



Grassroots

District 7 News

District Young Farmer and Agriculturist Members Shine at the YFA Conference



Wes Raddatz
District 7 Coordinator

District 7 YFA members made a strong showing at the 2018 YFA Conference held November 30 through December 2 at the Kalahari Resorts in

Wisconsin Dells.

Several first-time attendees and a large group of returning participants got together at the District 7 meeting during the event to get to

know each other and plan district activities for the coming year.

Walter Taylor, Oconto County; Brittney Muenster, Outagamie County; and Jacob Hoewisch, Waupaca County; represented District 7 in the Discussion Meet.

Congratulations to Walter for making it into the semi-final round of competition.

The Collegiate Farm Bureau Discussion Meet final round was held at the conference as well. Congratulations to UW-River Falls collegiate member Jacob Timm from Oconto County for reaching that level of competition.

Kelly Oudenhoven, Outagamie County,

was one of the Final Four competitors in the Excellence in Ag competition.

Kelly and her husband Keith also are the new YFA Committee Representatives and have been selected as the Chair-Elects who will take over as the Committee Chairs next year.

Retiring YFA Committee Chair Brian Preder, Waupaca County, has done a great job with the committee this past year. He finished his three-year term on the committee but his leadership in Farm Bureau won't be ending there. He will be continuing his Farm Bureau leadership on the Waupaca County Farm Bureau board of directors.



2018 YFA Committee Chair Brian Preder, addressed the YFA Conference attendees.



UW-River Falls Collegiate Farm Bureau member Jacob Tim (left) made a point during the Collegiate Discussion Meet final round.



New District 7 YFA Committee Representatives Keith and Kelly Oudenhoven were interviewed by WFBF Director of Public Relations Sarah Hetke.



District 7 Young Farmer and Agriculturist members participated in the YFA Conference.



Brittney Muenster, Outagamie County, presented her closing statement during the quarter-final round of the YFA Discussion Meet.

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation Legacy



Adam Kuczer
WFBF District 7 Director

As I look back on 2018, I had the pleasure to work with many leaders in District 7; from a new president of a county Farm Bureau to the more experienced ones; from the WFBF YFA Committee Representative Brian Preder, to the next Representatives Kelly and Keith Oudenhoven, who will fill his shoes; and District 7 Promotion and Education Committee Representative Katelin Steege.

Also, a special thumbs up to the most recent

WFBF Leadership Institute graduates including: Heidi Pettis, Neal Christianson and Corey Kuchta, for taking a step out of their comfort zones and trying something new.

It has been an interesting policy year with lots of changes to our WFBF policy by clearly defining our positions on some of the issues and setting new courses on others.

This coming year, I challenge District 7 to be more engaged in Farm Bureau policy and I want to have some round-table policy development discussions, so you can share ideas district-wide.

As we embark into the new year, we have a new Farm Bill, and plenty of struggles in agricultural to overcome. It is time that we blaze a trail with our grassroots organization. The direction needs to be decided by you through

your county Farm Bureau.

This year, I encourage you to take advantage of the many opportunities that WFBF and AFBF have put together from the Leadership Boot Camp to the FUSION Conference to the Ag LEAD Summit. But most of all, tune up your voices and get ready for Ag Day at the Capitol.

To have the opportunity to talk with our legislators all in one day as farmers take over the Capitol. Tell your story about the struggles and innovative ideas that you've had in this difficult time for agriculture.

This year, as you continue to build your county Farm Bureau's legacy with your activities, remember to engage new members and pass this legacy on to the next up and coming generation.

Young Farmer and Agriculturist Report



Kelly Oudenhoven

District 7 YFA Committee Representative

Hello! My name is Kelly Oudenhoven and along with my husband Keith, we are excited to represent District 7 on the Young Farmer and Agriculturist Committee.

I am the herd manager on my husband's family's multi-generational dairy farm. Our milking herd consists of 450 Holsteins and we

manage 850 acres of land. Keith works off the farm full-time as a mechanical engineer at Pierce Manufacturing, however, he spends many nights and weekends helping on the farm and many vacation hours doing fieldwork.

We have started the transition process and we will become the fourth generation to run the farm. We have three children, Josephine (6), Jack (4) and Allison (3) along with our dog Barley.

I am very active in our local dairy promotions organization and had an active role in starting our county Fairest of the Fair program.

We enjoy gardening and sharing the fruits of our labor with family, friends and our employees along with a good campfire in the summer. In the little time we do get away from the farm, we enjoy camping, snowmobiling and the occasional trip up north.

I have been very active in Farm Bureau since becoming a member in 2013. I served as the Outagamie County Young Farmer and Agriculturist chair since 2013 and still serve as the co-chair.

We were very active and over the years, I signed up many new members. I intend to bring those same goals to the table on the District level and hope to increase membership as well as involvement.

We look forward to working with the District 7 Young Farmer and Agriculturist chairs.

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and wish you many blessings into the new year.



Happy New Year District 7



Katelin Steege

District 7 Promotion and Education Representative

The members of the Promotion and Education Committee are very excited about some upcoming events in 2019 that will basically be in our backyard.

First, is the Ag LEAD Summit, which will be held March 8-9 at the Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton. This is the first year for the summit and it will focus on leadership, engagement, advocacy and development with each area having its own track of breakout sessions.

The keynote speakers for the summit are Donna Moening with the Center for Food Integrity and Jay Hill, a New Mexico farmer, entrepreneur and agriculture advocate.

The Promotion and Education Committee is excited to help coordinate the event. Since it is being held in District 7 this year, I hope we have a great turnout with representation from all six counties.

The second event coming to Wisconsin in March is the 2019 American Farm Bureau FUSION Conference, which will be held in Milwaukee on March 15-18.

The FUSION Conference brings together members of Young Farmers and Ranchers, Women's Leadership and Promotion and Education from around the country. FUSION occurs every other year and this is the third time the conference is being held.

You do not need to be a member of the Young Farmers and Agriculturists or Promotion and Education Committees to attend.

For more information or to register, please visit wfbf.com.

Finally, 2019 will be my last year on the Promotion and Education Committee as my term will end with the conclusion of 2019 WFBF Annual Meeting.

I encourage anyone who is interested in serving on the committee to contact me, District 7 Board of Director Adam Kuczer or District 7 Coordinator Wes Raddatz with any questions.

Until then, please contact me if you need help with any programs for this upcoming year at 715.210.5384 or katelinsteege@gmail.com.

District 6 and 7 Young Farmer and Agriculturist Gamblers Hockey Event

Kelly Oudenhoven

District 7 YFA Representative

We will be going together with District 6 YFA to have a Green Bay Gamblers hockey game event at the Resch Center in Green Bay on Saturday, February 16. It is wiener dog race night.

Game time is 7:05 p.m. and we will be seated

in a block so that we can be together as a group.

Please contact your county YFA chair for details as some of the county Farm Bureaus may cover part of the cost for you to attend.

After the game, we will go to D2 Sports Pub, next door to the Resch Center, for some pizza and beverages.

I hope you will join us for the fun and make this year's event a big success.



Humor Corner

By Wes Raddatz, District 7 Coordinator

I went to the pet supply store the other day to get a bag of dog food. As I was checking out, I asked the clerk if I could get a senior discount. To this he replied, "How old is your dog?"



Bessie and Myrtle had been friends for many years. One day as they were visiting, Bessie said to Myrtle, "You have such soft looking, beautiful skin. How do you do it?"

"I take milk baths," Myrtle said blushing.

"Really?!" Bessie exclaimed, then asked, "Is it pasteurized?"

"Oh, no," Myrtle replied, pointing to her waist. "Just up to here."

A Slight Hiccup – Author unknown
Sally was in the kitchen
When she heard the telephone.
She ran real fast to answer
'Cause no one else was home.
"Honey? Bring the checkbook,
And Honey don't be mad.
I got the hiccups at the auction
And bought every cow they had."

Laughter is the best medicine ...

Ag LEAD summit

LEADERSHIP • ENGAGEMENT • ADVOCACY • DEVELOPMENT

Join us for the 2019 Ag LEAD Summit March 8-9, at the Red Lion Hotel Paper Valley in Appleton. At the Wisconsin Ag LEAD Summit, you will learn about tools, resources, new ideas and best practices when advocating for agriculture and conducting promotional events.

Keynote Speakers



Jay Hill



Donna Moenning

Agenda

Friday, March 8

- 9:30 a.m. Registration Open
- 10:30 a.m. Welcome and Keynote Speaker
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions
- 5:00 p.m. Reception
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner and Program
- 7:30 p.m. Entertainment - Spicy Tie Band

Saturday, March 9

- 9:00 a.m. Breakout Sessions
- 10:15 a.m. Brunch
- 11:00 a.m. Closing Keynote Speaker
- 12:15 p.m. Adjourn

Registration

Register: bit.ly/2019AgLEADSummit
Early bird deadline: January 25

A Message From the President ...

Tom Houdek

Langlade County Farm Bureau president

The delegates elected at the Langlade County Farm Bureau annual meeting last October traveled to Wisconsin Dells in early December to represent Langlade County Farm Bureau at the 99th WFBF Annual meeting.

Attending and voting on Farm Bureau policy for 2019 were Dick Bolen and Tom Houdek. Our local resolution concerning somatic cell

count limits on sheep milk was adopted without discussion; however, there was a long discussion on dairy policy.

This year's policy, which guides Farm Bureau's legislative agenda, can be viewed at wfbf.com.

An upcoming event: We have been notified that Langlade County Farm Bureau has been accepted to sell food as a fundraiser at Music in the Park on **August 1**. Please add this to your calendar.



Langlade County Farm Bureau delegate Richard Bolen addressed the delegate body at the WFBF Annual Meeting in December.

A Special Recognition Highlighted the Langlade County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

The 2018 Langlade County Farm Bureau annual meeting was held on October 10 at the Insight FS Fertilizer Plant Office in Antigo. There was an excellent turnout with 36 members and guests attending. The meeting started with a delicious chicken dinner provided by Insight FS and prepared at FS Fast Stop.

Rose Jansen was presented with a memorial plaque and check in recognition of her late husband, Jim Jansen's, distinguished service to Langlade County Farm Bureau.

Guest speakers were Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin regional program manager Beth Schaefer and Land Conservation Department administrator Molly McKay.

Elections were held for Langlade County

Farm Bureau directors. Directors elected were:

- Director at Large #3 (three-year term) Darlene Eckerman,
- Director at Large #4 (three-year term) Christy Sveda-Schreiber
- Director at Large #5 (three-year term) Mary Lynn Fronck
- Promotion and Education Committee chair (one-year term) Bev Brecklin
- Young Farmer and Agriculturist Committee chair (one-year term) Joe Markgraf

Elected as delegates to the WFBF Annual Meeting were: Dick Bolen and Tom Houdek.

Tom Houdek presented the resolutions from the Langlade County Farm Bureau Policy

Development meeting. The resolutions that passed were:

1. Dairy Sheep: Since dairy sheep, like goats, have different somatic cell count issues than dairy cows, we support establishing separate milk quality regulations.
2. We oppose using genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and misleading food labels as a marketing campaign.
3. We support labeling synthetic proteins as such, and not labeling it as natural protein, i.e., meat, beef, pork, chicken, etc., and the regulation of synthetic proteins should be done by USDA.



Land Conservation Department administrator Molly McKay talked about conservation programs available to farmers in Langlade County.



Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin regional program manager Beth Schaefer presented a summary of the latest milk marketing programs.



Rose Jansen received a memorial plaque and check in recognition of her late husband Jim Jansen's distinguished service to Langlade County Farm Bureau.

Farm Tours Planned at the Sveda Farm

By Christy Sveda-Schreiber, Ag in the Classroom coordinator

Hello, my fellow Farm Bureau members. I'm excited to give you an update on the farm tours we are putting together for this spring. The Antigo Independently Motivated Students class contacted us for a tour, as well as, the Pleasant View Elementary kindergarten class, requesting their annual tour.

We look forward to teaching the next generation about dairy farming. We are a family farm that works diligently to have exceptional animal care, which in turn allows us to put out quality milk.

Giving the students a little insight to our agriculture world is a great opportunity to have informed consumers in the future.

Thank you and I hope you had happy holidays.



Kids and cows got to know each other at the Sveda Farm tours.

Members Celebrate Success During Marinette County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

The Marinette County Farm Bureau annual meeting was held at Peppino's Restaurant in Peshtigo on October 9 with 31 members and guests attending.

Retiring board member Karl Stibbe was recognized for his service on the board. Ed Guseck was recognized for long-time service to Marinette County Farm Bureau.

The guest speaker was WFBF Chief Administrative Officer Dale Beaty, who had a travelogue about an FFA trip to Ireland he chaperoned.

Reports were given by Chuck McDaniel of Rural Mutual Insurance; WFBF Board member Adam Kuczer; and WFBF Promotion and Education Committee Representative Katelin Steege.

Marinette County Farm Bureau president Ryan Staidl conducted the meeting except Marinette County Farm Bureau Policy Development committee chair Corey Kuchta conducted the Policy Development session of the meeting. The resolutions that were adopted were:

1. We support labeling synthetic proteins as such, and not labeling it as natural proteins, i.e., meat, beef, pork, chicken, etc.
2. We support requiring all animal drawn vehicles to have a slow-moving vehicle sign, effective lighting, and reflective tape on public roads.
3. We support more distribution of state road funds to rural areas.

4. We support that the '840' tag ID system be required for all cattle and swine to determine their point of origin.
5. We support the Wisconsin DOT to run media ads promoting IOH road safety issues seasonally.
6. We oppose retailers limiting quantities or amounts of any given ag products being purchased at a regular price.

Directors elected for this year were: Emily Cudnohosky, Dan Klimek, Jerry Rogge, Monica Schwittay, Amanda Staidl, Ryan Staidl, Wayne Staidl, Trevor VanDrisse and Cindi Wautier.

Delegates elected to represent Marinette County Farm Bureau at the WFBF Annual Meeting were: Corey Kuchta and Wayne Staidl.



WFBF Chief Administrative Officer Dale Beaty told about an FFA trip to Ireland that he chaperoned.



Retiring board member Karl Stibbe was recognized for his service on the Marinette County Farm Bureau board.



Ed Guseck was recognized for his many years of service to Marinette County Farm Bureau.

Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest Announcement

By Cindi Wautier, Ag in the Classroom coordinator

There is an Ag in the Classroom essay contest for fourth and fifth grade students to participate in with some great prizes.

The essay contest topic is, 'Making it happen at the Farmers' Market.'

Essays need to be between 100 and 300 words and are due April 1. Three top winners will be selected at the county level and will receive \$25, \$15 and \$10, respectively.

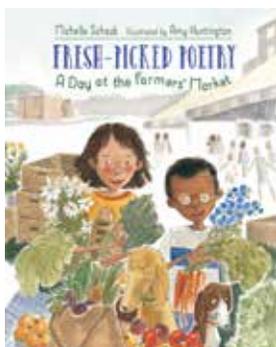
The first place winner will receive a pizza party for their entire class, and their essay will be sent on to compete in the statewide essay contest.

Individuals of the correct grade level are welcome to enter. It doesn't necessarily need to be an entire class project, though we hope it will be.

All Marinette County participants in the contest will receive a Culver's certificate for a free scoop of ice cream.

Please promote this contest to families with fourth and fifth grade students in Marinette County.

For more information, visit wisagclassroom.org or contact me at cindi.wautier@gmail.com.



Holiday Decor Project

By Cindi Wautier, Promotion and Education committee member

On November 8, Michele Jenquine, Pat Stibbe, Cindy Malke, Amanda Staidl, Katina Staidl, Mary Staidl and Cindi Wautier of the Promotion and Education committee made Christmas signs to de-stress after harvest season at Building Art and Soul LLC in Coleman.

The ladies worked diligently to create unique and beautiful works of art to adorn their homes. Joy filled their hearts this holiday season and they hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and happy New Year.



Members of the Promotion and Education committee took some time out to decorate for the holidays.

WFBF Leadership Institute Graduation

By Wes Raddatz, District 7 Coordinator



Corey Kuchta received a WFBF Leadership Institute graduation plaque from WFBF President Jim Holte.

Congratulations to Corey Kuchta on completing the WFBF Leadership Institute.

The WFBF Leadership Institute is a year-long, premier leadership training course with the mission to develop strong and effective county Farm Bureau leaders.

Those who participate in the WFBF Leadership Institute:

- Develop and refine follower and leader skills.
- Learn from experts, exchange ideas and gain confidence.
- Improve their communication and speaking skills.
- Learn how to craft an effective ag message and work with media.
- Develop friendships and find creative solutions to challenges through teamwork.
- Explore domestic and international agricultural issues.
- Join in the political process at the local, state and national levels.
- Create a written leadership plan for their personal development and the improvement of their county Farm Bureau.

Any voting member of Wisconsin Farm Bureau may submit an application to participate in the program.

Each class is limited to 15 participants. Classes are selected based on building a team learning environment.



Marinette County Farm Bureau delegate Corey Kuchta addressed the delegates during the policy development session.

Ag in the Classroom Book of the Year Distribution

By Cindi Wautier, Ag in the Classroom coordinator



Emily Cudnohosky (right) presented "Fresh-Picked Poetry" to the Coleman Elementary School librarian, Mrs. Wagner.

The Ag in the Classroom resource book of the year distribution is underway with the help of the Marinette County Farm Bureau board of directors. All elementary schools in Marinette County will receive a copy, compliments of the Marinette County Farm Bureau.

The book of the year is, "Fresh-Picked Poetry, A Day at the Farmers' Market," by Michelle Schaub. The books are being donated especially for use by fourth and fifth grade students to use as a resource for writing essays to enter the Ag in the Classroom essay contest that is open to fourth and fifth grade students in Marinette County.

Meet the Young Farmer and Agriculturist Co-Chairs

By Emily Cudnohosky and Trevor VanDrisse

Hello! I'm **Emily Cudnohosky**, and I am so excited to serve as a co-chair of the YFA this year. I'm a senior at Coleman High School with aspirations of attending Fox Valley Tech next fall to become an agricultural diesel mechanic.

Currently, I am the sentinel of my local FFA chapter and a member of the National Honor Society. I'm proud to call District 7 home, and I can't wait to see what lasting impact I can make with the Farm Bureau as we move forward.

This year, my goals for the Farm Bureau include getting more membership and membership involvement, informing the public about agriculture and what the Farm Bureau does, and creating fun and progressive activities for the YFA.

Hello, my name is **Trevor VanDrisse**, and I am happy to be serving alongside Emily Cudnohosky as co-chair of the YFA.

This year, is the second term I have served as the chair, and I wish to spur more development with our YFA this time around. I am a graduate of Madison Area Technical College where I earned an associate degree in diesel mechanics specifically aimed toward John Deere mechanics.

This year, my goals are to develop membership and spur leaders in the YFA, educate young farmers and provide resources to farmers and agriculturists in our market.



REGISTER NOW!

MARCH 15-18, 2019

The conference will bring together volunteers from Promotion and Education, Women's leadership and Young Farmers and Ranchers.



More information at <http://bit.ly/fbfusion19>

Farm Bureau Members Attend WFBF Annual Meeting

By Wes Raddatz, District 7 Coordinator

The WFBF annual meeting took place December 1-3. Representing Oconto County at the business meeting and policy development sessions were Ken Harter and Mark Alden.

Farm Bureau delegates adopted the policies that will guide the legislative agenda for the state's largest general farm organization in 2019.

Resolutions were submitted by delegates as part of a grassroots policy development process. For more than an hour, delegates held a robust dairy policy discussion regarding supply management. With much consideration and conversation, delegates adopted, "We are willing to consider a dairy supply management system."

The delegates were adamant that Farm Bureau should have a seat at the table to discuss all options for the dairy industry. Other adopted dairy policy included support for revising the federal Milk Marketing Order.

Delegates supported a differentiation between lab-grown meat and milk versus conventionally produced agriculture products.

They agreed that milk from mammals should

be the only product eligible to use standardized dairy labeling terms.

Farmers wanted clarity on federally-defined terms such as organic versus non-federally defined terms such as natural and GMO-free.

Delegates from the Wisconsin Farm Bureau's 61 county Farm Bureaus also voted to support:

- Requiring farm milk inspectors to provide consistent interpretations of regulations during inspections.
- Removing the wildlife damage payment cap.
- Better tracking and studying for relocated bear movement.
- The DNR to create subzones to better control overpopulated wildlife in small areas.
- Limiting use of the term blighted for productive farmland through eminent domain.
- Improving mental health resources for farmers.
- Transferring CAFO permitting from DNR to DACTP.
- More recycling of ag plastics.
- The right of farmers to be able to obtain



Mark Alden addressed the delegate body about Farm Bureau policy issues.

necessary software and equipment to maintain their equipment.

On the federal level, delegates supported:

- USDA to equip bear traps with electronic monitor systems.
- Standardization when it comes to food expiration terms, such as: sell by, best by, use by.

The federal resolutions will be forwarded to the American Farm Bureau Federation for consideration at its annual convention in January.

Discussing ... the YFA Conference

By Walter Taylor, YFA chair

The YFA Conference convened on November 30-December 2, at the Kalahari Resorts in Wisconsin Dells.

I'm the agricultural educator at Oconto Falls High School and I participated in the Discussion Meet, advancing to the semi-finals.

"I feel that after disseminating the resolutions and action plans from our discussion rounds, we truly can progress and impact the future of agriculture through engagement in Farm Bureau initiatives."

During the semi-finals, I urged the panel to hold each other accountable for carrying out the action plan in each other's respective county organizations.

"In preparation for next year, it is my goal to increase involvement in this conference from Oconto County Young Farmers and Agriculturalist; please consider attending in 2019. You will feel reinvigorated, refreshed and empowered as you return to the great work you are doing each and every day."



Walter Taylor presented his closing statement in the semi-final round of the YFA Discussion Meet.



Semi-finalists (from left): Kallie Jo Kastenson, Kelly Wilfert, Walter Taylor and Nate Zimdars prepared final statements during the YFA Discussion Meet. The topic was: Associate members are a driver of new ideas and support. How do we create membership value and broaden the base of supporters in the Farm Bureau family?

Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest Update

By Kayla Zahn, Ag in the Classroom coordinator

The Ag in the Classroom essay contest is for fourth and fifth grade students. The essay contest topic is, 'Making it happen at the Farmers' Market,' which is aligned with the new Ag in the Classroom Book of the Year, "Fresh-Picked Poetry, A Day at the Farmer's Market" by Michelle Schaub.

Essays need to be between 100- and 300-words.

For more information, visit wisagclassroom.org or contact kayla.steffel10@gmail.com.

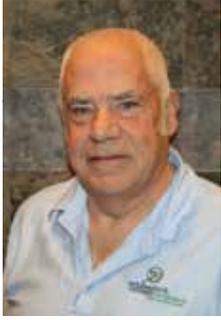
The essays are due to me by **April 1**. The county winner will be sent in to compete in the state contest.

Individuals of the correct grade level are welcome to enter, so if you are a 4-H member, Cub Scout or Girl Scout leader, your fourth or fifth grade students are welcome to participate. It doesn't necessarily need to be an entire class or group project, but I would certainly like it to be.



Kayla Zahn handed out cow pencils to some past essay contest participants.

A Message from the President ...



Mike Salter
Outagamie County Farm
Bureau president

Three other delegates from the county and I were present at the 99th WFBF Annual Meeting last month.

There were many educational breakout sessions. I went to one about hemp production and processing. It was very interesting and

attended by many people.

The resolution part of the meeting had two resolutions in the dairy section that were a bit controversial and took a bit longer to deal with than is normal, one was on supply management and the other was on the labeling of Wisconsin cheese.

The resolution was that any cheese labeled 'Wisconsin' would require the milk to be produced in Wisconsin. The question on this was controlling milk that comes from farms on the boundaries, how do you handle and keep

track of it?

WFBF will now 'consider' a dairy supply management program, but the milk handling one failed.

One of Farm Bureau's important goals is to keep an eye on our government and we have Ag Day at the Capitol coming up on March 20.

With our new governor coming in we will have a new Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, a new state veterinarian and a new attorney general. This could have some effect on farming.

Outagamie County Farm Bureau Hosts Successful Annual Meeting

On October 11, Outagamie County Farm Bureau president Mike Salter, convened the Outagamie County Farm Bureau annual meeting at the River Rail Restaurant in Shiocton with 48 members in attendance.

The members present elected members to the board of directors, elected delegates to represent Outagamie County Farm Bureau at the WFBF Annual Meeting and approved resolutions to propose to the Wisconsin Farm Bureau policy.

- Directors elected to two-year terms from District 2 were: Harvey Albert III, Mike Salter and Darrin Stingle.
- Directors elected to two-year terms from

District 4 were: Bob Fox, Marvin Fox and Bernie Vander Heiden.

- Elected to a two-year term as a director at large was Dan Knutzen.
- Elected as Promotion and Education committee chair was Katelin Steege.
- Elected as Young Farmer and Agriculturist committee co-chairs were Bret Long and Kelly Oudenhoven.
- Delegates elected were: Bob Fox, Dan Knutzen, Mike Salter and Bernie Vander Heiden. Darrin Stingle and Katelin Steege were elected as alternates.

The only resolution that passed was, "We support labeling synthetic proteins as such, and not labeling it as natural protein, i.e., meat, beef, pork, chicken, etc., and the regulation of synthetic proteins should be done by USDA."

Reports were presented by the Outagamie County Farm Bureau committee chairs about the many promotional, educational and social events that took place this past year.

Rural Mutual Insurance District Manager Chuck McDaniel told about Rural Insurance's strong relationship with Farm Bureau and solid position in the market place.



Outagamie County Farm Bureau president Mike Salter recognized 25-year membership anniversary members (from left): Jim Simon, Darrin Stingle and Randy Tenpas.



Rural Insurance Agency Manger Chuck McDaniel talked about Rural's new policies and programs and highlighted Rural's Farm Bureau and community support.



Rural Health Initiative nurses Dawn Dingeldein and Alissa Mueller demonstrated how to manage serving size for healthy meals.



Leopold Conservation Award winner Dan Brick talked about the farming practices he uses to manage nutrients and prevent soil erosion.

A Successful Cream Puff Fundraiser

By Bernie Vander Heiden



This is the largest fundraiser the county has every year and it was held on September 29, which was a cold and windy day on College Avenue in Appleton.

Because of the cold, the Octoberfest crowds thinned out a bit earlier than usual, so the sale of cream puffs was down, and we did not quite sell them all, but coffee sales were way up, so we still showed a profit of over \$2,400 for the one-day event.

The money will help support the Adventures in Dairyland program, 4-H, FFA and the Young Farmer and Agriculturist program here in Outagamie County.

Linda and I would again like to thank everyone who helped with the booth setup at 6 a.m., selling and preparing cream puffs and coffee and taking down the booth at the end of the day.



The cream puff production line.



Bernie Vander Heiden served a cream puff to one of the many customers.



Coffee was a 'hot' seller on a chilly day.



The day was chilly, but the lines were long to get Farm Bureau cream puffs.

Adventures in Dairyland Program Update

By Kelly Oudenhoven

The Outagamie County Farm Bureau is proud of our continued partnership in the Adventures in Dairyland Program. This year, we will take on more responsibility because UW-Extension cannot allocate as much.

The Outagamie Farm Bureau board feels this is a very important opportunity for young people to learn about how their food gets to their table. We will work with UW-Extension and the Outagamie Dairy Promotions to help the Adventures in Dairyland program continue



Pages from the Adventures in Dairyland booklet.

to thrive and grow.

Adventures in Dairyland is a six-week course for fourth grade students in Outagamie County that teaches the students about the dairy industry from the animals to the farm and the food we enjoy. It is an in-classroom program that also includes a field trip to an active dairy farm. Last year, there were 27 schools, 17 volunteer instructors, 11 host farms and 1,725 students that participated in the program.

The Adventures in Dairyland Program was started in 1982 by Outagamie Extension agent Jeanne Baum and Winnebago Extension agent

Jim Barthel and has run every year since. In 2015, the Outagamie County Dairy Promotions and the Outagamie County Farm Bureau organized a partnership with the Outagamie UW-Extension to help with the program.

With the partnership, we were able to update the original handouts from the original format to a glossy paper, full-color eye catching booklet. We also updated the material and started to integrate some materials from Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom into the program. We implemented a steering committee to help us set goals and for input and hope to increase the number of students reached every year.

If you are willing to be an instructor or help in other ways, please contact me at 920.378.4744 or kelly.oudenhoven@gmail.com.

Shawano County

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A Message from the President ...

Neil Christianson

Shawano County Farm Bureau president

Happy new year!

Another successful year has gone by and what a busy year it was for Shawano County Farm Bureau. We had another outstanding annual meeting in October at The Gathering in Shawano with 75 in attendance.

Some of the accomplishments were:

- Sponsored six, \$500 scholarships for students continuing their education post high school.
- Sent FFA students to the Farm forum in Wisconsin Rapids.
- Donated cheese curds to local high schools for chem-free graduation parties.

- Sold ice cream and ice cream floats with the Little Red Barn at the second annual SunDrop Dayz in June.
- Brunch 2018 at Wagner Farms was a huge success.
- Donated \$500 for brunch tickets to the local Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the Boys and Girls Clubs.
- Donated string cheese for the Bike the Barn Quilts event the last week of September.
- Donated two \$50 scholarships for 4-H members.
- Donated \$1,000 towards a new exhaust fan in the dairy barn at the fairgrounds.



Shawano County Farm Bureau president Neil Christianson (left) recognized 50-year anniversary member, Marlyn Teetzen at the county annual meeting.

I thank each of you for your participation and I look forward to an even better year ahead.

Now it's time to pick on my Norwegian heritage ... Ole had the misfortune of having his car stolen from right in front of his house. He

chased the escaping car thief for three blocks until he ran out of breath. Upon reporting the theft to the police, the officer asked Ole if he could identify the thief.

"No," said Ole, "but I got the license number."

A Message from the President, continued



Shawano County Farm Bureau annual meeting guest speaker freelance photographer Jim Luenberger showed some of his photographs and told stories.



During the Shawano County Farm Bureau annual meeting, Rural Health Initiative nurse Dawn Dingeldein gave a presentation explaining the Rural Health Initiative program and promoted maintaining healthy weight.



At the Shawano County Farm Bureau annual meeting, Rural Mutual District Manager Chuck McDaniel promoted Rural's Farm Bureau and community support.



Ashley Madson from Insight FS talked about the products and services FS provides for area farmers.



Assemblyman Gary Tauchen gave an update to members of what was going on at the Capitol in Madison.



At the December meeting, members of the Shawano County Farm Bureau women's committee collected items to donate to the Shawano Sam 25 homeless shelter.



Neil Christianson received his WFBF Leadership Institute graduation plaque from WFBF President Jim Holte during the awards ceremony at the WFBF Annual Meeting.



Shawano County Farm Bureau delegate Kristi Fiedler addressed the delegate body at the WFBF Annual Meeting to give information during the policy development part of the business meeting.

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Happy New Year From Young Farmers and Agriculturists

By Jake Hoewisch, YFA chair



Jake Hoewisch participated in the quarter-final round of the YFA Discussion Meet.

It's hard to believe another year has passed. It was a year of challenging weather and commodity prices. It's times like these that shape and make our industry strong.

November 30 to December 3 was the 2018 YFA Conference and WFBF Annual Meeting. My wife, daughter and I attended all three days. The YFA Conference kicked off with dinner then district meetings.

There were many new faces in the District 7 meeting. Jennifer and I solely represented Waupaca County. Once the district meeting wrapped up, we had a Vegas-themed casino night and were handed fake money to gamble with. This was a new experience for me. I am used to gambling every day at home with my own money (farming).

Saturday morning started with the Discussion Meet. I participated in two rounds. The topics were randomly picked from five possible questions. The question for the first round was:

In our modern world, the rapid dissemination of information and opinion about agriculture and food technologies can make it difficult to distinguish fact from fiction. Given these challenges how can Farm Bureau best protect farmers' and ranchers' access to production technology options?

The second round question was: As a voice of agriculture, how can Farm Bureau be more inclusive of all agriculture and production practices? This includes but not limited to, women in agriculture, organic production, fresh produce, forestry and aquaculture.

After Saturday's brunch, we listened to Mark Lindquist. He had a very moving story about his life and reminded us that if we believe we can do something that we are passionate about, it will become a possibility. Mark assured us that he would someday sing the National Anthem at the Super Bowl. Saturday afternoon was filled with educational workshops and learning labs.

C. Willi Myles entertained us after dinner with some clean comedy about the Midwest weather. He was very funny. I haven't laughed that hard about the weather in a long time.

On Sunday morning, Kelly Wilfert from Manitowoc County went on to win the Discussion Meet. After brunch the remaining awards were handed out. The keynote speaker,

Paul Mobley, shared his story about the farmers he met while traveling across the country photographing and interviewing them. That concluded the YFA portion of the weekend.

On Monday, I served as a delegate during the resolution and business meeting. I found it to be another good experience. Overall the YFA Conference and WFBF Annual Meeting was a great success. Thank you to the sponsors and staff for their donations and hard work.

YFA event planned for February 28

The YFA will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 28, at New London Lanes for a night of bowling, food and fun. Waupaca County and Outagamie County YFAs will host the event.

For more information or questions, please contact me at 920.810.5640 (call or text). I hope you had a joyful Christmas and have a blessed new year.



Waupaca County Farm Bureau president Wayne Steingraber proposed a dairy policy amendment to the delegate body.

Thank You Jim and Mary Grant

By Wayne Steingraber, Waupaca County Farm Bureau president

Jim said, and I will use his own words, "I don't deserve this award because I have gotten more out of Farm Bureau than I ever put in."

I love this guy. He makes my job of writing this, so easy. You see Jim doesn't ... have ... a clue.

Actually, Jim has done so much for Farm Bureau and his community that I don't have the time to write it all down, so I will just touch on some of the highlights.

We'll go back to when Jim was in his 20s. He was elected not once, not twice, but he was elected to five terms as town clerk. He served 10 years as clerk.

The first year he was elected he attended a training meeting put on by the Wisconsin Towns Association. There he learned the ins and outs of being a town clerk. They told him of a new machine, technology so advanced it would make his life so much easier as clerk.

They told him he needed to go back to his town board and convince them to purchase it for him. He could see it was a good idea, and he was sure it would make his life easier. But he wasn't sure if the board would go along with it, because this 'box' had a price tag of \$500.

It was worth a try, so at the next town board meeting he made his presentation. To his amazement they agreed with him. Jim was one of the first people in the area to use this new technology called ... a CALCULATOR.

Jim served many years as trustee at his church and learned about church politics. As his kids were growing up, he served as dairy leader for the local 4-H club. He served on the board as president of the FS Coop in Amherst.

He served as delegate for many years on Consolidated Badger Cooperative, Morning Glory Farms and Foremost Farms.

48 years ago, a neighbor asked him to join the Portage County Farm Bureau. He joined but was never really active because they held their meetings, "way over there."

Then one day, a neighbor and friend, Dick

Piechowski, asked him if he would be interested in jumping the boarder and becoming part of the Waupaca County Farm Bureau family. Jim eagerly agreed and was soon elected to our board of directors.

Jim served for 13 years as president, and then as secretary/treasurer for many years. He was our greeter at our Waupaca County Farm Bureau annual meeting. He served as a delegate representing Waupaca County at the WFBF Annual Meeting for many years.

My wife commented the first time she met him was at a beef promotion they worked on together in Waupaca. Jim commented, "Oh yeah, I forgot about that." That doesn't surprise me; I told you the man doesn't have a clue.

Jim even became a 'Barista.' He is our sandwich barista at our food stand. Jim puts together sandwiches and fills orders. He even tries out some new creations.



One year as Jim was filling orders, one came back. They said, "Jim you forgot something." He looked puzzled as he unwrapped the sandwich. There before



Waupaca County Farm Bureau president Wayne Steingraber presented the Distinguished Service to Waupaca County Farm Bureau Award to Jim and Mary Grant.

him was a bun, onions, but no burger. Jim looked up and said, "What? They don't like my new vegan burger? That's one 'no' vote for the vegan burger."

This happened several times the last few years, so I am beginning to think he may be doing it on purpose to try and get fired. Sorry Jim, it's like the mafia and you know too much.

And then there is Mary. We haven't forgotten about you. We need to say thank you to you for all the sacrifices you made over the years. You stayed home and took care of the kids, raised the family, held down the fort, so Jim could do all the things he did for us. Because for Jim, "It's just what you do."

So, you see Jim really doesn't have a clue. He doesn't have a clue, as to how many lives he has touched over the years of service he has provided to his church, his family, his community, to agriculture and to us here in Farm Bureau.

Jim, I have to agree with you. You don't deserve this award. You deserve so much more. But all we have to offer you is our thanks, a good meal and a framed piece of paper.

I am honored to present Jim and Mary with this year's Waupaca County Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award.

Meet New Board Member Kyle Much



Kyle Much is a crop consultant for Knutzen Crop Consulting, where he started as an intern and has worked full-time for six years.

Originally from New London, Kyle attended UW-River Falls where he earned his bachelor's degree in crops and soil science.

Kyle first got involved in Farm Bureau through friends and attended

the WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference as a sponsored new attendee.

He has since participated in the Discussion Meet, volunteered at the Waupaca County Fair food stand and will serve on the board.

In his extra time, Kyle can usually be found on a nearby farm providing a helping hand. He also serves the industry as president of the Outagamie County Forage Council and serves his community as a hand bell ringer, board leader and coordinating council member at Emanuel Lutheran Church in New London.

He resides in Larsen with his wife Katie.



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