



Grassroots

District 2 News

Participating in the WFBF Leadership Institute

By Paige Blair, Green County WFBF Leadership Institute Participant

Our fifth and final WFBF Leadership Institute gathering was Nov. 4-6, 2021, where we made our way to Bloomington, Illinois.

On our way down, we stopped at Whiskey Acres Distilling Co. in Dekalb. As you can imagine, this stop was a hit with all of us.

The owner and founder spoke to us about the family farm that began in the late 1800s, and how they were driven to find a way to diversify. He later gave us a tour of the operation where we could see the bottling lines. We also got to see where he stores his whiskey and bourbon barrels, which is in an old grain bin.

The next day, we spoke with Jenny Webb and Jackie Joes of the Illinois Farm Bureau to learn more about their structure. Later, we toured the impressive Illinois Farm Bureau office where we had the opportunity to network with staff.

Then, we took a drive to Kilgus Farmstead in Fairbury, where they raise almost everything under the sun. They primarily have Jersey cows and have a milk bottling facility, where they sell their product throughout Illinois. They also raise steers, goats and hogs. We ended the evening with Axe Throwing and some quality networking time.

At the Annual Meeting in December, we got to spend one last time together as a class and walk across the stage at graduation. We all accepted a graduation plaque from WFBF President Kevin Krentz during the awards banquet. If anybody

is contemplating applying for the Leadership Institute, here's your sign to apply. I'll never forget this opportunity with the WFBF Leadership Institute and will always cherish the information that was learned and the friendships that were formed.



Paige Blair, Green County Farm Bureau



In December, the WFBF Leadership Institute class graduated during the WFBF Annual Meeting. District 2 was represented in this class by five members Shawn Monien (Dodge County), Paige Blair and Tess Zettle (Green County), Logan Frei (Rock County) and Kat Peper (Sauk County).

Brossard Continues as Vice-Chair of AFBF Promotion and Education Committee



Andrea Brossard serves as the vice-chair of American Farm Bureau's Promotion and Education Committee.

Brossard was re-appointed by AFBF to its Promotion and Education Committee for a two-year term last year and continues to serve that term.

The Promotion and Education Committee fills

an important role in bridging the gap between farmers and consumers by providing tools and resources to other Farm Bureau members who are eager to help share agriculture's story.

Brossard is a third-generation dairy farmer at Brossard Dairy Farm, LLC, her family's farm, in Beaver Dam. She is a graduate of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Leadership Institute and the AFBF Women's Communications Boot Camp.

District 2 Director Report



Arch Morton Jr.
WFBF District 2 Director

Hello, again fellow Farm Bureau member, I hope you are doing well and are staying warm this winter. The past few months have been a busy time for

Farm Bureau.

In early December, the WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference were held at the Kalahari Resorts and Conventions in Wisconsin Dells. It was great to be back in-person again, after being virtual the previous year.

We had about 25 members participate in the District 2 pre-caucus meeting on Saturday afternoon. We had some interesting discussion about policy in that meeting, as well as in the District 2 caucus on Monday morning. There were about 50 members involved in the caucus. Thank you to those who participated in the meetings.

Congratulations to Brooke Trustem (Rock County), Paige Blair (Green County) and Scott Timm (Green County) for doing a great job representing District 2 in the YFA Discussion Meet.

Also, congratulations to Julie Sweney (Dodge County) for being a finalist in the Excellence in Ag Competition. Fantastic effort by everyone representing District 2.

I want to extend a thank you to those who contributed to helping District 2 win the Twenty Wars fundraiser competition. It was a very fun and successful fundraiser raising more than \$4,800 for the WFB Foundation.

The AFBF Annual Convention was held during the second week of January in Atlanta, Georgia. This also was back in-person again this year after being virtual last year. I was very happy to be able to attend and participate in many events.

Our WFBF Board of Directors and some of our staff had two meetings there to discuss policies before the delegate session. We also had meetings with the new presidents of Iowa and



Arch Morton Jr. was a proud District Director when he accepted the Twenty Wars Award on behalf of Farm Bureau District 2 members for winning the Twenty Wars fundraiser.

Minnesota Farm Bureau. It's always good to build those relationships.

On Jan. 26 we had a successful Ag Day at the Capitol. It's always important to talk to our representatives in Madison about agricultural issues, and to build relationships with them. If you weren't able to attend, I hope that you can make it next year.

Stay safe and warm. Spring is right around the corner.



District 2 was recognized as the Twenty Wars winner. It was a friendly competition among the districts to support the WFB Foundation programs.

Meet: Brady and Kat Peper, District YFA Representatives

Hello. We are Brady and Kat Peper and we are excited to serve as your District YFA Chairs. We are from Rock Springs in rural Sauk County. Our farm is Granite Hills Farm LLC, we raise cattle and crops.

We both work off farm jobs as well. Kat is the technical services manager for CRV USA, working with dairy farmers across the United States. Brady has a welding and fabrication business, Pep's Metalworks LLC.

Farming and agriculture are a passion of ours and we grew up on dairy farms. We have been involved in Sauk County Farm Bureau for several years and have served in multiple roles like YFA Chair, Promotion and Education Chair, Local Affairs Chair and Secretary.

We are looking forward to getting to each county in District 2 and meeting you.



District 2 News

WFBF Annual Meeting Highlights



Farm Bureau members enjoy a fun evening of BINGO.



The District 2 Caucus was led by Josh Schenk, District Policy Development Representative, and District 2 Director Arch Morton Jr.



Andrea Brossard, Dodge County, was recognized for six years of service to the WFBF Promotion and Education Committee.



Dane County Farm Bureau was awarded a County All Stars Award for their virtual showing of the film "Silo".



Sheila Everhart was instrumental in Rock County Farm Bureau receiving a County All Stars Award for their virtual scavenger hunt.



Dane County Farm Bureau donated a tricycle to the WFBF Foundation silent auction.



Emily Johnson, Rock County Farm Bureau, donated a basket for the silent auction.



Green County Farm Bureau silent auction donation.



Farm Bureau members Mike Turner (Sauk County), Tim Wellnitz and Arch Morton Jr. (Rock County) support the WFBF Foundation through the Twenty Wars fundraiser.



Rock County Farm Bureau members Brooke Tristem and Jill Uhe contribute to the Twenty Wars fundraiser.



District 2 Farm Bureau members pose with the Twenty Wars award as the winning district who earned the most points. More than \$4,800 was raised during this fundraiser to support the WFBF Foundation.

Farm Bureau Members Set Policy During Annual Meeting

By Josh Schenk, District 2 Policy Development Representative



Scott Eastwood, Dane County Farm Bureau

On Dec. 6, delegates from District 2 and the other eight districts throughout Wisconsin gathered at the WFBF Annual Meeting to set policy for the organization.

Discussion amongst attendees led to updates of WFBF policy with a few noteworthy changes including:

- Supporting the USDA to commission a study of the feasibility and impacts to change to a two-class pricing system instead of the four-class system in dairy.
- Supporting using regional or state level all milk and feed price rather than national level price estimates in the calculation of margin over feed cost for the purpose of calculating Dairy Margin Coverage program payouts.

- Supporting increasing or maintaining the estate tax exemption rate and maintaining the current step-up in basis.
- Supporting clear, science-based and consistent standards for calculating the amount of carbon sequestration by agricultural practices.

The policies that were discussed came directly from the members who propose and vote on resolutions at county Farm Bureau annual meetings.



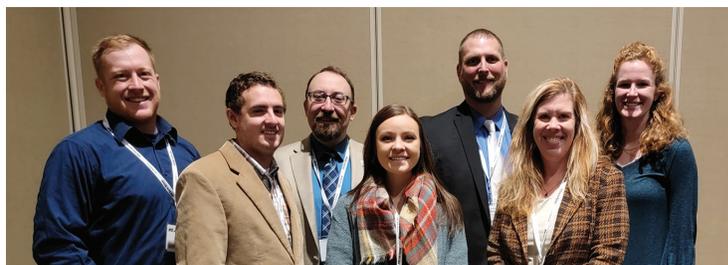
Kevin Connors, Dane County Farm Bureau



Logan Frei, Rock County Farm Bureau



Dane County Farm Bureau delegates: Jerry Derr, Chuck Ripp, Scott Eastwood, Sam Skemp, Mike Duerst, Kevin Connors, Jeremy Skemp, Kadi Walsh and Dennis Jesberger.



Green County Farm Bureau delegates: Scott Timm, Josh Schenk (District 2 Policy Development Representative), Dustin Williams, Erin Marchant, Ben Huber, Alissa Grenawalt and Amy Silver.



Rock County Farm Bureau delegates: Jill Uhe, Logan Frei, Jacob Bobolz, Kirk Leach and Steve Earleywine.



Sauk County Farm Bureau delegates: Ken Nolden, Galen Alwin, Craig Sandmire, Mike Turner, Sarah Hetke, Brady Peper and Kat Peper.



County Farm Bureau delegates from across the state gathered to decide on Wisconsin Farm Bureau policy during the WFBF Annual Meeting.

YFA Conference Highlights



District 2 Farm Bureau members gathered during the YFA Conference held December 3-5, 2021, at the Kalahari Resorts and Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells.



YFA members play a game of ag scatergories during the YFA Conference.



Members get to know each other during the district 2 meeting during the YFA Conference.



Dane County Farm Bureau YFA Conference participants.



Brooke Trustem, Rock County, participated in the YFA Discussion Meet.



Paige Blair, Green County, represented her county and District 2 in the YFA Discussion Meet.



Scott Timm, Green County, gave his opening statement during the YFA Discussion Meet.



Julie Sweney, Dodge County, was recognized as an Excellence in Ag contest finalist.



Julie Sweney, Dodge County, gave her Excellence in Ag presentation during the YFA Conference.



Rock County Farm Bureau YFA Conference participants.



Emily Johnson, Rock County, gave her retiring address as the state YFA Committee Chair.



Rock County YFA member Jill Uhe (far right) participates in a YFA workshop panel 'Focus on Your Future in Farm Bureau.'



Sauk County Farm Bureau YFA Conference participants.



Rock County YFA members Alyssa Demrow and Brooke Trustem led the YFA workshop 'Tik Tok: The New Way to Advocate.'

Meet: Kari Schoenike, Your New District Promotion and Education Representative



Kari is a life-long agriculture enthusiast and supporter. She developed her love of the industry growing up on her family's crop farm in rural Dodge County as well as spending time on her grandparents' dairy and chicken farms.

She has a passion for education and working with others. As a teacher, she worked to incorporate agriculture-related lessons into her classroom to teach students the important

connection agriculture has to our daily lives.

She also taught for a social business in Brazil, working to extend English education to the peripheral communities of São Paulo.

Currently she shares her knowledge with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections as an Offender Classification Specialist.

She is an active Dodge County Farm Bureau member and has helped in planning and implementing a variety of educational activities at community and Farm Bureau events.

Ag Day at the Capitol Keeps Farmers and Agriculturists Connected

By Sam Skemp, Dane County Ag Day at the Capitol Participant

Every year Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation holds an Ag Day at the Capitol. This is achievable with the help of many dedicated WFBF employees and sponsors that we appreciate and say thanks.

Ag Day at the Capitol provides a great opportunity to meet with our representatives and discuss issues that are very important to the farming industry, along with things that are important to us as individuals. With the turmoil in politics over the past few years, this day becomes more important than ever. In the agricultural industry it is very important that we speak up for our needs and make sure the public understands the things we are doing to protect the land we live on and the water we drink and still provide quality food for our nation.

This year at Ag Day at the Capitol we met in-person again. There were nearly 200 in attendance representing the county Farm Bureau's and ag-related businesses. The day consisted of several presentations on key issues that WFBF felt important to discuss with our representatives, which helped give us talking points on those issues.

Governor Tony Evers and Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Randy Romanski gave presentations on the passing of the 2022-2023 budget and other accomplishments during the past year. This current budget is probably one of the most favorable agriculture supporting budgets that has been passed in a long time.

With the information we gathered from the presentations, we headed to the Capitol to meet with our representatives or their staff members. Some of the key issues we focused on were:

Support Farmer Led Nitrate Reduction Initiatives – AB 727 / SB 677: This bill focuses on a pilot grant program to promote nitrogen optimization, funding for hydrogeologist and cover crop insurance

rebates.

Support Ag Water Quality Initiatives – AB 728 / SB 678: This bill focuses on rural well compensation grant programs and producer-led watershed grant program changes.

Support Farmland Preservation – AB 54 / SB 68: Topics discussed on the bill were reducing the contract agreements from 15 years to 10 years, and increasing tax credits along with other important topics.

Support Wildlife Damage Program – AB 49 / SB 63: The main focus on this bill is to eliminate the \$10,000 cap on claims.

Support Truth in Labeling Bills – AB 73 / SB 81; AB 74 / SB 83; AB 75 / SB 82: These bills focus on prohibiting any products being labeled as a dairy product unless the food is derived from cows or other mammals' milk. Also, they prohibit any type of meat food product from being labeled as meat unless the food product is derived from the flesh of an animal.

Support Hunting Season for Sandhill Cranes – SB 667 and SB 620: If a season for hunting Sandhill Cranes is implemented it would qualify producers for the Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims program.

Support Aboveground Fuel Storage Tank Update – AB 384 / SB 381 as amended by AA1 and SA1: This bill restores the DATCP's regulatory authority for tanks, but as amended to preserve the farm tank exemption for all farm tanks under 5,000 gallons.

Misc. Topics Covered: The need for more emphasis on broadband network to rural communities and the importance of continues support for meat processing plants.

I feel we had a very successful day and want to thank those District 2 Farm Bureau members who took the time from their busy schedule to represent Farm Bureau on these key issues. This is just one of the many things Farm Bureau does to support the agriculture industry in Wisconsin.



District Director Arch Morton Jr. joined Dane County Farm Bureau members Sam Skemp, Mike Duerst, Tom Duerst and Jerry Derr during Ag Day at the Capitol.



Rock and Green County Farm Bureau members Arch Morton Jr., Kirk Leach, Logan Frei, Doug Rebout, Steve Earleywine and Josh Schenk participated in Ag Day at the Capitol.



Sauk County Farm Bureau members Betty Waldinger, Tommy Brennan and Eunice Yanke enjoyed each other's company during Ag Day at the Capitol.



Dane County Farm Bureau members visit with legislators during their Capitol visit.



Dane, Green and Rock County Farm Bureau members listened to legislative briefings to prepare for their meetings with legislators.



Participants heard from a variety of speakers including Governor Tony Evers.

Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest Entries Are Due April 1



Encourage your fourth- and fifth-grade students to participate in this year's essay contest.

The essay contest is open to 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 listed or on the website. Each county will have one winner that will move on to the district contest. Among the county winners, the District 2 Promotion and Education Committee representative 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. The state winner that is selected also will receive a special presentation and award.

This year's topic is, 'What's Popping in Wisconsin? The value of corn to our economy!' The topic is based off of the book of the year "Popcorn Country: The Story of America's Favorite Snack," written by Wisconsin author and dairy farmer Cris Peterson.

Teachers: We have information for you. On the website we have a teacher's handbook, lessons and activities, along with the essay contest information sheet.

Volunteers: We have information for you, too. Check out the website for the volunteer handbook and any other information you may need.

For the most up-to-date list of essay contest information, visit the Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom website at www.wisagclassroom.org.

Essay contest information can be found in the events and activities tab. Addresses for the county contacts listed below also can be found on the website.

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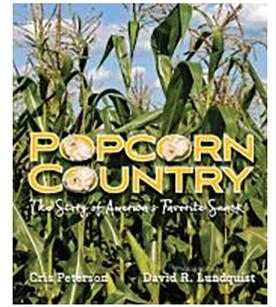
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Save the Date! Farm Bureau District 2 Golf Outing Fundraiser



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Tuesday, August 9, 2022

The Oaks Golf Course, Cottage Grove

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

Registration and sponsorship information available soon.

Brought to you by: Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Green, Rock and Sauk County Farm Bureaus

Holiday Food Drive



Board Director Mike Duerst delivered 84 pounds of food to the Badger Prairie Needs Network in Verona after the Dane County Farm Bureau holiday meeting.

YFA Tour Scheduled

By Kadi Walsh, YFA Chair

Join the Dane County YFA for a tour at J. Henry & Sons in Dane, which is most commonly known for their bourbon, but on the farm they also grow seed corn, as well as the red corn, wheat and rye used in their bourbon.

The tour will include a bourbon production tour, as well as tasting (if desired). The event will take place towards the end of March.

Please follow Dane County Farm Bureau and YFAs on Facebook to stay up to date.

For more information, please contact YFA Chair Kadi Walsh at 608.547.6658.

Members Attend Winter Meeting

By Scott Eastwood, co-chair

After a three-year hiatus, the Dane County Farm Bureau once again was able to host its Winter Meeting on Feb. 8 at Rex's Innkeeper.

Thirty-one members took advantage of the tremendous benefit of Farm Bureau membership.

Dr. Rick Batty, corn project manager for Renk

Seed led a wonderful discussion on dealing with a surprise adversity. Additionally, Keith Ripp, WFBF Executive Director of Government Relations spoke about a number of issues that he and his team are working on that affect our membership.

Thank you to those who attended and helped with the winter meeting. We look forward to seeing you next year.



The Dane County Farm Bureau winter meeting was held at Rex's Innkeeper on Feb. 8.



Dr. Rick Batty, corn project manager for Renk Seed, gave a memorable presentation, 'Choosing to go forward: A story about dealing with a surprise adversity.'



WFBF Executive Director of Governmental Relations Keith Ripp spoke about a number of government relations issues.

Student Scholarship Deadline Is July 1

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

1. Applicants or their parent(s)/guardian(s) must be a member 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. Applications must be completed in full and submitted by **July 1**. Incomplete applications or applications submitted after July 1 may be disqualified. Scholarship presentations will take place at the Dane County Farm Bureau annual meeting in September.
5. Applicants will need to submit proof of fall registration with this scholarship application.

6. Previous scholarship recipients cannot apply again for the scholarship.
7. Judges will use the following criteria for evaluation: Academics 50 percent; activities and awards 30 percent; and need 20 percent.
8. \$1,000 scholarship.

Please return completed form by **July 1** to:
Nicole Hibbard
9615 Harvest Moon Lane, Apartment 217
Verona, Wisconsin 53593
Email: hibbardnm@gmail.com

For the Dane County Farm Bureau scholarship application or more information, please visit wfbf.com/about/counties/dane.



A Message From The President



Josh Schenk
Green County Farm Bureau President

"The empires of the future are empires of the mind." – Winston Churchill.

What future plan do you have for your farm? One of the greatest reasons many farmers pursue a career in agriculture is to have the

freedom to decide how their farm business is built, operated and the journey along the way. Often, we find ourselves consumed by the day-to-day operation of our farms and realize more effort should be contributed to the big picture of planning for the future.

Throughout history, businesses of all types and size have been faced with the same matter and how it was prioritized projected either meager or prosperous results.

Strategically thinking about our farms does not necessitate getting bigger. An ever-increasing amount of data provides today's farmers with valuable insight to make specific, measurable, attainable, relevant and timely (SMART) decisions.

Evaluating from a broader view and with open mind allows us to intentionally develop a plan for the farm business we want to build and how we and our families are a part of it.

May you each experience a prosperous year as you spend time contributing and working on your farm.

Meet: Steve and Heidi Digman

By Amy Silver, Secretary-Treasurer

Steve & Heidi Digman of Monroe have been Green County Farm Bureau Members for nearly 55 years. Both Steve & Heidi grew up on dairy farms in Southern WI.

Once married in 1968, they began their farming career together on Steve's family farm in rural Monroe. They raised three daughters on the farm and have two grandkids.

One of Steve's favorite parts about farming was raising their cattle while Heidi enjoyed her role in feeding calves. They have now retired from dairy farming, but continue to grow crops.

Aside from farming, over the years Steve served on the Green County Farm Bureau Board, fair board, township board and AMPI Board. Also, Steve and Heidi have donated many hours to the Green County Ag Chest.

To nominate our next "Meet our Member," please contact Amy at amygsilver@gmail.com or 608.214.9994.



Farm Bureau Members Enjoy Pumpkin Carving Fun

By Erin Marchant, YFA Chair

Green County Farm Bureau hosted its third annual Pumpkin Carving night on Oct. 28.

Farm Bureau members and their families brought their best jack-o-lantern smile or design and got the opportunity to connect with other members who share a passion for the agriculture

industry.

Snacks and refreshments were provided, compliments of the Green County Farm Bureau Board of Directors and YFA Committee.

Special thanks to Brad Paulson of Brodhead for the pumpkin donation. Here are some fun photos of Farm Bureau members participating in the event. Hope to see all again next year.



1. Adelayne Williams, an artist at work, carved her pumpkin. 2. Farm Bureau families enjoyed the third annual pumpkin carving night. 3. Pumpkins in the dark and 4. in the light.



A Message from the President



Jill Uhe

Rock County Farm Bureau President

Rock County Farm Bureau finished the year strong at the WFBF Annual Meeting.

In the Discussion Meet competition, our YFA Chair Brooke Trustem, made it to the semi-final round and Josh

Gerbitz was a finalist in the Collegiate Division.

Emily Johnson gave her retiring address as she closed out her final year on the WFBF YFA Committee.

Our Ag in the Classroom Program was recognized in the County All-Stars Program for its Virtual Scavenger Hunt. Arch Morton Jr. earned his way into the Farm Bureau Proud Club for his membership recruitment and Logan Frei walked across the stage as a graduate of the WFBF Leadership Institute.

Everyone stayed busy throughout the weekend but we also had fun. Steve Earlywine is proof of that; he came home a BINGO winner. Fun and games aside, it is hard to put into words the networking and discussions that took place in and around these events that helped shape the policies we voted on.

We have a great group of people serving on our board and we are eager to continue to build on the solid foundation we have. There are a lot of great programs already established in Rock County with our Ag in the Classroom, Policy Development and YFA Committees. These programs are not successful without volunteers.

You may receive a call from a board member or committee chair in the coming months seeking help. Please consider getting involved, even if you have minimal time to give.

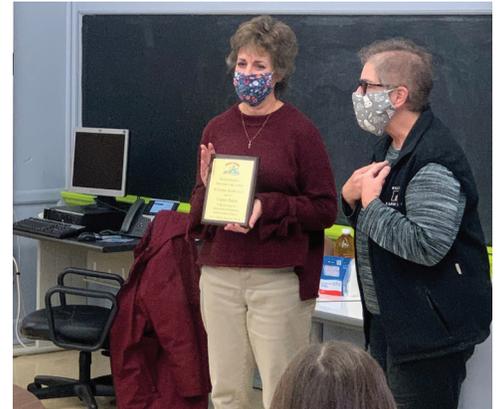
I believe we can work together as the grassroots organization that we are, to build a legacy our future generations can appreciate.

Roosevelt Elementary Teacher Wins Award

By Stacy Skemp, Chair

Carmen DeKok, a fourth-grade teacher at Roosevelt Elementary in Janesville, was the recipient of the Outstanding Teacher Award from the Wisconsin Agriculture in the Classroom Program.

Darlene Arneson, coordinator of the Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom program, presented DeKok with the award in front of students and fellow teachers.



Farm Bureau Offers \$500 Scholarships

The Rock County Farm Bureau will offer student scholarship applications for members and member's children who are at least in their second year of college or technical school. Scholarship funds are raised through sales at the Rock County Farm Bureau food stand at the Rock County 4-H Fair. The applicant, or a member of the applicant's family, must work in the Rock County Farm Bureau food stand at the 2022 Rock County 4-H Fair in order to be eligible for scholarship.



Scholarship applications will be available on our website at wfbf.com/about/counties/rock/ or by email request to Stacy Skemp at skemps@milton.k12.wi.us

Applications must be submitted by August 15. For more information or questions, please contact Stacy Skemp by email at skemps@milton.k12.wi.us or message us on Facebook at Rock County Farm Bureau.

YFA Charcuterie Board Night

By Brooke Trustem, YFA chair

Rock County YFA members enjoyed an evening of charcuterie board creations at Timber Hill Winery.

Attendees then had the perfect appetizer to take to their Thanksgiving dinners.



Directors Attend Council of Presidents



Members Speak Up for Local Issue

By Galen Alwin, Sauk County Farm Bureau Board Director

On Jan. 13, local Farm Bureau members made the last of several appearances before the Sauk County Board of Supervisors and the Land Resources and Environmental Department regarding potential changes to the Chapter 26 manure management ordinance.

Tommy Brennan and Galen Alwin testified how these changes would affect agricultural producers in Sauk County and thanked those involved for working together to make acceptable changes.

These comments followed more than a year of work and testimony by other Farm Bureau members and assistance from the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation government relations team. The final changes to the ordinance were a major simplification from the original plan. Farm Bureau involvement was repeatedly mentioned by county board and committee members as the reason for the majority of the changes.

Just another way to prove that grassroots work by Farm Bureau members at the local level makes positive changes for Wisconsin agriculture.

Milk and Cookies with Santa

By Kat Peper, Promotion and Education Chair

Sauk County Farm Bureau held a new community event this past year, Milk and Cookies with Santa.

It was held on Dec. 11, the weekend after WFBF Annual Meeting and the day after a snow and ice storm in the area.

There was a slow start to the snowy morning, but as the sun came out and the snow was plowed the attendance picked up.

The event was held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Reedsburg. Santa was there, along with some Christmas crafts and milk and cookies.

Sauk County Farm Bureau partnered with local businesses to put on the event.

The Reedsburg Young Professional provided the Christmas crafts, Sauk County Dairy Promoters provided the milk and cookies and Peterson and Company Fitness provided the space.



The Reedsburg Young Professionals provided the Christmas crafts.



Families visit Santa during Milk and Cookies with Santa held at Peterson and Company Fitness in Reedsburg.

Ag in the Classroom



Nancy Liegel, Ag in the Classroom chair, is happy to get back into the schools for Ag in the Classroom sessions.



Scholarship Applications Due April 1

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

Scholarship qualifications include:

1. Applicant must be a Sauk County resident or attend a school in Sauk County.
2. Applicant must be one of the following: 1. A high school senior pursuing a post-secondary institution in the fall, or 2. 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 15. Scholarship money will be mailed to 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 received by **April 1**. Email your application and letter of recommendation to Karen Reisinger at kjreisinger@yahoo.com.





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