



Grassroots

District 2 News

Young Farmer and Agriculturist Conference: Casino Night, Contests and More

By Emily Johnson, District YFA Representative

District 2 had great attendance again this year at the YFA Conference at the Kalahari Resorts. We kicked things off on Friday evening with dinner and a district breakout session. We played a get-to-know-you game and came up with some ideas for YFA events. The evening concluded with socializing and Casino night.

On Saturday, Ben Huber (Green County) competed in the Excellence in Ag contest by sharing his presentation. Erin Marchant (Rock

County), Josh Schenk (Green County) and Julie Sweney (Dodge County) competed in the YFA Discussion Meet with Julie making it to the final four. Thank you and congratulations on your participation.

Saturday brunch featured entertainer Mark Lindquist who gave an enthusiastic and encouraging talk on following your goals and dreams. On Saturday afternoon, YFA members attended a number of personal, professional and

farm development breakout sessions.

Sunday concluded the YFA Conference and there was hardly a dry eye in the room as Paul Mobley showed us the pictures and told us of the farmers he met from across America.

Add the 2019 YFA Conference dates to your calendar: December 6-8, 2019. If you are interested in participating in the contests or attending the conference, please contact me at ejohnson@ub-t.com.



1. Alison Kepner was presented with a plaque from WFBF President Jim Holte for her years of service to the WFBF YFA Committee, serving as the District 2 YFA Representative for the past three years.
2. Ben Huber, Green County Farm Bureau, shared his presentation as an Excellence in Ag finalist.
3. District 2 was well represented in the YFA Discussion Meet. Julie Sweney (far right) from Dodge County made the final four for the third consecutive year.
4. Emily Johnson, newly appointed District 2 YFA Representative, led a breakout session, Get the Most from Your Membership.
5. During the district meeting, Emily Johnson (far left) and Alison Kepner (far right) presented awards to Ben Huber for representing District 2 in the Excellence in Ag contest and Erin Marchant for participating in the Discussion Meet.
6. Josh Schenk (left) from Green County participated in the Discussion Meet.
7. YFA members enjoyed an ice breaker game during the district meeting. Members put one shoe in the middle of the room, picked up a random shoe and had to find its owner to introduce him or herself to.
8. Keynote speaker Mark Lindquist shared the eight steps to re-ignite your passion.

8 Steps to Reignite Your Passion

1. Try a bunch of stuff.
2. Find out what you like.
3. Find your strength zone.
4. Ask yourself if you're passionate about it.
5. Don't stop until you find your passion.
6. Lean-in to your passion.
7. Take the money and run.
8. Everything is possible.

Accomplishments at the 99th WFBF Annual Meeting



1. WFBF President Jim Holte posed for a photo with Don and Beverly Meyer. Don Meyer, Sauk County Farm Bureau past Ag in the Classroom chair, received the highest award WFBF bestows on its members. He was presented the WFBF's Distinguished Service to Farm Bureau award during the WFBF Annual Meeting in Wisconsin Dells on December 2. 2. Green County Farm Bureau was recognized with a County Activities of Excellence award for their Rural Safety Day event. Fifth grade students across Green County participated in this one-day event highlighting stations to learn about safety in rural areas. 3. Eunice Yanke (Sauk County) walked the red carpet during the Farm Bureau Proud banquet for signing at least five new Farm Bureau members. 4. Paul Mobley shared his entertaining adventures traveling across America to photograph hundreds of farmers and ranchers. 5. Dane County Farm Bureau was recognized with a County Activities of Excellence award for their Farm Safety Day event for Dane County first responders, giving them a hands-on farm experience and training. Sam Skemp helped share their event during the trade show. 6. Becky Wellnitz (Rock County) was recognized as one of the top membership workers in the state at the WFBF Annual Meeting awards banquet. In addition, Mike Duerst (Dane County) and Robert Schwandt (Dodge County) also were recognized as top membership workers from District 2. 7. Andrea Brossard was elected as WFBF Promotion and Education Committee Chair at the WFBF Annual Meeting. In addition, she has been appointed by the American Farm Bureau Federation to its Promotion and Education Committee for the 2019-2021 term beginning in March. 8. Farm Bureau members from 61 county Farm Bureaus gathered on December 3 to set Farm Bureau policy. Delegates are welcome to voice their support or opposition to proposed resolutions during this session. 9. District 2 Farm Bureau members enjoyed the Farm Bureau Proud banquet, (from left): Stephanie and Ben Huber (Green County), Dustin and Aimee Williams (Green County) and Mike and Shirley Duerst (Dane County).

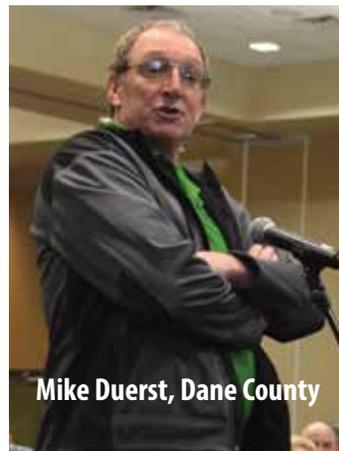


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WFBF Annual Meeting, continued



Farm Bureau members from 61 county Farm Bureaus voiced their support or opposition during the resolutions session at the WFBF Annual Meeting on December 3 at the Kalahari Resorts in Wisconsin Dells. **1.** Dane County Farm Bureau delegates included, front row (from left): Kevin Connors, Jerry Jensen, Tom Jelinek and Dennis Jesberger; back row (from left): Nicole Hibbard, Chuck Ripp, Sam Skemp, Jerry Derr, James Haack, Keith Engel and Mike Duerst. **2.** Green County Farm Bureau delegates included, front row (from left): Josh Schenk, Carmen Montgomery and Dustin Williams; back row (from left): Jerry Daniels, Ben Huber and Scott Timm. **3.** Rock County Farm Bureau delegates included, front row (from left): Emily Johnson, Jill Uhe and Steve Earleywine; back row (from left): Doug Rebout, Logan Frei and Jacob Bobolz. **4.** Sauk County Farm Bureau delegates included, front row (from left): Craig Sandmire and Eunice Yanke; back row (from left): Peter Giese, Mike Turner, Galen Alwin, Karen Reisigner and Jamie Haag.



Director Report



Arch Morton Jr.
WFBF District 2 Director

Hello again fellow Farm Bureau members. I hope you are having a nice Wisconsin winter.

It was great to see many of you at our WFBF Annual Meeting

and YFA Conference.

I want to thank the staff for doing an awesome job of planning and carrying out this fantastic event. Congratulations on a job well done.

District 2 was well represented by many of

you. We had many accomplishments during the weekend. Julie Sweney (Dodge County), Josh Schenk (Green County) and Erin Marchant (Rock County) represented District 2 in the Discussion Meet, with Julie qualifying for and participating in the Final Four. Congratulations Julie. Ben Huber (Green County) qualified for the Final Four in the Excellence in Agriculture and gave an outstanding presentation. Congratulations Ben.

Andrea Brossard (Dodge County) was re-elected to another term as chair of the WFBF Promotion and Education Committee. Emily Johnson (Rock County) started her term as District 2 YFA Representative. Congratulations Andrea and Emily.

One of the most special moments of the WFBF Annual Meeting was seeing Don Meyer of Sauk County receive the WFBF Distinguished Service to Wisconsin Farm Bureau Award.

Don has done a fantastic job with the Ag in the Classroom program and has been very involved in other aspects of Farm Bureau and his community. I'm very happy for Don and his family for this very well-deserved award. Congratulations Don.

I hope more of you will participate in the next WFBF Annual Meeting, this coming December. It's our 100th anniversary.

Stay warm. I hope to see you soon.

Farmers' Market Theme for Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest

The 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 2, an opportunity to go into classrooms and share your story about farmers' markets.

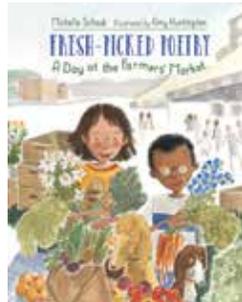
The essay theme is broad and will allow students to consider writing about a wide variety of farmers market topics. Here are a few suggestions to get your fourth and fifth grade students or child(ren) started.

- 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?

The essay contest is open to fourth and fifth grade students in public schools, private schools and home school programs. Students involved in 4-H, PALS and after school programs also are encouraged to participate. 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. Essays will be judged on content (50 points), grammar and spelling (25 points) and originality and creativity (25 points). Essay entry deadline is postmarked by

April 1.

Essays should be sent to the county contact. Each county will have one winner that will move on to the district contest.

Among the county winners the District 2 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 also will receive a special presentation and award.

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Meet: Emily Johnson, the New District YFA Representative

Emily Johnson grew up on her family's beef and cash crop farm near Janesville. She is active in the day-to-day operations along with her parents and two younger brothers. Emily earned a BBA in finance and real estate from UW-Whitewater. She is a crop insurance specialist at Union Bank and Trust Company in Evansville.

She enjoys being an active member of Roxbury Road Church of Christ and Rock County Farm Bureau, where she serves as the executive director.

Emily looks forward to meeting many new YFA members as she begins her three-year term as the District 2 YFA Representative.

If you have event ideas or are interested in participating in a YFA contest, please contact Emily at ejohnson@ub-t.com.



Youth Ag Summit

By Carmen Montgomery, co-chair

The District 2 Youth Ag Summit was held on December 5 at McFarlanes' Retail and Service Center in Sauk City. We had a great turnout this year with a total of 73 FFA students and 12 advisors.

Students learned about different non-production agriculture careers. We started the day with a panel discussion from our speakers



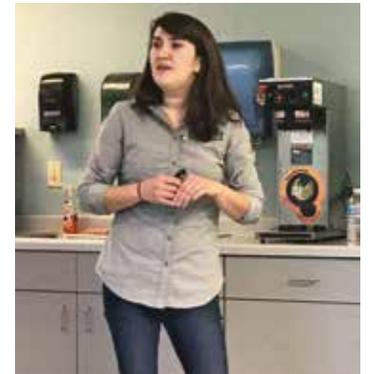
As part of the Youth Ag Summit, participants toured McFarlanes' Retail and Service Center.



McFarlanes' Retail and Service Center in Sauk City was an excellent host location for the District 2 Youth Ag Summit on December 5. FFA members and advisors were fascinated by the history and story of McFarlanes'.



Breakout session speakers shared a brief description of their topic for FFA members to choose what breakouts they participated in (from left): Bob Wills from Cedar Grove Cheese Factory, Kimberly Evert from Dairyland Hoof Care Institute, Inc. and Brad Schuett from the Agronomy Department of Insight FS.



Celine Coquard Lenerz from Wollersheim Winery served as the keynote speaker.

taking questions from students on their areas of agriculture and tips for their future careers.

Then we broke out into groups. In addition to learning about McFarlanes' during a tour of the facility, students participated in two of the three breakout sessions.

The breakout session speakers included Kimberly Evert from Dairyland Hoof Care Institute, Inc.; Brad Schuett from the Agronomy Department of Insight FS; and Bob Wills from Cedar Grove Cheese factory.

After lunch, students listened to keynote speaker Celine Coquard Lenerz from Wollersheim Winery.

Thank you to the District 2 County Farm Bureaus (Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Green, Rock and Sauk) for their contributions to make this event happen. Thank you to the guest speakers and McFarlanes' for hosting the event.

In addition, thank you to the great group of Farm Bureau members who served on the committee that helped make this event happen.

Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom Update

By Sheila Everhart, Rock County Farm Bureau chair



Rock County Farm Bureau members (from left) Allison Funk, Megan Daluge, Erin Grawe and Sheila Everhart participated in the WFBF Ag in the Classroom meeting and enjoyed touring the Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center in Manitowoc on January 5.

The new Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center, Manitowoc, was the host venue for 52 Ag in the Classroom volunteers and educators on January 5. The half-day seminar allowed participants to view the exhibits and learn of the 2019 Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom activities.

Ag in the Classroom volunteers and educators are using Zoom multi-media platform to meet from the comfort of their farms. A total of

three Zoom meetings were held in December 2018 and January 2019. The meetings allowed participants to use their computers (to see what is happening) and their phones (to hear but participants also could listen through their computer speakers). The Zoom meetings were recorded and posted to the Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom's YouTube channel.

Please check out the opportunities and possibilities for your county Ag in the Classroom programs.

Future opportunities for your county Ag in the Classroom programs:

- Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom program has matching grants funded by the WFB Foundation, to be used for agricultural literacy lessons available to groups and organizations. Applications are due **March 1** and can be downloaded at www.wisagclassroom.org or by contacting Darlene Arneson at 608.828.5644 or darneson@wfbf.com.
- National Ag Day, **March 14**, www.agday.org.
- Wisconsin Ag Read Day, **March 14**.
- www.wisagclassroom.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/2019-Ag-Day-Reading-Event-flyer.pdf.

- Deadline for Ag in the Classroom essay contest **April 1**. www.wisagclassroom.org/teachers-information/essay-contest.
- 2019 National Ag in the Classroom Annual Conference, **June 18-21**, in Little Rock, Arkansas; www.agclassroom.org/conferences/index.cfm.
- Curriculum and lesson plans on the National Ag in the Classroom's Curriculum Matrix: www.agclassroom.org/teacher/matrix.
- Ag in the Classroom resources: www.wisagclassroom.org/teachers-information/order-forms.
- Facebook: Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Program.



More Than 500 Visit Santa on the Farm

By Lindsey Hellenbrand, Ag Promotions chair



On December 8, Dane County Farm Bureau hosted Milk and Cookies with Santa at the Sassy Cow farm. The inaugural event was a success with more than 500 attendees eager to meet Santa and ready to enjoy milk and cookies on the farm.



In addition to meeting Santa, guests were able to try their hand at making butter, and they were rewarded with fresh butter to sample after shaking individual containers for about 15 minutes. Families were also able to decorate farm-themed Christmas cards. Most importantly they were able to spend time on the farm, meet a calf, visit the cows in the free stall barn and learn where milk comes from by viewing the rotary milking parlor. It was a beautiful, sunny Saturday on the farm.

Thank you to Sassy Cow for partnering with us and the hospitality, we had a perfect location. Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered or helped spread the word.



Celebrate the Holiday Season

By Scott Eastwood, Holiday Social co-chair

On December 13, members of the Dane County Farm Bureau board and Dane County Rural Mutual Insurance Company agents took time away from their schedules to celebrate the holiday season at the 1855 Saloon and Grill in Cottage Grove. In addition to a wonderful meal, white elephant gifts were exchanged, and food donations were collected for the Badger Prairie Area Needs Network.

Thank you to those who attended this event and donated to a wonderful cause.



Sam Skemp welcomed board members and Rural Mutual Insurance agents to the holiday social. He presented a plaque to Scott Eastwood for his graduation from the WFBF Leadership Institute.

YFA Members Attend Conference

Several Dane County Young Farmer and Agriculturist members attended the WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference in December.



Meet: Kody Haag, New Board Director



Kody and his fiancé Anna Forshaug.

I am member/owner in Virhada Holsteins LLC, my family's dairy. We milk 150 registered Holsteins south of Mount Horeb.

I earned a bachelor's degree in agribusiness engineering technologies from UW-Platteville. At UW-Platteville I was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity and Pioneer Dairy Club.

County Farm Bureau Offers Scholarships

Are you a Dane County Farm Bureau member attending college and looking for a \$1,000 scholarship opportunity? Please review application criteria and deadline date:

1. Applicants or parents/guardians must be members of Dane County Farm Bureau.
2. Applicants must have completed one year of advanced education after high school before they apply. High school seniors are not eligible.
3. Preference will be given to applicants enrolled in an agriculture program.
4. The deadline to apply is **July 1, 2019**. Scholarship presentation will take place at the Dane County Farm Bureau annual meeting in September.
5. Applicants will need to submit proof of fall registration.
6. Previous scholarship recipients cannot apply again for the scholarship.
7. Judges will use the following criteria for evaluation applications: Academics, 50 percent; activities and awards, 30 percent; need, 15 percent; and timeliness and quality of application, 5 percent.
8. \$1,000 scholarship.

Please return completed form by **July 1, 2019**, to jel-ellahol@litewire.net or send to: Tom Jelinek, 2193 State Road 73, Cambridge, WI 53523. For information or the Dane County Farm Bureau scholarship application, please visit wfbf.com/about/counties/dane.

S.T.E.M., Yep, We've Got That



By Ben Huber, Green County Farm Bureau president

Every day I go to work as the agronomy department manager of a large cooperative in Wisconsin. I spend many

hours working with my team of managers and agronomists to provide the best advice, products and services we can possibly bring to the table.

Much of my time in my personal and professional life is spent talking to student groups and the public about opportunities in agriculture. Opportunities of which I believe are endless for those with a passion to work in ag and to help others.

Throughout those conversations, many people talk about how ag cannot be for them because, 'I didn't come from a farm.' Also, many ask questions about how science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) curriculum is incorporated within ag classes today.

The main driver of this conversation is the focus on STEM because those concepts are perceived as critical competencies required to be successful in the future.

I agree 100 percent that STEM courses and curriculum are highly important to our future, but cringe when people making educational decisions for all ages do not understand how STEM principles are weaved into the very fabric of agriculture.

Today, it's widely known that less than 2 percent of our population does not work in or support of production agriculture, and many are multiple generations removed from their agricultural roots. That gap has led to the misconception that agriculture jobs are only for those who have come from ag and the lack of understanding about the highly complex science of farming today.

Today, the complexity, sophistication and expectations of farmers and consumers require farmers and ag professionals to be more specialized than ever before.

I want to outline a few examples of how STEM concepts are at the core of agriculture in hopes of shedding light on the opportunities within agriculture for people from ALL walks of life.

Science is the intellectual and practical activity encompassing the systematic study of the structure and behavior of the physical and natural world through observation and

experiment.

Every day farmers and ag professionals practice scientific principles on their farms and businesses. From plants to soils to animals to equipment, science and research play a huge role in decision making today.

During the last 15 years, dramatic advances in technology have allowed what were once small-scale research plots to be replicated across many farms and acres, all to shorten the learning curve of new management practices and accelerate return on investment.

Technology is defined as the application of scientific knowledge for practical purposes, especially in industry. As I mentioned before, advances in technology and the speed that technology is adapted to our market is faster today than ever before.

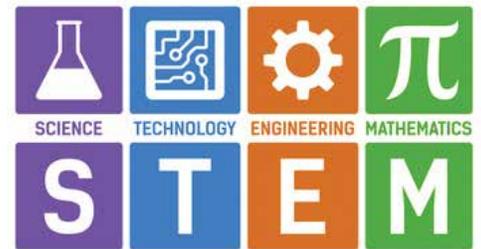
In my 11 years in the ag industry, I have seen startup companies become house hold names and have seen companies spend millions on technology that sounds like "Star Wars" science fiction.

Fifteen years ago, auto-steer was a novel concept, and today that technology has tremendous adoption. Today, we are on the doorstep of self-driving tractors and are using technology to be more environmentally responsible than ever before.

With the pace of technology development there are endless opportunities for ag and non-ag people to carve out a living inside this dynamic and ever changing space.

Engineering has a wide definition and can arguably be one of the most advanced areas within STEM curriculum; however, did you know that multiple engineers are required to design and build each part on a tractor or design an electrical system on a planter, or build out the plans for a manure storage site?

The principles of engineering are applied in multiple areas of agriculture from product design to chemical formulation to the farmer trying to make a part out of spare metal to save time and money. Math, many of us cringe at



this very word. I can remember sitting in algebra classes in high school thinking, "when in life will I ever use this stuff?"

Fast forward 10 to 15 years, and the answer to that question is every day. Each day, farmers, agronomists, nutritionists and many others use the basic principles learned in algebra, statistics and accounting classes to conduct daily business. Just because you've never milked a cow or plowed a field doesn't mean you can't use mathematic principles to help someone make buying and lending decisions or use those principles to offer advice on everything from balancing a ration to selling a corn crop.

I know there are times I take the blessing of being raised on a farm and around agriculture for granted. I am proud to be in the two percent of our nation who is committed to agriculture and connected to those who farm.

In my personal and professional travels throughout Illinois and Wisconsin, I am given the opportunity to talk about how the principles of STEM apply to our industry and I hope that this article has given you some insight as to why agriculture has a fit in any STEM curriculum at any school across the country.

Agriculture is no longer plows, cows and sows, but rather is a sophisticated industry that requires individuals who specialize in key areas of STEM to help our industry provide the best milk, meat, food and fiber for the consumers of today and to meet the demands of those tomorrow.



Ben Huber was one of the Excellence in Agriculture finalists and made a presentation during the YFA Conference.

Policy Meeting Set for March 28

Green County Farm Bureau wants your attention. We will be hosting the annual policy meeting.

Date: Thursday, March 28

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: Blackhawk Technical College, 210 4th Avenue, Monroe

This is your chance to express ideas and concerns with current or future policy and potential laws. As a grassroots organization this is a major way you can make a difference for the future. Members are encouraged to contact a Green County Farm Bureau Policy committee members with any thoughts: Josh Schenk at 608.558.4292, Scott Timm at 608.214.4524 or Jerry Daniels at 262.210.0879.

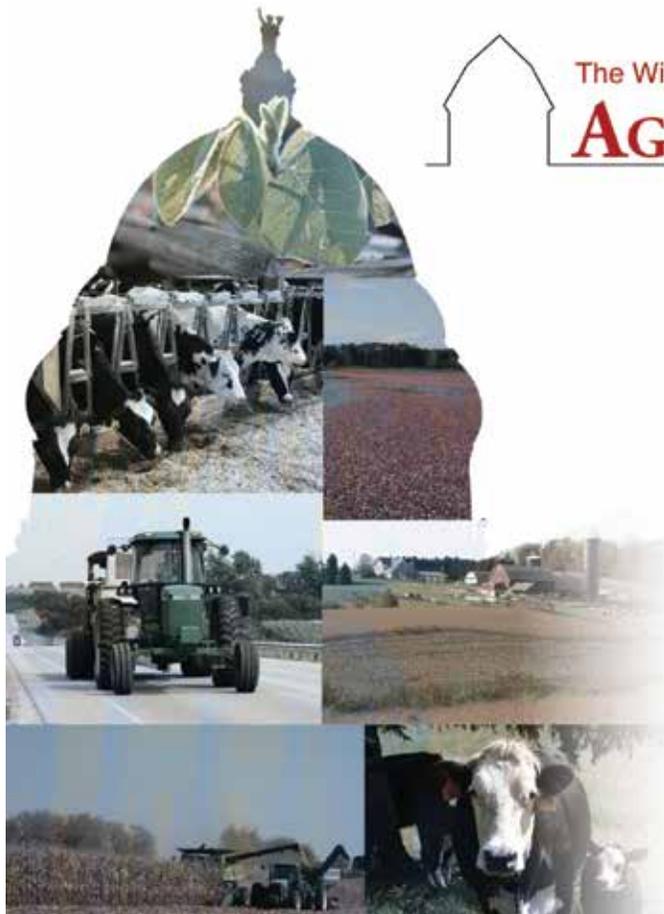
Meet: Amy Silver, New Board of Director



My name is Amy Silver, a newly elected board director for Green County Farm Bureau. I grew up on a dairy farm near Monticello where my interest in agriculture was originally sparked. In 2017, I earned a dual degree in agricultural business and soil/crop science from UW-Platteville. I now work for BMO Harris Bank as an agricultural portfolio manager analyzing farm financials and assisting with financial needs for farms across Wisconsin. I look forward to being a positive voice for Green County agriculture and contributing my knowledge of the industry to the organization.

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The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation invites you to attend

AG DAY AT THE CAPITOL

March 20, 2019

Monona Terrace Convention Center • Madison, WI

Early Registration Deadline: March 14

Cost: \$30 per person by registration deadline.

\$35 after deadline and at the door.

Tentative Schedule of Events:

11:00 a.m. Registration

11:30 a.m. Opening Program

11:45 a.m. Lunch

12:45 p.m. Legislative Briefing

3:00 p.m. Leave for Capitol Visits

Presented by: Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

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A Message from the President ...



Jill Uhe
Rock County Farm
Bureau president

Hello
Rock County
Farm Bureau
members,
I am

honored to serve as your president for the next year. For those of you who don't know me, I was born and raised in Rock County. I live west of Janesville where my husband, Buck, and I dairy farm with our two children Benny (9) and Brianna (6).

I work off of the farm as a financial officer for Compeer Financial and I chauffeur the kids around to their activities.

My Farm Bureau involvement includes being a graduate of the WFBF Leadership Institute, serving as the membership chair and volunteering in

any area I can.

We have a great group of people serving on our board, and we are eager to continue to build upon the solid foundation that generations of county Farm Bureau members have built before us.

We have a lot of great programs already established in Rock County with our Ag in the Classroom, Policy Development and YFA committees. Our board is committed to expanding our Promotion and Education program, focusing on customer outreach.

I believe we can work together as the grassroots organization that we are, to build a legacy our future generations can appreciate.

If you want to get involved, we would love to have you. For more information or if you have questions, please contact me or any of our board members.

You are always welcome to attend one of the monthly board meetings.

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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

A Message from the President ...



Mike Turner

Sauk County Farm Bureau president

Hello Sauk County Farm Bureau members. Another year is upon us. In this new year, it will be interesting to see what changes and opportunities await.

I am sure we will see change with a new Governor and the U.S. House changing hands. Let us hope that there will be bipartisanship among everyone to keep

Wisconsin and America going in the right direction.

Farmers should keep an eye on opportunities when they arise. Though futures still aren't the best, they look kind of promising, and one should take the opportunities that present themselves.

The Sauk County Farm Bureau board is seeking a Promotion and Education chair to be on the board. If you, or someone you know, might be interested, please contact a board member for more information.

Scholarship Applications Are Due April 1

The Sauk County Farm Bureau scholarship application is available online as an editable pdf at wfbf.com/about/counties/sauk or by request to Karen Reisinger at kjreisinger@yahoo.com.

Scholarship Qualifications

1. Applicant must be a Sauk County resident or attend a school in Sauk County.
2. Applicant must be one of the following: a. a high school senior pursuing a post-secondary institution in the fall, or b. a post-secondary institution student.
3. Applicant must submit a letter of recommendation with this application.
4. Selected recipients must submit his/her fall semester transcript of grades, following selection, in order to receive scholarship money.
5. Preference will be given to those applicants pursuing an agriculture-related field.
6. Preference will be given to those families with a Sauk County Farm Bureau membership.
7. Application deadline is **April 1**. Recipients will be notified by June 1. Scholarship money will be mailed to the recipient after submitting his/her fall semester transcript to Sauk County Farm Bureau, as early as January the following year.
8. Up to \$500 scholarship.



Scholarship applications must be submitted or postmarked by **April 1**. Please send to Karen Reisinger, E8613 County Road B, Sauk City, WI 53583-9303 or email your application to Karen Reisinger at kjreisinger@yahoo.com.

Professor Product Man Reaches Students Through Ag in the Classroom

By Nancy Liegel, Ag in the Classroom chair

The Ag in the Classroom program has been visiting schools across Sauk County.

Students across the county have enjoyed building Professor Product Man out of products grown in Wisconsin. Products that students learned about include fruits, vegetables, cheese, milk and maple syrup.

The students get excited for our classroom visits.



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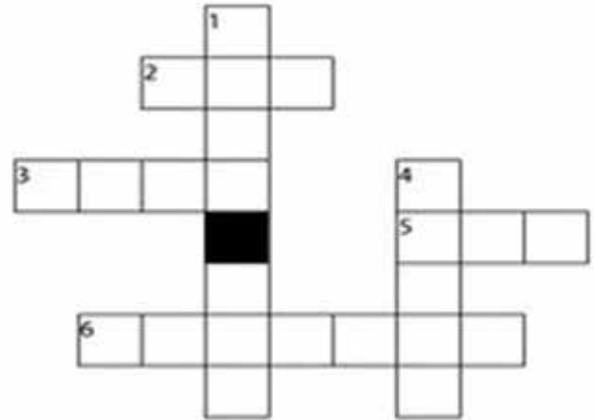
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Farm Animals!

Across



Down



Answers: down: 1. milk cow 4. sheep; across: 2. pig 3. duck 5. hen 6. rooster.

Wisconsin Products From Those Who Walk, Swim and Fly

Dairy Cattle

- 8,163 licensed herds
- 1,272,000 dairy cows
- 156 dairy cows per farm
- 64 pounds or 7.4 gallons of milk per cow per day

Sheep

- 75,000 total head
- 330,000 pounds of wool

Chickens

- 1.76 billion eggs were produced
- 6.08 million layers averaging 289 eggs per year

Pigs

- 305,000 total head
- 165 million pounds (live weight) of pork produced

Save the Date! Farm Bureau District 2 Golf Outing Fundraiser

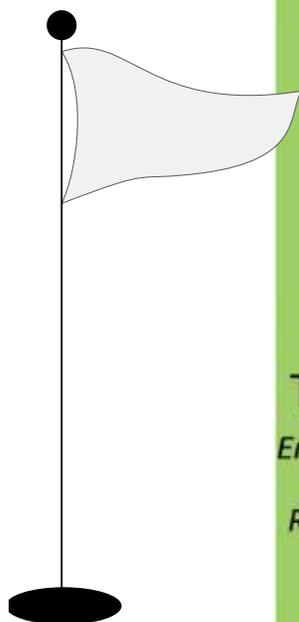
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The Oaks Golf Course, Cottage Grove

Enjoy 18 holes of golf (includes cart/GPS), lunch, contests, 50/50 raffle, auction and awards banquet!
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