelen reported on the fair cream puff stand and thanked those who volunteered.

They had a perfect weather week and sold 282 dozen cream puffs, 102 dozen éclairs, 550 half pints of milk, used 300 quarts of whipping cream, 328 half gallons of shake mix and 576 bottles of water.

Attendees heard from District 1 Farm Bureau representatives Dave Daniels, Jacki Moegenburg and Bob Nash. They also heard from Rural Mutual district agency manager Linda Schopen.

The guest speaker for the afternoon was Jim Fitzgerald. He spoke about his mission trips to



Board members include, front row (from left): Keith Jacobson, vice president; Judy Uhlenhake, Promotion and Education chair; Jim Waldron, Young Farmer and Agriculturist chair; Jim Hanson, secretary/treasurer; back row (from left): John Scott, president; Brian Schaal; Jeff Rice; and Scott Davel; not pictured: Steve Henningfield.

Haiti, he has been to Haiti 11 times since 2011.

They send shipping containers to Haiti with items that they need for their crops, the school or medical supplies.

Meet the New Agriculture Ambassador

By Olivia Spaight, Racine County Agriculture Ambassador



Hello. I am Olivia Spaight, the 2018-2019 Racine County Agriculture Ambassador. I am 17 years old and a senior at Waterford High School.

I live with my mother, Mary, and my younger brother, John, in Waterford.

I joined 4-H in third grade and have been involved in Cloverview 4-H for many years, serving as attendance secretary and secretary for the past four years. This coming year, I will be serving as president of the club. I also had the privilege of serving on the county level as Racine County 4-H Ambassador for two years.

I have been involved in Waterford FFA since my sophomore year, first serving as secretary and now as vice president. FFA has allowed me to attend many conferences and conventions to learn about youth in

agriculture and build my knowledge of the industry through events like dairy judging, speaking contests and the FFA Farm Forum that is sponsored by Wisconsin Farm Bureau.

I have been showing sheep and dairy at the Racine County Fair since I was 10 years old and began showing at the Wisconsin State Fair when I was 13. Throughout my time exhibiting livestock on the county and state levels, I have enjoyed learning from many friends about their experiences in agriculture, as well as sharing my own with them.

Despite not living on a farm, I was able to explore the agriculture industry and develop a working knowledge of the different aspects of Racine County agriculture. From bottle-feeding calves with my cousins to learning to shear a sheep, I am thankful to have grown up in a thriving agricultural community.

I am honored to represent agriculture in Racine County and I look forward to sharing my experiences with you.

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

Burlington FFA Educates 200 Students

By Renee Schaal

On National Farmers Day, October 12, the Burlington FFA students shared our farm and educated more than 200 fourth grade students about where their food comes from. The students learned how the cows are milked, what cows eat, about calves, the equipment farmers use and met with farmers. We are always happy to open our barn doors at Schaal Dairy Farm to educate students (and adults) about agriculture.



Promotion and Education Year In Review

By Judy Uhlenhake, Racine County Farm Bureau Promotion and Education chair

The Racine County Promotion and Education committee continues to achieve great accomplishments. Thanks to Ginny Strueder, Carol Thelen and Jacquie Strueder for your leadership and for teaching how to run the cream puff stand to the next group; to Doris Malchine for scheduling the volunteers; and to the Farm Bureau volunteers who worked in the Racine County Fair cream puff stand. Because of your help we had another successful year.

The cream puff eating contests for children and adults were very well attended. The profit

from the stand funded many outstanding programs. Once again, we provided \$300 grants to Union Grove, Waterford and Burlington libraries for agriculture-educational activities.

The Ag in the Classroom essay contest theme was, 'Inventions that have made agriculture great.' The top three winners were given cash. The committee handed out agriculture books to grade schools and libraries. Scholarships and 4-H awards were sponsored by the committee.

Community service is important to our committee as donations were given to local food pantries. We also donated our tips from the Racine County Fair to the Ronald McDonald House.

As the Promotion and Education committee evolves, we don't want to lose sight of the history and activities that the many women have developed over the years. I am really excited about Racine County Farm Bureau's future and the things we can accomplish. Many thanks to the women who made this committee into something grand. Let's continue the traditions of the past and build onto them for the future.



Judy Uhlenhake reported at the Racine County Farm Bureau annual meeting.

Washington County

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Friend of Agriculture Awarded



This year's Friend of Agriculture award recipient is Mark Pamperin. Mark has been very involved in numerous committees and was instrumental in getting the new fairgrounds started.

He was president of Washington County Farm Bureau from 1989 to 1995 and has been on the policy development committee and is

currently still a part of the food stand committee. He, along with his wife Betty, volunteer in the food stand every year at the county fair. Mark also was the chair of the 75th anniversary celebration.

Mark is a lifelong member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in rural Allenton. He was a Sunday school teacher, belonged to the church choir and served on the church council. He also belongs to a group called Builders for Christ, an organization that helps build churches, church additions and schools around the U.S. Please congratulate Mark Pamperin and thank him for his years of service to Washington County Farm Bureau.

Scholarship Awarded to Ag Students



Congratulations to the Washington County Farm Bureau scholarship award recipients (from left): Cameron Groth, attending UW-Washington County; Tiffany Miller, attending UW-River Falls; John Ebert, attending Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton; Sheila Wenninger, attending Fox Valley Technical College Appleton; Noah Hardy, attending UW-Washington County; and Washington County Farm Bureau president Peter Muth; not included in the photo are: Heidi Neuburg, attending UW-Platteville; and Macy Ragsdale, attending UW-River Falls. Each is entitled to \$750 after his/her fall semester and scholarship requirements are met.

Thousands Educated in AgAdventureland

By Judy Kasten, chair of AgAdventureland

AgAdventureland had another successful year despite the hiccups that were encountered. We want to thank you for the support and efforts that were made by many of you to help us.

We also want to thank the Washington County Farm Bureau for their donation.

This year we gave out 4,000 containers of milk, 800 string cheese, 2,000 gift bags and coloring books to AgAdventureland visitors.

We estimate that 18,000 to 20,000 people went through some part of AgAdventureland: tractors, gardens, Farmer for a Day or the Master Gardener tent.

The new addition of the Little Farmer area worked out well for parents with smaller children: plastic picnic tables for resting, small riding plastic toys and other small toys.

We will be improving the area to have it return next year.

Feedback from the fairgoers was great. Many thanks for the time and effort made to put the area together and return each year.

A person from Kerry Foods asked many questions about the area. His company had their employee party at our fair. As he looked around and saw many of the Kerry Foods t-shirts he said he was glad the area was at the fair, his employees and children were enjoying AgAdventureland.

Next year will be the 20th year of AgAdventureland at the Washington County Fair. We will return for this anniversary. We are open to any ideas for something new or big and special for the 20th year.

With that said, we are looking for people who want to join our group and take over the area in 2020.



Volunteers helped in the AgAdventureland. Jadyn Assmann enjoyed educating kids about agriculture.

Members Celebrate 75th Anniversary and Recognize Accomplishments



Former WFBF President Dan Poulson congratulated Washington County on being a strong Farm Bureau county with great volunteers.

"I was honored to be the Washington County Farm Bureau president during the 75th anniversary celebration," said Peter Muth.

Nearly 200 attendees filled the Columbian



The top three students read their essays (from left): Evelyn Wolf, third place winner; Owen Schloemer, second place; and Kyla Weber, first place.

for the Washington County Farm Bureau annual meeting held on October 2.

After dinner board

members and special guests were introduced. Past presidents, women's chairs and Young Farmer and Agriculturist chairs were introduced, along with the 75th anniversary committee.

Essay contest winners read their winning essay and the Friend of Agriculture Award was presented to Mark Pamperin.

The food stand and membership reports were given prior to the start of the business meeting.

During the business meeting, voting members approved resolutions, elected board of directors and elected delegates to the WFBF Annual Meeting.

Three board members were elected to serve a three-year term. They include Mike Kannenberg, Peter Muth and Mike Strupp. Barbara Schulz Kluever was elected to serve a one-year term as Promotion and Education chair and Jesse Weber was elected to serve a one-year term as Young Farmer and Agriculturist chair.

Those members who represented Washington County at the WFBF Annual Meeting included



The Washington County Farm Bureau is led by a group of dedicated volunteers, front row (from left): Randy Thull, secretary; Peter Muth, president; Scott Schreffler, vice president; Dave Lettow, treasurer; back row (from left): Mike Kannenberg; Barbara Schulz Kluever, Promotion and Education chair; Mark Schaefer; Helmut Wagner; Carl Wolf; Jesse Weber, Young Farmer and Agriculturist chair; and Mike Strupp.

George Muth, Peter Muth, Scott Schreffler, Mike Strupp and Carl Wolf.

WFBF Chief Administrative Officer Dale Beaty spoke to attendees and congratulated the county on their 75th anniversary.

In addition, past WFBF President and District 1 Board Director Dan Poulson congratulated the county on their 75th anniversary. Dan also spoke about volunteerism and the importance of individuals stepping up.

A great 75th anniversary celebration was held, and Washington County Farm Bureau is excited to move forward and continue to grow such a great organization.

Thank You Volunteers

By Mike Strupp, Food Stand Committee co-chair

With the help of 190 volunteers, we had another successful year. In celebration of our 75th anniversary, we offered two specials. We served 1,100 half pints of milk with our Buy One, Get One Free milk promotion and we offered grilled cheese sandwiches for \$1 and served more than 630 sandwiches. Our volunteers prepared 4,800 hamburgers, 1,764 grilled cheese and grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, 1,698 cream puffs and 2,950 sundaes.

Special thanks to Mariann Gundrum and



Stephanie Egnor for coordinating the volunteer schedules; co-chair Bill Hinckley for helping with set up and for coming weekday mornings to shift lead the morning shift; Kathy and George Muth for their early morning shifts throughout the fair; Dave Lettow for taking care of the daily financial transactions; and to the volunteers who took time to help before, during and after the fair. We hope to see you again next year. Thanks again for your help.



Membership Incentives

By Mike Strupp, Membership Committee chair

As the new membership year just began, Washington County Farm Bureau is again offering the following incentives:

1. Any Farm Bureau member who signs a new voting member will receive \$20 per new voting member signed.
2. Any Farm Bureau member signing five or more new voting members will receive a one-night stay at the WFBF Annual Meeting along with registration. Sign 10 or more new voting members and you will receive a two-night stay at the WFBF Annual Meeting including registration.

We also will pay \$20 per voting member signed to the insurance agents who rent from the Washington County Farm Bureau building. These incentives will be offered from October 1, 2018, thru September 30, 2019. Just a reminder: Effective October 1, the membership dues are \$55 per year.

Thanks to the volunteers who made this past year another successful membership year. I look forward to working with you in 2019.

Members Celebrate 99th Annual Meeting and Enjoy a Successful Year in Review



Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow was the guest speaker.

Forty-five members and guests attended the 99th Waukesha County Farm Bureau annual meeting that was held on September 6 at the Machine Shed. The guest speaker for the evening was Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow. He talked about the county government and had great discussion with those present about road safety with farm equipment.

Voting members passed resolutions, elected directors and elected delegates to the WFBF Annual Meeting. Directors for the southern tier



Members filled the room for the county annual meeting.

were elected to serve a two-year term. Those elected included: Dave Bartholomew, Ryan Brueggemann, Jane Craig, Scott Porter, Rob Schuett, Bob Stigler, Ron Williams and Tony Weber. Linda



Board members include (from left): Scott Porter; Dave Bartholomew, treasurer; Jane Craig; Dave Swan; Michael Deneen; Ron Williams; Ryan Brueggemann, secretary; Lloyd Williams; Bob Stigler; Dave Morris; Rob Schuett; Tom Oberhaus, president; Tony Weber; Jim Renn, vice president; and Alan Runyard; not pictured: Pam Debele, YFA chair; Linda Halley, Promotion and Education chair; and Ken Rosenow.

Halley was elected to a one-year term as Promotion and Education chair and Pam Debele was elected to a one-year term as Young Farmer and Agriculturist chair.

The delegates who were elected and attended the WFBF Annual Meeting included: Bob Bartholomew, Ryan Brueggemann and Tom Oberhaus.

Thank you to those members who were retiring from the board: Bob Bartholomew, Sam and Nicole Dempsey and Judy Porter for their many years of service to Waukesha County Farm Bureau.

WFBF Leadership Institute Class Update

By Pam Debele

Since our last newsletter, exciting things have happened for Institute Class XII.

Even though we took a break from sessions over the summer, we did not let the learning stop. Each participant was given an individualized advocacy assignment to promote agriculture in our communities. My assignment was to pitch a story to a non-agriculture media outlet.

In August, two Racine County 4-H members appeared on the television show, "Racine and Me" to talk about their 4-H experiences and their 4-H projects at the Wisconsin State Fair. We also made a short video about our agriculture story. To view, visit www.facebook.com/WIFarmBureau.

Our fourth session was held in September and the theme was government relations. We heard from the WFBF Governmental Relations staff and learned about crafting our message for legislators. This will be useful for Ag Day at the Capitol and our trip to Washington, D.C.

We prepared mock testimony on two current issues: taxing dyed fuels and limiting farm size. It was "the real deal" as we presented our testimonies in a committee hearing room of the Wisconsin State Capitol.

As I write this, our class is preparing for our final session at the Iowa Farm Bureau office in Des Moines where we will learn about Farm

Bureau in another state. Then we will write our final leadership development plans to put into action what we have learned in the past year. Our class experience will culminate at the WFBF Annual Meeting with our graduation.

While the next class has already been selected, it is never too early to start thinking about future applications to the WFBF Leadership Institute. The experience is immediately applicable to your life and your



Farm Bureau experience. You will not regret it. Again, thank you to Waukesha County Farm Bureau for their support of me in this program.





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