

Walworth County Farm Bureau

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NEWS

FEBRUARY 2019

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Brrrrr What a cold start to the year!

As we head into 2019 we have a vision of better prices for commodities, and weather that will allow spring planting and crops to grow for the best season ever.

Please help me to welcome two new Board of Directors; Rick Bottlemy who lives in the Delavan area and Nikki Peterson who will be serving as our Young Farmer Chair.

In the county we have several new events happening. Nikki Peterson has planned a bowling party in March. In April, our Safety Committee, with the UW-Extension will be holding a training session for all the firefighters, policeman, and EMTs in the county to learn about emergencies on the farm and how to handle them.

Ag Day at the Capital will be March 20, if you would like to attend please contact Kathy at the Farm Bureau by March 12. It could be very interesting with a new Governor in office. It is always a note-worthy event to attend and to hear the speakers that the WFBF have arranged.

Please have a safe rest of the winter and hoping that we will all be into the planting season soon!

President
Terry Papcke

2019 Walworth County Farm Bureau Scholarships

WCFB awards three scholarships each year to high school seniors and post-grad students who are entering into an agricultural field, and are active in either 4-H or FFA.

\$500 Byron G. Palmer Scholarship
\$500 Duane Leseberg Farm Bureau Scholarship
\$500 Walworth County Farm Bureau Scholarship

For applications please contact the WC Farm Bureau Office
(262) 723-2613 or email wcfb@tds.net

Applications must be received by the Walworth County Farm Bureau by April 19, 2019.



Calendar of Events

March 1
Young Farmer
Bowling Party

March 20
Ag Day at the Capital

APRIL 1
Meet and Greet
with our Local Legislators

April 1
Safety Training Program

APRIL 19
Scholarship Deadline

JUNE 15
43rd Dairy Breakfast
Host: Sugar Creek Dairy

JULY 11-14
Rib Fest

JULY 24
Brewers Game
(Cincinnati Reds)

AUGUST 28 – SEPTEMBER 2
Ice Cream Tent at
the County Fair

SEPTEMBER 25
Walworth County Farm
Bureau Annual Meeting

2018 OUTSTANDING 4-H AWARD WINNERS



Lilly Cauffman, Nicole Plenty

Walworth County Farm Bureau awards two outstanding 4-H awards to 4-H members who are high school seniors. 4-H Members who show how involved they are through their projects, club leadership, and community service. Sponsored by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation and We Energies. Each year the Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom program hosts an essay contest revolving around food and agriculture, open to Wisconsin 4th and 5th grade students. This year's essay topic: "Inventions that have made agriculture great."

2018 WISCONSIN 4-H KEY AWARD WINNERS



Courtney Boss, Amanda Harder, Sarah Haacker

The Wisconsin 4-H Key Award Program recognizes a select group of 4-H participants who have demonstrated consistent growth in their 4-H involvement, developed and applied their leadership skills and actively participated in the functions of their 4-H club and community. To be eligible, candidates for this award must have passed their 14th birthday on January 1 of the year in which the recognition is given, and must have completed at least three years of 4-H and one year of youth leadership.

2018 was the 44th year in which the 4-H Key Awards are being sponsored by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation, including its partners Rural Mutual Insurance Company, GROWMARK, and Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company.

MEET & GREET YOUR STATE LEGISLATORS

Hosted by Walworth County Farm Bureau
April 1, 2019 1:00 – 3:00

Rick and Marleen Adams Dairy Farm
 County Rd. O, Elkhorn

Join us to discuss agriculture and how we can work together.

Refreshments will be served.

For more information please contact
 Walworth County Farm Bureau office
 262 723-2613 | or email wcfb@tds.net

JIM VERSWEYVELD

Jim Versweyveld joined UW-Extension as the Walworth County Agriculture Educator, on November 5, 2018. A Walworth County resident and Farm Bureau member, Jim holds a Bachelors in Animal Science from Cornell University and a Masters in Occupational Safety from UW-Whitewater. In addition to his dairy and farm management background, he has experience in agribusiness leadership, safety program development, and human resources management.



Jim is pleased to announce upcoming programs offered through UW-Extension for local producers. On February 6, at the Gateway Tech campus in Burlington, Extension will offer an informational meeting on the Dairy Revenue Protection Program. This is a free event from 10 AM – Noon. On February 7, Pesticide Applicator Training & Certification will be offered at the County Government Center in Elkhorn, beginning at 9:00 AM. In early spring (date TBD), a Farm Succession Workshop is planned. More details to come. The week of June 17th, Youth Tractor & Machinery Safety will be held at Burlington High School, for youth ages 12-16.

For more information on these programs, contact the UW-Extension Walworth County Ag office at 262-741-4962 or email james.versweyveld@ces.uwex.edu.

July 24, 2019



Brewers -vs- the Cincinnati Reds
 10:30 am Meet at Farm Bureau to ride on the bus
 10:45am Bus leaves for game
 1:00 pm Game Time

7:00 pm Bus arrives back at the Farm Bureau Office

After the game the bus stops at the Pizza Ranch.
 (this is on your own)

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS TODAY (262) 723-2613

PREPARING FOR FARM EMERGENCIES FARM SAFETY PROGRAM

Hosted by the Walworth County
Farm Bureau & UW Extension –
Walworth County

Monday, April 1, 2019
7:00pm – 9:00pm

Pearce's Farm
W5740 N. Walworth Rd
Walworth

for
WCFB Members
Walworth County EMT's,
Firemen, Police

When farm incidents occur,
they are often very serious
and require special skills
and teamwork among the
responders on the scene.

This on-farm training
provides an opportunity
to learn how to anticipate
agricultural emergencies.

43RD WALWORTH COUNTY DAIRY BREAKFAST

June 15, 2019



**Breakfast being
held at
the WC Fair Grounds**

Hosted by
Sugar Creek Dairy

SAVE THE DATE



**Wednesday, March 20, 2019 | 11:00 am Registration | Monona Terrace
Convention Center | Madison**

Wisconsin Farmers and Agriculturists are invited to learn more about
state issues affecting agriculture and meet with state legislators

Sponsored by:

Rural Mutual Insurance Company | GROWMARK, Inc | Wisconsin Farm Bureau

As a member if you are interested in attending please contact Kathy
at the Walworth County Farm Bureau Office to make reservations (262) 723-2613

ESSAY CONTEST - FARMERS MARKET THEME

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.

This year's essay theme is broad and will allow students to consider writing about a wide variety
of farmers market topics. Here a few suggestions to get your 4th and 5th grade students or
child(ren) started.

- ❖ How farmers raise the products sold at the farmers' markets.
- ❖ Focusing on the different products you can find at the farmers' markets.
- ❖ How are farmers' markets organized and what needs to be done by the
vendors, promoters and customers?
- ❖ What else happens at or during the market? Is there entertainment?
Educational events?
- ❖ What else, besides vegetables and fruit, might you find at a farmers' market?
- ❖ Interview producers who sell at farmers' markets and tell their story! How did they decide to
sell that way? What type of farm do they have?

1. Essay contest is open to 4th and 5th grade students in public schools, private schools and
home school programs.
2. Students involved in 4-H, PALS and after school programs are also encouraged to participate.
3. Essays must be handwritten in ink or be computer generated, single-sided and fit on one sheet
of paper. The essay must be between 100 to 300 words in length.
4. Essay will be judged on content (50 points), grammar and spelling (25 points) and originality
and creativity (25 points).
5. Essay entry deadline must be postmarked by April 1, 2019 to Kathy Papcke. Mail to the WCFB
office 119 S. Broad Street, Elkhorn, WI 53121 or email to wcfb@tds.net
6. Each county will have one winner that will move on to the district contest.

Among the county winners the District 1 promotion and education chair will select one district
winner that will be forwarded to the state contest. Each district winner will receive a presentation
from Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom in May 2019. The state winner that is selected will also receive a
special presentation and award.

YOUNGER FARMER BOWLING PARTY

Come and join the fun!

Sponsored by the Walworth County Farm Bureau

Friday, March 1, 2019

Delavan Lanes — 7:00pm

Three Games, Shoes (unless you have your own!)

Pizza, Snacks, Two Drink Tickets for soda or beer

Mixed Drinks – Cash Bar

\$10.00 Adults & Children (Farm Bureau Members)

\$20.00 Adults & Children (Non-Farm Bureau Members)

RSVP by February 26 • (262) 723-2613 or wcfb@tds.net



Dave Daniels
District 1 Director,
Wisconsin Farm Bureau

New Year, New Beginnings, Big Celebrations

2018 proved to be a challenge and I know that I'm not alone when I say that I'm happy the new year is here!

As farmers and agriculturists, we understand how important it is to lean on our friends and family as we go through the ups and downs of farming. In 2018 we had challenges that were out of our control. We can't control trade or weather. The US Department of Agriculture is trying their best to help but as we have heard from many, we want trade not aid. We applaud the government that we did get a new Farm Bill to close out 2018. The Farm Bill has more risk management tools for almost all commodities; it will take some time for us to negotiate the changes in crop insurance, dairy and other insurance products.

Instead of dwelling on the past year, let's look toward 2019. It's a fresh start for us. I'm writing this article from the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) Annual Meeting in New Orleans. The temperatures in the 50's and 60's feel pretty good compared to the weather in Wisconsin; however, they did have frost warnings out for areas just north of where we are staying. This year's AFBF Annual Meeting is the 100th centennial celebration, similar to Wisconsin Farm Bureau celebrating their centennial later this year. There are about 6,000 attendees at this year's Annual Meeting with numerous breakout sessions or workshops that cover a variety of topics including trade, markets, new technology, member engagement, consumer engagement, farm stress and many more.

As we look ahead to the coming months and 2019, we hope you will join us at some of the district and state events. The events planned will help you grow as an individual, expand your farm bureau involvement and will provide you will many networking opportunities. More information about any of the below events can be found online at wfbf.com.

- Ag Lead Summit in Appleton ~ March 8-9
- AFBF Fusion Conference in Milwaukee ~ March 15-18
- Ag Day at the Capitol in Madison ~ March 20
- District 1 Policy Development Meeting ~ June 25

We are getting prepared for Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation's 100th centennial celebration and hope that you will join in the celebration throughout the year. 2019 is here, make it a great year for you and your family!

Patti Roden
District 1 Coordinator,
Wisconsin Farm Bureau



History in the Making

As the Wisconsin Farm Bureau makes plans for the centennial celebration at this year's Wisconsin Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in December, it's important for us to take time to reflect on the past, where we have been and where we are going. In this newsletter I want to take some time to reflect on the history of Wisconsin Farm Bureau.

In the very first year of Farm Bureau, there were about 2,000 families with membership dues \$2.50. In November 1921, several women from Waukesha County formed the Farm Bureau Ladies Auxiliary Post #1.

In 1948, the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation ensured its future by creating the Farm Bureau Young People Program, dedicated to teaching rural youth better farming methods, citizenship and leadership.

Reflecting on the past, you may wonder how old your county farm bureau is. Here is a listing of the county Farm Bureau's in District 1 and the years they were established, from oldest to youngest.

- Waukesha County established in 1919, celebrating their 100th year
- Jefferson County established in 1920, celebrating their 99th year
- Walworth County established in 1920, celebrating their 99th year
- Kenosha County established in 1921, celebrating their 98th year
- Racine County established in 1921, celebrating their 98th year
- Milwaukee County established in 1928, celebrating their 91st year
- Washington County established in 1943, celebrating their 76th year
- Ozaukee County established in 1945, celebrating their 74th year

Thank you for being a member of your county Farm Bureau, the Wisconsin Farm Bureau and American Farm Bureau. Stay tuned as we continue to make plans to celebrate Wisconsin Farm Bureau's 100th Anniversary!