



Grassroots

District 6 News

Message From Your District Board Director



Rosie Lisowe

District 6 Board Director

It's county annual meeting time, which means the start of a new year for Farm Bureau.

Thank you for your support of Farm Bureau this past year.

If you helped at your local fair food stand, participated in membership, worked on a committee or attended an event that Farm Bureau hosted, you helped to make a difference.

During this time of year, we see the beautiful fall colors. For me, I know a busy harvesting season will begin and second our policy development process starts.

Our policy development is the foundation of Farm Bureau. Farm Bureau members bring forth ideas and issues that affect their farms. The ideas are discussed and voted on at our WFBF Annual Meeting held in Wisconsin Dells on Dec. 3-5.

These policies are what our governmental and public relations department use when working on the topics. With the changing and evolving we are seeing in agriculture, we continue to move forward with efficiency and technology. On the issues of food security, exporting, climate, water, immigration or regulations, you can be sure to follow and be informed through the Policy Pulse, Ag Newswire, County Leaders Connection, Rural Route and social media.

Farm Bureau Mission: *Lead the farm and rural community through legislative representation, education, public relations, leadership development and providing services and benefits to members.*

This is your Farm Bureau, thank you for being part of it.

Introducing the New Young Farmer and Agriculturist Chairs



Luke and Ashley Lisowe

District 6 YFA Chairs

We are farmers, too and are excited to serve as the YFA District 6 Chairs. We both grew up on family dairy farms. Ashley grew up on a registered Jersey farm in Plymouth owned by her parents, David and Kelly Oberreich.

Growing up, she enjoyed showing dairy cows at local, state and national shows and continues to do so. In 2020, Ashley earned a bachelor's degree in dairy science and agricultural business from UW-River Falls.

In 2016, she became a member of the UW-River Falls Collegiate Farm Bureau. Ashley was actively involved in 4-H, Farm Bureau, UW-River Falls Dairy Club and UW-River Falls Alpha Zeta, a professional honorary society for students and professionals in the fields of agriculture and natural resources.

After college she became a member of the Sheboygan County Farm Bureau and then served as a YFA co-chair for one year. She is an active member of Farm Bureau and Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin (PDPW).

In Ashley's free time she enjoys spending time with her family, the outdoors and showing dairy cattle. Ashley worked on her family's farm, Day-Kel Jerseys, and during high school and college, she worked on Spruce Lawn Farm, Lyn-Vale Holsteins and eventually part-time at the Kiel Veterinary clinic as a large animal veterinary technician. Now, Ashley works with me on my family's farm.

Son of Joseph and Roseann Lisowe, Luke grew up in Marytown on his parents' dairy farm. Luke attended UW-Madison Farm and Industry Short Course and then came back to the family farm. Luke is actively involved in PDPW, member of the Calumet Fire Department and Farm Bureau.

He has been a Farm Bureau member for many years. He served as the Calumet YFA chair and attended the WFBF Leadership Institute.

Luke is one of the owners and operators of Lisowe Acres and is fortunate to be the third generation of a family farm that has evolved over the years to be more competitive and provide better opportunities for everyone involved.

His grandfather, Ambrose started farming in 1949, with his wife, Lorna. Ambrose and Lorna had 10 children, six sons and four daughters. Over the course of 40 years, Ambrose purchased neighboring farms so five of his sons could milk the dairy herds while Ambrose could oversee each farm. All five farms worked together to accomplish the fieldwork each year. In 1979, they formed A&L Lisowe & Sons and once the third generation had interest in continuing to farm, they formed Lisowe Acres in 2006. Today, Luke is part owner of Lisowe Acres with his dad, uncle and cousin.

In his spare time he enjoys spending time with his family, hunting and fishing and trapping any kind of wildlife.

The YFA Conference has a special place in our hearts. In 2019, during the District 6 meeting was when we met, and the rest is history. We got engaged in 2020, married in 2021 and welcomed our son this past June. Rhett has brought so much happiness into our lives. We are very excited to serve as your District 6 YFA Chairs.

If you have questions or ideas on some fun events, please contact us at lukelisowe@gmail.com, 920.418.0987 or Ashley.oberreich@gmail.com, 920.838.2775.

District 6 Coordinator Report



Becky Salm

WFBF District 6 Coordinator

“Don’t judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.” — Robert Louis Stevenson
Being a Farm Bureau member provides opportunities. Opportunities to grow as a farmer, as a person and as a volunteer. A network of farmers looking to make a difference for agriculture. This year marks my seventh year at Farm Bureau. I have had the opportunity to watch volunteers take advantage of these opportunities

and have seen them grow. I have watched that shy member step out of their shell to run a committee, members push themselves out of their comfort zone to advocate on behalf of agriculture and have seen members mentor the next generation. The enthusiasm is contagious when members see the opportunities and run with them.

As a member of Farm Bureau, the state’s largest and most influential farm organization, you are a part of an organization that makes a difference in the future of agriculture. Our member volunteers do this by taking part in the policy development process that empowers our members into positive action. In addition, programs like Young Farmers and Agriculturists, Promotion & Education Committee and Ag in the Classroom provide opportunities to connect and share their stories with consumers young and old.

Thank you for being a Farm Bureau member, giving what you can for the future of agriculture and for participating in this annual meeting. I am amazed by the accomplishments of our members. I love working alongside our amazing volunteers and am very pleased to be a part of the Farm Bureau team. Farm Bureau is the strong organization that it is because of how much you give.

Agriculture is abundant here and together we will continue to be A Voice for Farmers and A Vision for Agriculture.

Mark Your Calendar ...



December

- 2-4 WFBF YFA Conference
- 3-5 WFBF Annual Meeting, Wisconsin Dells

January

- 6-11 AFBF Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico

February

- 17 FFA Farm Forum

March

- 3 District 6 Gamblers Game
- 17-18 Ag LEAD Summit, Fond du Lac
- 28 Council of Presidents
- 29 Ag Day at the Capitol
- 31 County Early-Bird Membership Cut-Off

April

- 1 Ag in the Classroom Essays Due to County Coordinators

Finalists Selected in WFBF's Inaugural 35 Under 35 Program

Thirty-five individuals have been selected as Wisconsin Farm Bureau’s 35 Under 35 award finalists. The award is presented by WFBF’s Young Farmer and Agriculturist program in partnership with Insight FS.

The 35 Under 35 program recognizes the creativity and innovation of young farmers and agriculturists who are preserving agriculture through leadership in environmental, social and economic activities. This is the inaugural year of the program developed by the YFA Committee.

In the first year of the program, 60 innovative and deserving YFA members submitted video applications. Applications were evaluated for their involvement in one of five categories – Sustainable Future, Sustainable Environment, Sustainable Service, Sustainable Storytelling and Sustainable Self.

“It has been extremely exciting to see this new program come to life,” said WFBF YFA Committee Chair Bob Nash “We were blown away by how many deserving YFA members were nominated and submitted applications. Congratulations to all the finalists.”

District 6 Finalists

The Sustainable Future category recognizes individuals who are setting up the next generation for success both on and off the farm. The finalists include: Sammy Van Deurzen, Brown County and Abigail Winkel, Calumet County.

The Sustainable Environment category recognizes individuals who are good stewards of the land and their resources. The finalists include: Joe and Kristin Birschbach, Calumet County; Zachariah Kenneke,

Manitowoc County and Adam Kolb, Manitowoc County.

The Sustainable Storytelling category recognizes individuals who use their platform to share agriculture’s sustainability successes. The finalist is Rachel Harmann, Door County.

The Sustainable Self category recognizes individuals that go above and beyond for their community and employees. The finalist is Holly LaPlant, Door County.

“On behalf of Insight FS, congratulations to all the deserving finalists,” said Insight FS General Manager Ben Huber. “At Insight FS, we are committed to protecting the environment, enriching the community and helping businesses thrive. These individuals exemplify these values and we are proud to partner with Wisconsin Farm Bureau to recognize them.”

Each finalist will receive an embroidered jacket sponsored by Insight FS. The top individual in each category will be announced during the WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference in December. The finalists are also invited to attend an exclusive networking reception during the conference.

Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation is the state’s largest general farm organization, representing farms of every size, commodity and management style. WFBF’s YFA program is open to Farm Bureau members ages 18 to 35.



District Promotion and Education Information



Clara Hedrich

District 6 Promotion and Education Committee Member

This year, one of the main focuses of the Promotion and Education Committee was to better define its function and purpose.

Whereas the Ag in the Classroom Program focuses on the education of the students in school grades K-12, the Promotion and Education Committee focuses on the education of the consumer beyond high school.

Wisconsin Farm Bureau is investing in the education of today's consumer. They are developing a separate website from the membership website. The consumer-based website will be a great resource for the Promotion and Education Committee members as well as the consumer.

Two statewide programs that each District Promotion and Education Committee is working on is The Farm Neighbor Cares Program and an educational event for consumers.

In District 6, each county Promotion and Education Committee chair was asked to implement the Farm Neighbor Cares program, which is as easy as dropping a postcard in the mail or by putting together a goodie bag and stopping to visit a farm neighbor.

The consumer event was held on Sept. 10, at Park Ridge Organics with Stefano's Slo Foods Market preparing an amazing menu of BBQ meats

and other locally grown foods.

District 6 is working on a map/list of locally grown foods within each county. Consumers are looking for locally produced foods. The challenge for the consumer is he or she can only purchase his or her food from sources that he or she knows about. If they don't know about the locally grown produced food source, he or she cannot buy from them.

Each county is asked to put together a list of places consumers can purchase foods grown locally. It may be direct sales, an on-farm store or a seasonal roadside stand.

There are a number of opportunities within each county. We ask that each producer on our list be a Farm Bureau member. If they are not a member, encourage him or her to become one. It is an inexpensive way to get his or her name out and keep it in front of the consumer. The complete list of each county will be shared on District 6 county's Facebook pages, in print at your local events and especially at your county fair food stand.

District 6 Coordinator Becky Salm has a list and location for each county's locally produced products. This has been shared with your County's Promotion and Education Committee chair. Please update your county's list by sending the information to Becky.

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau is considering adding this information to the consumer website.

In summary, the Promotion and Education Committee has defined its focus and identified two main activities for 2022. District 6 is creating a Local Foods Guide for Consumers.

District 6 YFA Competition Finalists

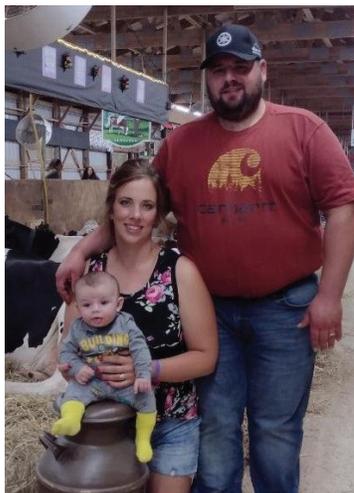
This December, four finalists will vie for the Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Young Farmer and Agriculturist (YFA) Farming for the Future Award.

"This year's finalists are some of the best and brightest young farmers in Wisconsin," said Wisconsin Farm Bureau President Kevin Krentz.

The Farming for the Future Award recognizes YFA members who excel in farming, leadership ability and involvement in Farm Bureau and other organizations. Applicants must have derived a majority of their income from on-farm production.

This year's finalists include:

- Stephanie Abts, Manitowoc County
- Dustin and Ashley Ellis, Buffalo County
- Heather Erdman, Eau Claire County
- Kelly Oudenhoven, Outagamie County



Each finalist will conduct an interview with judges at the 2022 WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference at Kalahari Resorts and Conventions in Wisconsin Dells, Dec. 2-4.

The winner of the Farming for the Future Award will receive \$1,500 courtesy of GROWMARK, Inc., the opportunity to attend the 2023 American Farm Bureau Federation FUSION Conference in Jacksonville, Florida., will be eligible to participate in the 2023 YFA Washington, D.C., Fly-In and be a guest of WFBF at the 2023 YFA Conference. The total value of the prize package is valued at more than \$5,000.

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation co-sponsors this contest with GROWMARK Inc., and Rural Mutual Insurance Company. Information about all YFA contests can be found on wfbf.com.

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This is a new Farm Bureau award replacing the Achievement Award competition.

YFA Discussion Meet Finalists

Five District 6 YFA members participated in the YFA Discussion Meet on Aug. 2.

The top three qualifiers from this contest are moving on to the state contest held in conjunction with the WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference, Dec. 2-4, at the Kalahari Resorts and Conventions in Wisconsin Dells.

The question discussed was: *Due to current economic demands, many farmers and ranchers spend a lot of time outside the "fence rows" on off-farm jobs. How can Farm Bureau become more accessible and welcoming to members who are working in related fields and juggling responsibilities on and off the farm?*

Congratulations David Foerster from Sheboygan County and Rachel Harmann and Ann Glowacki from Door County.

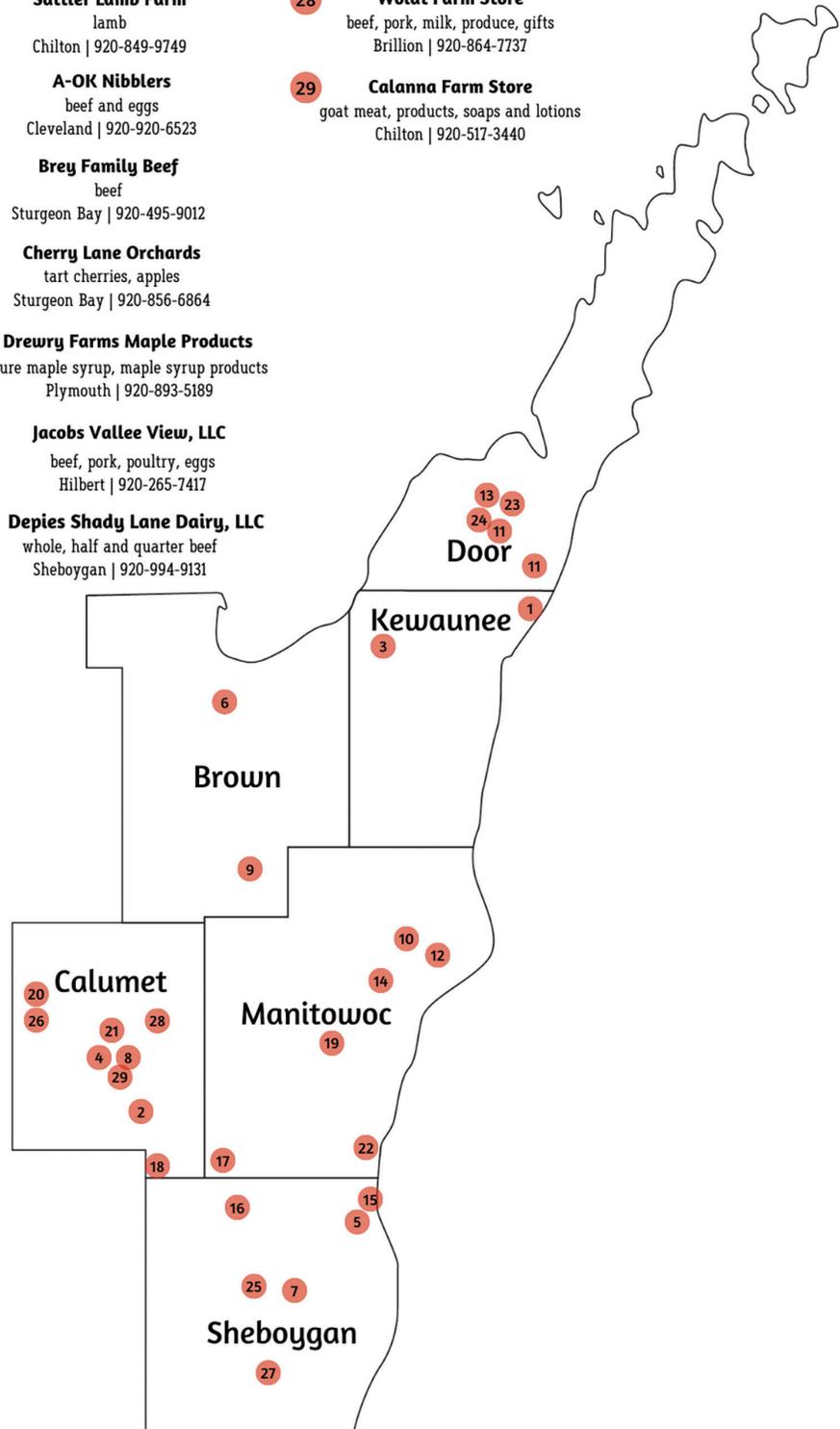


Local Producer Shopping Guide



- 1 **Lakeshore Land & Livestock**
beef, registered breeding stock
Algoma | 920-255-6920
- 2 **Schwabe's Produce**
asparagus, raspberries, produce
New Holstein | 920-539-8967
- 3 **Abts Champion Dairy/Beef**
beef by pound, cut, quarter or halves
New Franken | 920-973-6547
- 4 **DCS Livestock LLC**
beef and lamb
Chilton | 920-418-1638
- 5 **Bushman Homestead**
beef, pork, chicken body products
Sheboygan | 920-838-4023
- 6 **Maple Buzz/Maple Sweet Dairy**
maple syrup, honey, maple products
DePere | 920-680-9320
- 7 **LONG Distance Genetics**
Little Brown Cow Cheese
Sheboygan Falls | 920-207-8679
- 8 **Heritage Orchard**
fruit, apples, pumpkins
Chilton | 920-849-2158
- 9 **Trout Springs**
trout, wine, eggs
Greenleaf | 920-864-7761
- 10 **Wilfert Farms**
vegetables, asparagus, pumpkins
Two Rivers | 920-683-3264
- 11 **Sorens Valhalla Orchards**
cherries, strawberries, apples
Sturgeon Bay | 715-299-2606
- 12 **London Dairy Alpacas**
tours, gift store, breeding stock
Two Rivers | 920-793-4165
- 13 **Sully's Produce**
vegetables, fruits
Sturgeon Bay | 920-743-9391
- 14 **Sullivan Family Farm**
vegetables, eggs, meat
Manitowoc | 920-629-5658
- 15 **Lake Orchard Farm Aquaponics**
vegetables, lettuce, fish
Sheboygan | 920-627-3249
- 16 **Century Farm Beef**
meat
Elkhart Lake | 920-894-4375
- 17 **Goldon Bear Farm**
meat
Kiel | 920-333-0005
- 18 **LaClare Family Creamery**
goat products, cheese
Malone | 920-670-0051
- 19 **Sundown Farms**
beef, pork, hay
Valders | 920-901-6587
- 20 **Kesler Family Farm**
beef, pork, eggs, produce
Hilbert | 920-850-8752

- 21 **Sattler Lamb Farm**
lamb
Chilton | 920-849-9749
- 22 **A-OK Nibblers**
beef and eggs
Cleveland | 920-920-6523
- 23 **Brey Family Beef**
beef
Sturgeon Bay | 920-495-9012
- 24 **Cherry Lane Orchards**
tart cherries, apples
Sturgeon Bay | 920-856-6864
- 25 **Drewry Farms Maple Products**
pure maple syrup, maple syrup products
Plymouth | 920-893-5189
- 26 **Jacobs Vallee View, LLC**
beef, pork, poultry, eggs
Hilbert | 920-265-7417
- 27 **Depies Shady Lane Dairy, LLC**
whole, half and quarter beef
Sheboygan | 920-994-9131
- 28 **Woldt Farm Store**
beef, pork, milk, produce, gifts
Brillion | 920-864-7737
- 29 **Calanna Farm Store**
goat meat, products, soaps and lotions
Chilton | 920-517-3440



Ag in the Classroom Announces Book of the Year

What if you were granted a wish, not just any wish – but all the delicious ice cream that you could eat?

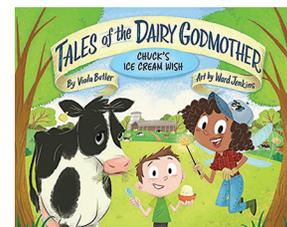
The Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom book of the year, "Tales of the Dairy Godmother – Chuck's Ice Cream Wish" by Viola Butler and illustrated by Ward Jenkins, is the story of a little boy who is granted this exact wish and ends up learning a whole lot more about his favorite food.

This delightful read explores what it takes to care, feed, milk and even clean-up after the cows that provide the milk to make delicious dairy products – including ice cream.

Lessons, activities and presentation ideas are available at the Ag in the Classroom website at wisagintheclassroom.org.

Want to get involved? Contact your county Ag in the Classroom coordinator to learn how your county will be celebrating and sharing dairy through the book of the year program.

Books are a wonderful way to share information and build valuable relationships with children and teachers. Check out the inventory of accurate agriculture books at www.wisagintheclassroom.org.



The Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom book of the year program honors children's books that engage young readers while accurately depicting the people and practices of modern agriculture.

Books are nominated and reviewed by a selection committee comprised of educators and Ag in the Classroom volunteers.

Do you have a book that you want to nominate for 2024? Send the title and author information to Ag in the Classroom Coordinator Beth Schaefer at bschaefer@wfbf.com.

Brown County

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County Annual Meeting Held at Suster's

There were about 35 members and guests who attended the 78th county annual meeting at Suster's in Denmark, which included elections for board of directors and WFBF Annual Meeting delegates, grassroots policy development discussion and other business items.

Troy Streckenbach, the Brown County Executive, spoke to the board and shared some of the projects going on around the county. The board re-organized at the November meeting.

The county passed six state resolutions and one federal resolution that will move on to the WFBF Policy Development Committee for consideration.

State

1. Strike page 1, lines 47, 48: *We support the research and development of a dairy growth management and other systems that provide increased dairy industry stability and producer profitability. We oppose supply management.*
2. We oppose depooling of milk by processors. *(Dairy-Milk Production and Supply)*
3. We support having at least one seat on the Land Conservation committee being an agricultural producer. *(General Government-County Land Conservation Committee)*



4. We support that trailers or trucks loaded in the field be exempt from axle weight if the gross weight is within the total limit. *(Transportation-Vehicle Weight)*
5. We support mandatory tractor safety training. *(Health and Safety-Safety)*
6. We support agricultural educators to provide feedback towards the AFNR standards. *(Education-Ag Education)*

Federal

1. We oppose outside state funding of politicians.

New Members

A special thanks to those who worked hard on membership this year. Brown County Farm Bureau ended the year with a gain of four voting members ending at 322 voting members and 907 total members.

Welcome new members.

Advanced Management LLC*
Jesse C. Arcand
Glenn Bialozynski*
Jeff Brasch
Adam Bronner
Betty Douglas
Eahn Drew
Peggy Eserkahn
Dorothy Fisher
Christine Gagne
Carin Gardner
Same Gorbette
Kayla Gurule
Harmony Real Estate LLC*

Sharon Humblet
Karen Jansen
Shayne Jansen
Justin P. Kaczmarek*
Pat Kane*
Shannon Kane
Shawn Kane*
Tim Kane*
Joseph Krentz
Jason Kuchenbecker
Gene Kuss
Casey Lipsky
Colleen Marcks
Joyce Mc Caughn
Evan Mennen*

Craig Micke
Shane Miller
Thomas Mleziva
Daniel Moya
Glen Pansier*
Stephanie Petersen*
Eric Pillsbury
Linda Pillsbury
Allison Proehl
Richard Rehberg
Natalie Rennhack
Kyle Rentmeester
Brett Saari*
Steve J. Seibert
Kim Suszko

Carlos Tennesen*
Roland Tordeur
Lauren Underhill
Tom Vande Wattering*
Tyler Vande Wattering*
Ashley A. Vanden Bush*
Patricia Vengowsky
Megan Walters
Mariah Walton
Abram Williams
Rob Wurm*
Hanna Zepnick
Jesse Zirbel*
Robert Zuleger

* Indicates voting member.

County Annual Meeting Attendees Support Resolutions

There were about 55 members and guests who attended the county annual meeting to vote on policy to send on to the state.

Tony Reali and Steve Hoffman from Between the Lakes Watershed were the speakers for the evening. They shared information on the watershed project and successes from the past year.

Calumet County Outstanding Farm Bureau Member was awarded to Wayne Menza from Vern's Cheese.

Simon Regan was elected as president at the re-organization meeting following the annual meeting. Vice-President is Carley Blado, Secretary/Treasurer is Macey Pingel.

Calumet County also voted on a by-law change in regards to the board of directors. Directors will now be voted to a three-year term for a maximum of two terms and eligible for re-election after leaving office of one year or longer. Directors will be elected at large versus for a specific township.

The county passed five state resolutions that will now move on to the WFBF Policy Development Committee for consideration:

State

1. We support the research and development of a dairy growth management and other system that provide increased dairy stability and producer profitability. *(Dairy-Milk Production and Supply)*
2. We support technical college and UW Extension offering safety courses, including the Wisconsin Safe Operation of Tractor and Machinery Certification Program, on operating equipment found on farms and implements of husbandry on farm and public roads as well as safety course in animal handling and husbandry. *(Education-Technical College System)*
3. We oppose any increase in taxes related to the transfer of the family farm. *(Farm Finance-Beginning Farmers)*
4. We oppose banning the use of fossil fuels in production agriculture. *(Energy-Alternative Sources)*
5. We oppose requiring a landowner to pay for emergency road maintenance if a county does not have an ordinance to charge extra fees for maintenance of a road during an emergency situation. *(Transportation-Highways)*



Rural Open Golf Outing

The Rural Open was hosted on Aug. 20 at Hickory Hills Country Club. Monies raised go to the Calumet County Farm Bureau and the Calumet County Fair Association.

Next year, watch for more information to get your team involved.



New Farm Bureau Members

Calumet County Farm Bureau had a great year this year. Thank you to those who worked hard to bring in new members. 11 new voting members were signed, bringing the voting total to 291 members with 592 members total.

Welcome new members.

Ronald Biese*
 Randall Brandes*
 Eric Brochtrup
 Nathan Davidson
 Derek Geiser
 Abigail Gonnering
 Charlene Graf
 Nicholas Green
 Jeanne Hagenow
 Brian E. Hartlaub
 Jeffrey Hebl
 James Hermann
 Kaci Hess
 Lauren Hess
 Judith Heus*
 Kelley Hosto
 Jessica Justinger

Josh Kalkofen
 Wendy Keberlein
 Dylan Kobussen
 Robert J. Kolbe*
 Alexis Kruger
 Mark Krutzik
 Shaw Langenfeld
 Zachary Lemke*
 Tim Lund
 Todd Meyer*
 Larry Miller
 John M. Moehn*
 Armando Ortiz
 Pack Rat Storage LLC
 John Peik
 Brett Pershing
 Hunter Plamann

Brian J. Powell
 Terry Renn*
 Paul Schmitz
 Kevin Schnackel
 Marc Stecker
 Jennifer A. Sticka
 Amber Stumpf
 Elizabeth Thiel
 Gordon R. Thome*
 Valley International Market
 Edward Wagner
 Jordan Wagner
 Jeffrey Webber Jr.
 Pamela T. Weimer
 Donald Woelfel

* Indicates voting member.



Door County Annual Meeting

There were 68 members and guests that attended this year's annual meeting, which included elections for board of directors and WFBF Annual Meeting delegates, grassroots policy development discussion and other business items.

Dan Vandertie was re-elected as president at the re-organization meeting following the annual meeting. Vice-President is Rachel Harmann, secretary is Claire Olson and treasurer is Adam Meinert.

The county passed six state resolution that will now move on to the WFBF Policy Development committee for consideration:

State

1. We support funding grants/low-interest loans, further education for the start-up, upgrade, and continuation costs of meat harvesters and

processors. (*Marketing-Direct Marketing*)

2. We support the expansion and enhancement of mentorships and apprenticeships within the state. (*Education*)
3. We support equal protection for employers and employees for agricultural work visas. (*General Government*)
4. We support requiring NRCS, DNR, DATCP, CLCDs and DOT to coordinate with each other to utilize resources to more effectively serve farmers. (*Natural Resources-Groundwater*)
5. We support wildlife or decorative ponds being at least 300 feet from existing agricultural land. (*Natural Resources-Drainage and Water Law*)
6. We support a flexible growth/supply management system. (*Dairy-Milk Production and Supply*)



Door County Fair Is a Success

Another successful year at the Door County Fair.

A special thank you to the workers who helped keep the stand running so smoothly. We couldn't do it without you.



New Farm Bureau Members

Door County Farm Bureau had an exceptional membership year this year.

Thank you to those who worked hard to bring in new members. 23 new voting members were signed this year bringing the voting total to 198 members with 317 members total.

Welcome new members.

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| Haley Adams | Jeff Kohnle* |
| Mike Bagnall* | Low Valley Farms, Inc.* |
| Dustin Baudhuin* | Jason Parkos* |
| Jared Baudhuin* | Niki Peterson* |
| Keith Birnschein* | Steven Robillard* |
| Anthony Bley* | Rowleys Bay Resort |
| Joe Delveaux* | Lester Schultz |
| Crystal Drager* | Jon Stahl |
| Charles Forsch* | Sunset on Rileys Point LLC |
| Connor Forsch* | Nathan Tipler* |
| Michelle Garry | Marti Viste* |
| Jason Geyer* | Kevin M. Wilke* |
| Miah Haberli* | Noah Wrenn* |
| Dan Heinritz | Lynn Zawojski* |
| Cody Kaye* | |
| Brooke Kinjerski* | |

* Indicates voting member.



From Your Manitowoc County President



Brent Sinkula

Manitowoc County Farm Bureau President

It has been said that the internet has made the world smaller.

While that may have truth, the world's economic situation is definitely smaller.

In the last year, we heard fertilizer and chemicals might be in short supply.

But add in a Russian invasion, it sent commodity and input costs to record highs.

Agriculture is in a weird spot, with inflation hitting our industry greatly, but with grains at market highs, it helps ease the sticker shock.

So the ultimate question, where are we going from here? Is this the new norm, or are we in for a market correction?

I haven't the slightest idea. But in agriculture, we always remain resilient in spite of whatever comes out way.

So, buckle up, hang on and be prepared for whatever the future has in store.

County Annual Meeting Held

There were about 85 members and guests that attended the annual meeting to hear guest speaker Ross Bender. Ross shared the interesting story of how fertilizer is harvested around the United States.

Brent Sinkula was re-elected as president at the re-organization meeting. Vice-President is Levi Bratt, Secretary is Jenny Riederer, the Treasurer is Derek Sedlacek and Dan Meyer as the member-at-large to make up the executive committee.

The Friend of Farm Bureau award was given to Becky Salm, the District 6 Coordinator. The Livestock Achievement Award was handed out to the Grotegut Dairy Farm. The county passed three local and four state resolutions that will now move on to the WFBF Policy Development committee for consideration.

Local

1. We commend Grotegut Dairy Farm Inc for serving as the 2022 Manitowoc County Breakfast on the Farm host.
2. We encourage more tractor safety training opportunities in the county and possibly working with neighboring counties.
3. We support at least two clear ditch cuttings per year to control noxious weed laws on land owned and maintained by the government including town, county, and state road right-of-ways.

State

1. We support DATCP to be the regulatory agency for aboveground farm fuel storage tanks. (*General Government-DATCP*)
2. We support adding a filing to the UCC system to allow the transfer on death of farm equipment to be recorded (*Farm Finance*)
3. We support the elimination of the requirement to take the NREMT for EMR level first responders. (*General Government-Volunteer Fire Department and Emergency Medical Staff*)
4. We support intergovernmental cooperation and funding for EMS similar to fire protection. (*General Government-Volunteer Fire Department and Emergency Medical Staff*)



Rosalie Geiger and Cheryl Duchow presented the Friend of Farm Bureau award to District 6 Coordinator Becky Salm.



CRANBERRY SAUSAGE APPLE STUFFING

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons of olive oil
- 1 medium onion diced
- 2 stalks of celery diced
- 1 pound of sausage
- 1 teaspoon of salt
- freshly ground pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons of fresh sage minced
- 2 teaspoons of fresh rosemary minced
- 2 tablespoons of fresh flat leaf parsley chopped
- 1 large golden delicious apple cored and diced
- 3/4 cups of dried cranberries
- 2 cups of turkey or chicken stock
- 6 cups of dry unseasoned bread cubes
- 4 tablespoons of melted butter

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large sauté pan, heat onions and celery over medium heat until softened. Add sausage, breaking up as it browns. Once sausage is cooked through, season with salt, pepper and stir in fresh herbs. Then stir in diced apples, cranberries, bread crumbs and stock.
2. Transfer stuffing mixture to a 9x13 baking pan that has been sprayed with non stick cooking spray, drizzle melted butter over stuffing mixture and cover tightly with foil. Bake for 25 minutes covered, then for another 20 uncovered until stuffing is lightly toasted. Sprinkle with additional fresh herbs before serving.

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Young Farmer and Agriculturist Chair Update

By Stephanie Abts, YFA Chair

2021 and 2022 were eventful and exciting; and we look forward to another great year.

The end of 2021 ended with our two annual events, the wreath sale and the YFA Conference.

Our wreath sale sold close to 40 pieces reaching residents from the City of Manitowoc to the outskirts of the county. The wreaths were once again made by the Sprang family. Thank you for your support.

At our YFA Conference we had a few YFA members attend. We had representation in the Discussion Meet and the Excellence in Agriculture award areas.

Those who attended enjoyed an arcade night, uplifting speakers and great company amongst members.

We are looking forward to attending this year.

February brought back our YFA night at the Resch event. We had a nice representation from District 6 at the Gamblers' hockey game.

In April, we also hosted a district-wide bus tour with the Promotion and Education Committee. We toured Cloveredge's Robotic Milking Farm, Silarian Vineyard and Ledge Rock Hemp.

With the hustle and bustle of spring work, we selected a scholarship winner and hosted our first YFA ladies' night out with Sheboygan County; planting flowers at Superior Lawn and Garden. Each member selected plants and made a planter, and enjoyed camaraderie and snacks.

To wrap up our eventful year, we planned our annual Kiddie Showmanship event at the Manitowoc County Fair.

We had great participation with 51 kids participating in the show. Taylor Przybylski from Krakow judged the event. Each kid received ribbons, a food stand certificate for ice cream or milk and a wash brush donated by our family.

Thank you to those who participated and helped this year.

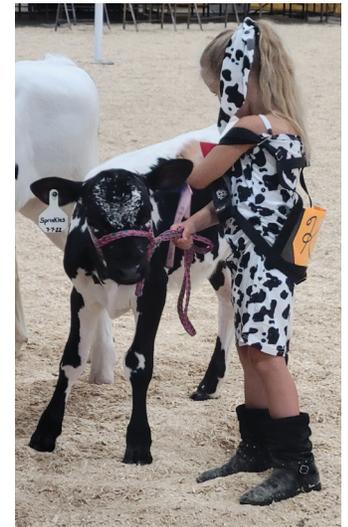
Lastly, I want to thank you for your support and participation these last six years of me serving as YFA chair. I have enjoyed getting to

know you, planing new events, growing membership and helping the organization as a whole. The experience has been fun and rewarding.

As life takes us in different directions, I look forward to spending more time with our son Theodore and being around our farm. We will still be a part of Farm Bureau, but in a different way.

I wish our new YFA Chair Stephanie Leonhard the best going forward.

We wish you a safe and bountiful harvest and see you in 2023.



Year and Review From the Promotion and Education Committee

By Cheryl Duchow and Rosalie Geiger, Promotion and Education Committee Co-Chairs



The Manitowoc County Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee generally meets the third Thursday of each month at the Farm Bureau office in St. Nazianz at 8 p.m.

The Board of Directors meets at the same time, but the meetings are held

separately. The main purpose of our committee is to promote agriculture, sponsor programs for youth involvement and help raise money to fund these programs.

Our new year begins with setting the budget for the year and election of officers. Our officers for the year were Cheryl Duchow and Rosalie Geiger serving as co-chairs, and Alice Petermann serving as our secretary.

The rest of the committee consists of Terri Herrmann, Michelle Bratt, Ann Hutterer, Doreen Bessert, Mary Ann Rabitz and Naiomi Leonhard.

October is the month in which the county annual meeting is held. It was held at Seven Lakes. Our annual 'Friend of Farm Bureau Award' was presented to Dave and Rosemary Hartlaub, who have supported and promoted Farm Bureau activities for many years.

December is the state WFBF Annual Meeting. Michelle Bratt, Cheryl Duchow and Rosalie Geiger attended to represent the committee.

Alice Petermann, our Ag in the Classroom coordinator made the Soybean Science Kit available to schools to use upon request and sent notices to Manitowoc county schools regarding the contests that we sponsor.

A coloring contest is offered to kindergarten through third grade classes. Fourth- and fifth-grade students can enter the essay contest and the winning essay from each county is then sent to be judged at the state level.

We had 110 coloring contest entries from seven schools. We offered a first, second and third place in the two-age categories. Winning coloring contest entries have been used for our annual meeting program cover.

We demonstrated mini rainfall events, simulator and benefits of no-till cover crops at the Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center and at the Dairy Breakfast.



A set of ag books is given to an elementary school each year and this year the books were donated to Immanuel Lutheran in Manitowoc.

For June Dairy Month, our committee presented an ag book and other gifts to the first June baby from each of the two hospitals in our county.

Our committee members volunteered at the Breakfast on the Farm, which was hosted by Grotegut Family Farms. The weather was great, and we had 4,500 in attendance for a great dairy breakfast. We crowned Savannah Sinkula as our Miss Farm Bureau 2021-2022 and also presented a \$500 scholarship to Crystal Anhalt.

For community outreach, we donated paper products, personal care items and infant and toddler supplies, three times during the year to The Crossing in Manitowoc. They were very appreciative.

We have had a very busy year and want to thank those who helped or participated in any way.

We are again looking forward to another exciting year with Farm Bureau. Please join us.

New Farm Bureau Members

Thank you to those who worked hard on membership this year. Manitowoc County Farm Bureau reached their voting goal for 2022.

We ended with a five voting member gain bringing us to 644 voting members and 1,116 total members.

Welcome new members.



Collin Anhalt
 Frank Annett
 Abigail Biese*
 Owen Birenbaum*
 Ted Bolle
 Bonde's Quik Mart
 Acquisition LLC
 Melissa Bruechert
 Penny Carmicheal-Shaffer
 Cole Carroll
 Gerald Duchow*
 Jeremy Duchow*
 Alan L. Faber
 Bailey Goehring*
 Todd Graf*
 William Griffin*
 Erika Haler*
 Hansen Tech LLC
 Kirsten Heir-Strutz

Janelle Hochstetler*
 Kyle Kasten
 James Knitter
 Jay Kortens
 Joshua Krause*
 Amanda Krepline*
 Mary Lou Krepline*
 Alison Leschke*
 Bradley Lighthall
 Sarah Linsmeier
 Emilie E. Luebke
 Kelsey Maurer*
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 Andre Neeb
 Joseph R. Nelesen
 Tyler Piepenburg
 Pravco Industrial
 Equipment

Peter Propson
 Breana Schafer*
 Bailey Schaller
 Brittany Schaller
 Monia Schmidt*
 Brian D. Schnell
 Mackayla Sedlacek*
 Sandy Siehr*
 Gavin Sinkula*
 Emily Skubal
 Barry Soukup*
 Sheri Sterletske
 Camrynn Strouf*
 Tim Thor*
 Danielle Visser
 Trevor Wittmus*
 Justin Zutz*

* Indicates voting member.

County Annual Meeting Recognizes Guests

There were about 45 members and guests that attended this year's annual meeting to hear guest speaker Mike Powers. Mike shared information on solar technology and alternative fuel sources. Mike's business Local Productions provides technical assistance, feasibility studies, siting, evaluation of constraints, negotiating of leases-easements, government-public relations, assists with regulatory approvals and conditional use permits.



Mike Powers of Local Productions LLC was the guest speaker.

Mark Schleicher was elected president at the reorganization meeting following the annual meeting. Vice-President is Luke Gartman, Secretary/Treasurer is John Fischer and Kathy Salm and Mark Ramel were elected to make up the executive committee. Board members elected to a three-year term were Duane Raeder, John Fischer and David Foerster, elected to a one year term is Jessica Batterman.

The county passed eight state resolutions that will now move on to the WFBF Policy Development committee for consideration:

State

1. Strike page 1, lines 47, 48 ~~We support the research and development of a dairy growth management and other systems that provide increase dairy industry stability and producer profitability. (Dairy-Milk Production and Supply)~~
2. Strike page 3, line 18 ~~We oppose any further expansion of the school voucher system. (Education-Elementary and Secondary)~~
3. We support the University of Wisconsin System auditing ~~placing more emphasis~~ applied research for the benefit of production agriculture. (Education-Ag Research)
4. We support the elimination of the requirement to take the NREMT for EMR level first responders. (General Government-Volunteer Fire Department and Emergency Medical Staff)
5. We support allowing local breweries, distilleries, meaderies and wineries to directly market their products to have equivalent operating hours as taverns and restaurants. (Marketing-Direct Marketing)
6. We support allowing tasting rooms to sample wines, spirits, beers and ciders made by other producers (Marketing-Direct Marketing)
7. We support aboveground farm fuel storage tanks being regulated by DATCP. All aboveground farm fuel storage tanks less than 5,000 gallons shall be exempt from regulation, including inspection, plan review and professional installation requirements. (Natural Resources and the Environment- Environmental Regulations)
8. We support that trailers or trucks loaded in the field be exempt from axle weight if the gross weight is within the total limit. (Transportation-Vehicle Weight)



Mark Schleicher and Tyler Wenzlaff awarded Congressman Glen Grothman (WI-06) with the Friend of Farm Bureau award.

New Farm Bureau Members

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard on membership this year.

Sheboygan County Farm Bureau reached their membership goal to end the year with 406 voting members and 897 total members.

Welcome new members.

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| Vanessa Arbuckle | Joshua Kroepflen* |
| Jared Berenz | Avni Latifi |
| William Beverly | Robert Laumann |
| Andrew Chuvan | Joseph Lengling* |
| Country Equipment Services LLC | Tyler Luedtke* |
| Eastern Wisconsin Dairy Herd Improvement Cooperative* | Christopher Markus |
| Scott Eberhardt | Ryan Moeller |
| Edgewood Landscape | Jenna Mугan* |
| Gary G. Edler | Randall Ostermann* |
| David Foerster* | Kristin Peters |
| Globe Lanes LLC | Kevin Roesel |
| Sally and John Grunewald* | Kristofer Rusch* |
| Melina Hang | Rachel Schleicher* |
| Roger Hanke | Aaron Schueller |
| Tammy Hanke | Mikaela Shepard |
| James Hanson | Jeremiah Siebert |
| Anna Horn | Sponaugle Construction LLC |
| Janice Hovey | Jaymon Statler |
| Kyle Jacob* | Amy Van Treeck* |
| Roger Jensema* | Joseph Vopal |
| Natalie Kline* | Peter Weber* |
| Jay Kohls | Howard Weiss |
| Justin Kraus | Katelyn Yorek* |
| James Kroepflen* | Holly Zorn |

* Indicates voting member.

Promotion and Education Committee Looking for Members

Are you passionate about agriculture and sharing the story of farmers and how food is produced?

Volunteers are needed on this new committee. The committee will continue to organize the Classroom on the Farm as well as have opportunities to come up with new and exciting programming.

The committee meets in Plymouth at the Farm Bureau office on the third Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact District 6 Coordinator Becky Salm at 920.253.5303 or bsalm@wfbf.com.





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