



Grassroots

District 1 News

Mark Your Calendars for Ag Day at the Capitol

Ag Day at the Capitol is an annual event open to Wisconsin farmers and agriculturists to learn more about state issues affecting agriculture and meet with their state legislators. Rural Mutual Insurance Company and GROWMARK, Inc., are major sponsors of the event. Co-sponsors of the event, with Wisconsin Farm Bureau, include a variety of dairy, beef, pork, horse, corn, soybean, cranberry, potato and vegetable groups.

This year's event will be held Wednesday, March 29, 2023. Issue briefings will be held at the Monona Terrace Convention Center in Madison with legislator visits after.

The Capitol meetings are from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the following rooms:

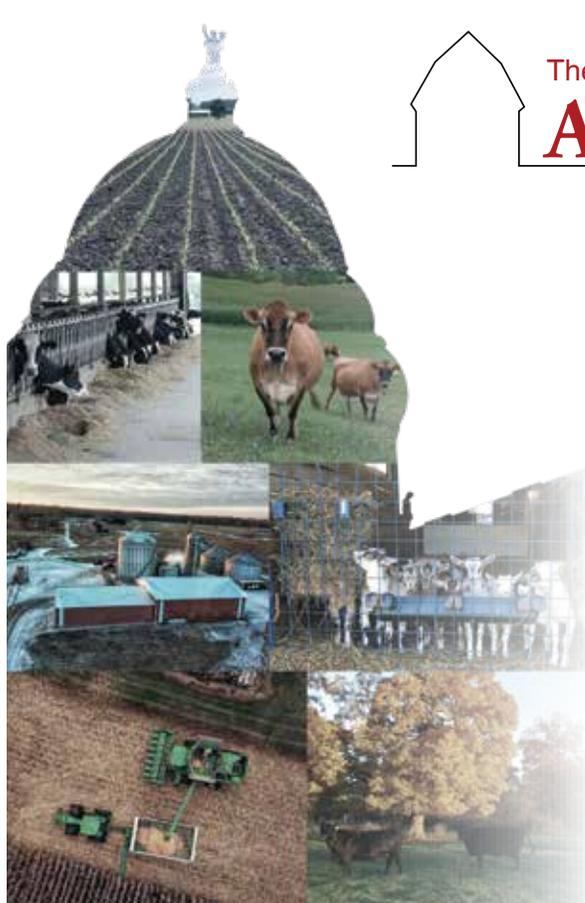
- **Jefferson, Walworth and Waukesha County:** Room 415 NW
- **Kenosha and Racine County:** Room 400 NE
- **Ozaukee and Washington County:** North Hearing Room

If you are interested in attending, RSVP to Patti Wilhelme by March 22 at 262.689.1838 or pwilhelme@wbf.com.

We highly encourage all attendees to go to the Capitol to speak directly to your legislators.

Since the elections last fall, do you know who your legislators are?

You can easily identify your legislators by going to the Farm Bureau website wbf.com/policy/take-action, click "State Legislators," type in your address and your legislator names will come up. We hope that everyone knows who represents them at the local, state and national level, and that you have a relationship with your legislators so you can help educate them on agriculture.



The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation invites you to attend

AG DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

Monona Terrace Convention Center • Madison, WI

Early Registration Deadline: March 22

Cost: \$30 per person by registration deadline; **\$60** after deadline and at the door.

Tentative Schedule of Events:

- 11:00 a.m. Registration
- 11:30 a.m. Opening Program
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Legislative Briefing
- 3:00 p.m. Leave for Capitol Visits

Visit wbf.com/events/ag-day-at-the-capitol for the latest information.

Interested in more information or carpooling options to attend Ag Day at the Capitol? Contact District 1 Coordinator, Patti Wilhelme at 262.689.1838 or pwilhelme@wbf.com.

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AFBF Annual Meeting in San Juan



Dave Daniels

WFBF District 1 Director

Just as WFBF's Annual Meeting is held at the Kalahari Resort where the waterpark is filled with fun and warm water, AFBF's Annual Meeting was held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, where coincidentally the water was as warm as the weather.

San Juan is a very old city on the island of Puerto Rico, recently celebrating its 500th

anniversary. It was one of the first islands discovered in the New World and was a strategic outpost for the first settlers from Spain. In fact, the city was built within walls and two forts were built on each end to protect the port.

Our hotel was in Old San Juan, a couple miles from the convention center. It was located a couple of steps from the docks that were berths for cruise ships. One day there were six cruise ships that docked and added 20,000 people to Old San Juan's population. Talk about congestion.

At the convention center we were welcomed by Puerto Rico Farm Bureau President Héctor Iván Cordero to kick off the Young Farmers and Ranchers part of the Annual Meeting. Our Discussion Meet representative, Rachel Harmann, made it through the first two rounds and competed in the Sweet 16.

We listened to two featured speakers. Big Kenny Alphin from the singing group Big and Rich grew up on his family's cattle ranch in

Virginia. He sang a few of his songs and gave us a description of what his foundation, the Love Everybody Foundation, contributes to humanitarian efforts. I'd say he was a great storyteller, as well.

Our second featured speaker was Bert Jacobs who created the "Life is Good" t-shirt brand with his brother. The brand has been available for 25 years with the mission to spread the power of optimism. Life is Good Kids Foundation receives 10% of all sales which impacts over 1 million kids.

The Wisconsin delegation had dinner on Saturday night to get to know each other and some of us attended the Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast which supports the American Farm Bureau Foundation. On Sunday the tradeshow opened, and breakout sessions were scheduled. I attended a couple of shorter sessions about Federal Milk Marketing Orders, an election recap and rural priorities on the national level.

Later there were longer duration sessions. A two-part session entitled Public Policy Hot Topics and the 118th Congress - too many subjects for just one! Other topics included a livestock market outlook for 2023, a geopolitical outlook for agriculture and answering the question "What is Farm Bureau?"

The business and resolution session was a full day for our three delegates

and alternates. There was much discussion on dairy, capturing and storing carbon, energy and renewable fuels, and Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) topics. All and all, our national policy was set forth for the 2023 year.

Next year the annual meeting is scheduled to be in Salt Lake City, Utah on Jan. 12-17, 2024.



Meet the New District 1 YFA Representatives



Darren and Kendall Riskedal

District 1 YFA Committee Representatives

Hi! We're Kendall and Darren Riskedal from Jefferson County and we're serving as the District 1 YFA Committee Representatives.

Kendall works for Filament doing marketing communications for a

crop protection company. Darren works for Insight FS as a Precision Equipment Specialist. Since 2016, we've lived in Southern Wisconsin, both originally from Northern Illinois. Darren grew up on a cash crop and beef finishing farm, which his brother and father still work on.

We have an almost two-year-old we enjoy raising on an old farmette with plenty of outdoor projects to work on, including an abandoned apple orchard we're working to restore.

Some of our favorite Farm Bureau activities have included YFA Conference, District 1 go-karting and a hayride bar crawl. Farm Bureau has been significant in helping us find community and great friendships since moving to Wisconsin.

We look forward to working with Farm Bureau members over the next few years to continue advancing YFA initiatives and growing leaders within the organization. Please stay connected to learn about events and opportunities to get involved via this newsletter, Facebook and emails.



The 2023 WFBF State YFA Committee.

Delegates Set Policy at WFBF Annual Meeting

Delegates from District 1 and the other eight districts throughout Wisconsin gathered on Monday, Dec. 5 at the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation's 103rd Annual Meeting to set the policy for the organization.

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

Thank you to those who were delegates from the District 1 counties. The number of delegates that each county receives is based on the number of voting members the county has by the end of the membership year, Sept. 30.

Serving as delegates this year:

- **Jefferson County:** Dawn Jones, Steve Jones, Eugene Mess, Mary Mess, Randy Mitchell, Karen Schadt, Tony Schadt and Roger Zimmerman.

- **Kenosha County:** Tim Edquist and Wes Hawkins.
- **Racine County:** Kallie Coates, Traci Himebauch and Tim Schmidt.
- **Walworth County:** Rick Adams, Terry Papcke, Greg Sawtelle, Rick Thelen and Kathy Tober.
- **Washington County:** Ken Falk, Mike Kannenberg, Mike Strupp, Randy Thull and Carl Wolf.
- **Waukesha County:** Ryan Brueggemann, Chris Mommaerts and Jim Renn.

In addition, thank you to District 1 Director Dave Daniels for running a smooth policy session and Renee Schaal for representing District 1 on the state policy development committee.



The Walworth County Farm Bureau delegates included (from left) Rick Thelen, Rick Adams, Terry Papcke, Kathy Tober and Greg Sawtelle.



Racine County delegates were ready for the resolutions session. Pictured (from left) Traci Himebauch, Kallie Coates and Tim Schmidt.



The Jefferson County Farm Bureau delegates included (from left) Roger Zimmerman, Steve Jones, Dawn Jones, Tony Schadt, Karen Schadt, Mary Mess, Eugene Mess and Randy Mitchell.



District 1 Director Dave Daniels facilitated the resolutions session on Monday morning.



Tim Edquist and Wes Hawkins were the Kenosha County Farm Bureau delegates.



The Waukesha County delegates were (from left) Jim Renn, Ryan Brueggemann and Chris Mommaerts.



(from left) Randy Thull, Mike Kannenberg, Ken Falk, Mike Strupp and Carl Wolf from Washington County sat on the delegate floor to vote on resolutions.

Over 1,000 Gathered at Kalahari



Patti Wilhelme
WFBF District 1 Coordinator

One of my favorite parts of my job is working with you, the Farm Bureau members. I truly enjoy attending the Young Farmer and Agriculturist Conference and WFBF Annual Meeting. It's always wonderful to see members gather, network and receive awards.

There is so much that happens in such a short amount of time; it's an exhausting weekend but worth every second. I'm proud of the accomplishments that were celebrated all weekend long.

The YFA Conference was held Friday, Dec. 2 to Sunday, Dec. 4 with over 470 members in attendance from across the state.

On Friday we kicked off the conference with a tailgate with the Fabulous Farm Babe Pam Jahnke and the rest of the Farm Team. We had a first-timers' orientation followed by the welcome dinner.

During the welcome dinner, District 1 and State YFA Chair Bob Nash emceed and gave his retiring address. He reminded everyone to "follow your passion and let it burn from within...do everything with a passion." Retiring YFA committee members were thanked for their service and new YFA committee members were introduced. We are excited to welcome Darren and Kendall Riskedal from Jefferson County to represent District 1 on the State YFA Committee.

The night concluded with district meetings and Midwest Dueling Pianos.

Saturday morning began with the YFA Discussion Meet quarterfinals in which all three District 1 members participated. Congratulations to Kallie Coates (Racine County), Emily Piehler (Racine County) and Whitney Rathke (Ozaukee County) for competing in the discussion meet. Both Kallie and Whitney made it to the semifinal round and Kallie was in the final round of the Discussion Meet.

The brunch keynote speaker was Braxten Nielsen from Utah. His upbeat keynote address talked about bringing your energy, talents and abilities to life. Your perspective makes a big difference and everything you do should be done with a purpose. You will all have fear while chasing your dreams, that brings out greatness.

Braxten talked about the three keys in helping us be successful:

1. Positive Mindset: 10% circumstance, 90% attitude
2. Hard Work: it will always pay off.
3. Support Group: surround yourself with greatness and people that believe in you.

The WFBF Annual Meeting began after brunch on Saturday. I love that our YFA Conference and WFBF Annual Meeting overlap, allowing members of all ages to network. On Saturday afternoon, attendees could go to the tradeshow, bid on silent auction items, attend workshops or network with other Farm Bureau members.

Saturday evening's banquet was to thank the membership volunteers who signed five or more new members. Those members were treated to a fantastic steak dinner in the front of the room. Prior to the entertainment, WFBF President Kevin Krentz gave his annual address. President Krentz mentioned that Farm Bureau is nothing without our members and that the dues are minimal for what we provide.

The entertainment of the evening was magician Tim Gabrielson. He had everyone laughing and left us with a few memorable quotes. He said:

- If we take time in life to pause, we see things differently.
- If you hold in laughter, you toot.
- Laughter is a gift and makes you live longer.

• Laughter takes away pain and temporarily interrupts your mindset. To conclude the evening, the tradeshow and silent auction opened and we had a packed room of members playing BINGO and Name that Tune.

Following the Collegiate Farm Bureau and YFA Discussion Meet finals on Sunday morning, we heard from keynote speaker Alex Sheen, founder of "because I said I would". His speech was inspiring and made everyone reflect on their own lives. He talked about the importance of a promise, and everyone received promise cards to symbolize honor and commitment. He stressed the importance of making and keeping a promise – because I said I would. If you say you are going to do something, keep your promise. He also stressed sharing kindness.

The YFA Conference ended at the conclusion of the keynote speaker. During the afternoon we had a series of Ag in the Classroom workshops and the Packer game playing in the ballroom. The silent auction closed prior to the Farm Bureau awards banquet and Sunday evening program.

The resolutions session was held on Monday. There were a total of 232 delegates in attendance to vote on policies and the dues increase. The delegates approved a \$10 dues increase effective October 1, 2023.

Overall, the YFA Conference and WFBF Annual Meeting were huge successes. With over 1,000 Farm Bureau members in attendance, there was a lot of opportunity for networking and learning, with keynote speakers who really gave members a chance to reflect on their own lives.

One of my biggest takeaways is from Alex Sheen's presentation because I said I would. I signed up for his newsletter and received a bracelet that reminds me each day to keep my promises on what I said I would do and to do so with kindness.



**LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLE...
MEMBERSHIP EDITION
IT TAKES A TEAM!**

District 1 membership mascot:



CORNERSTONE

"It Takes a Team" is the theme for the 2022-2023 membership year. This year's membership campaign is putting districts against each other head-to-head to see who can hit their membership goals.

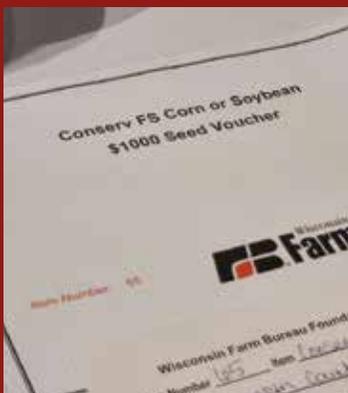


Silent Auction Raises More Than \$13,500 for the WFB Foundation

Thank You

to all the county Farm Bureaus and members across the state who donated fun items, great baskets, delicious Wisconsin products, packages, gift certificates and hand-made items to the silent auction at the 103rd WFBF Annual Meeting.

Proceeds from the Silent Auction benefit programs funded by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation including Ag in the Classroom, Young Farmer and Agriculturist, Promotion and Education, Farm Bureau Leadership Institute and the Collegiate Farm Bureau Chapters at UW-Madison, UW-Platteville and UW-River Falls. With more than \$13,500 raised, we will be able to continue to support agriculture education and leadership development programs.



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2022 WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Scrapbook

Check out all the fun had by District 1 Farm Bureau members during the WFBF Annual Meeting this past December.



Washington County member Leah Weninger (pictured bottom row far right) was one of eight finalists in the Sustainable Storytelling category for the 35 Under 35 program. This year was the first year of the program and is a partnership between the YFA program and Insight FS.



Members networked in the tradeshow. Those pictured (from left) District 9 Director Brad Olson, District 1 Director Dave Daniels and Racine County member Renee Schaal.



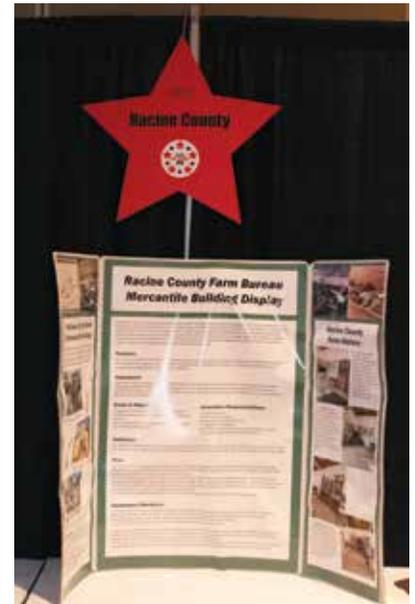
District 1 YFA members attended the Friday night district meeting.



John and Tiffany Falk, Washington County (left); Terry and Kathy Papcke, Walworth County (center); and Mike and Marian Strupp (right) were honored as members of the Farm Bureau Proud Club for signing up at least five new members in 2022. All three couples were recognized during the Farm Bureau Proud banquet on Saturday night.



Kevin Malchine, Racine County Farm Bureau member and Growmark representative, helped with the YFA awards program.



Racine County Farm Bureau was an All Star Award winner and had a display of their mercantile building project.



Racine County member, Kallie Coates (pictured right) was in the Final Four of the YFA Discussion Meet. Congratulations to Kallie on a job well done!

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Chris Mommaerts, Waukesha County delegate, spoke up during the resolutions session.



Emily Piehler, Discussion Meet contestant from Racine County (left) competed in the YFA Discussion Meet.



Jefferson County members enjoyed an evening of BINGO. Pictured (from left): Karen Schadt, Tony Schadt, Eugene Mess and Mary Mess.



Mike Strupp, Washington County member, was recognized as a Top 10 membership volunteer in the state. Mike is pictured, left, with President Kevin Krentz.

Top Five Reasons to Attend a Conference this Meeting Season



Rachel Gerbitz

WFBF Director of Sustainability Communications and Partnerships

Bunkers are covered, silos are full and grain is stored. 2022 balances are settled and plans for 2023 are well underway. In the final weeks of the year, we take time to reflect on what we learned and accomplished as we begin preparations for the year ahead. As harvest wraps up and the busy season is behind us, our calendars fill with

opportunities to connect with other farmers and agriculturists.

Here are five reasons to consider adding a conference or meeting to your calendar this meeting season:

1. Networking — For many farmers and agriculturists, networking opportunities are the highlight of conference season. Building a network of individuals with similar interests to share lessons and successes is vital to innovation and progress toward your goals.

Conferences are a chance to meet new friends and reconnect with old ones. This meeting season, invite a friend to join you for a learning opportunity. Make it a tradition to attend your favorite conference with old and new friends alike.

2. Learning opportunities — Diverse interests and learning opportunities are available throughout the fall and winter months. These conferences and trainings are professional development opportunities for farmers and agriculturists. Many conferences offer continuing education credits for farmers and agriculture professionals to enhance their skills and be better equipped to serve their communities.

3. New perspectives and ideas — Large groups of people offer diverse ideas and perspectives. Troubleshooting issues with peers can help find a

solution you may not have thought of before. Be open-minded to new ideas and don't shy away from sharing your perspectives with your peers.

The latest innovation in agriculture is on display during conference season. Whether it is a new cover crop blend, management method or state of the art technology, take advantage of the opportunity to learn from the experts and take that nugget of information home to share in your network or community.

4. Planning for the New Year — Conferences provide an excellent opportunity for farmers and agriculturists to set goals and make plans for the new year. Gathering to share ideas and network with peers, experts, neighbors and friends is a springboard for progress.

Conferences occur in the first and last months of the year because of the growing season, but it is also a timely opportunity to reflect on the previous year and plan for the next. Inspirational keynote speakers might help to set the tone and perspective for the coming year. Workshops and panels provide new ideas and strategies for improvement.

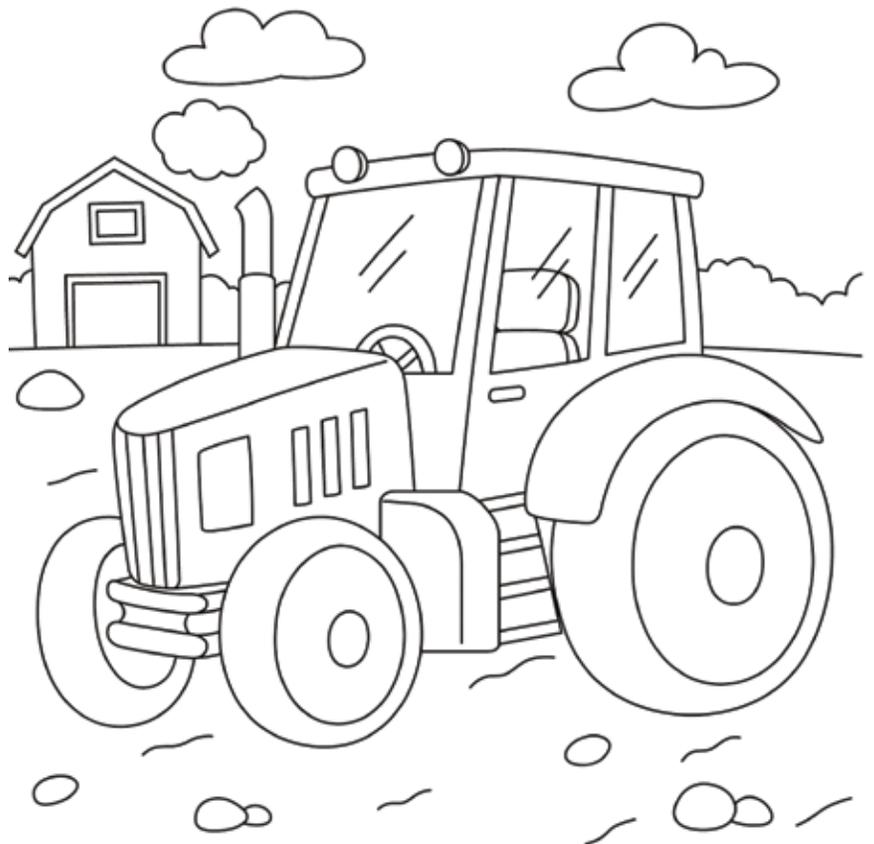
5. Reset and refocus — It can be challenging to get away from the farm or take a break from the hustle and bustle at the end of the year. Taking advantage of an opportunity to get away for one or two nights can be refreshing. Be inspired by a keynote speaker or workshop presenter. Let someone else do the cooking for a couple of days. With a trusted crew back home, you can invest in yourself and return to your work refreshed and refocused, ready to conquer your goals.

These opportunities to network, learn and innovate with others present unique opportunities to set the tone for the coming year. As we close the chapter on 2022 and look toward the year ahead, take some time to consider the conferences available to you and I challenge you to add at least one to your calendar.



Hey Kids,

What color will your tractor be?
Color in the lines to make this
tractor uniquely yours!



Wisconsin Leopold Conservation Award Seeks Nominees

Are you a Wisconsin farmer or forestland owner who improves soil health, water quality, and wildlife habitat on your working land? Apply for the 2023 Wisconsin Leopold Conservation Award*.

Sand County Foundation and national sponsor, American Farmland Trust, present the Leopold Conservation Award to private landowners in 25 states for extraordinary achievement in voluntary conservation. In Wisconsin the \$10,000 award is presented annually with Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation and Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin.

Given in honor of renowned conservationist Aldo Leopold, the award recognizes landowners who inspire others with their dedication to land, water and wildlife habitat management on private, working land. In his influential 1949 book, "A Sand County Almanac," Leopold called for an ethical relationship between people and the land they own and manage.

Nominations may be submitted on behalf of a landowner, or landowners may nominate themselves. The application can be found at sandcountyfoundation.org/ApplyLCA.

The application deadline date is Aug. 1, 2023. Applications must be emailed to award@sandcountyfoundation.org. Applications are reviewed by an independent panel of agricultural and conservation leaders.

"A commitment to conservation is truly worth recognizing and celebrating," said Kevin Krentz, Wisconsin Farm Bureau President. "I encourage farmers to apply or nominate someone who deserves this special recognition for their continued conservation efforts."

"Dairy farmers have a proud legacy of nurturing and protecting their land and animals, while continually seeking innovative sustainable farming practices that enable them to be an environmental solution," said Chad Vincent, Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin Chief Executive Officer. "The

Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin and the dairy farm families we represent are proud to again sponsor the Leopold Conservation Award."

"As a national sponsor for Sand County Foundation's Leopold Conservation Award, American Farmland Trust celebrates the hard work and dedication of farmers, ranchers and forestland owners," said John Piotti, AFT President and CEO. "At AFT we believe that conservation in agriculture requires a focus on the land, the practices and the people and this award recognizes the integral role of all three."

"Recipients of this award are examples of how Aldo Leopold's land ethic is alive and well today. Their dedication to conservation shows how individuals can improve the health of the land while producing food and fiber," said Kevin McAleese, Sand County Foundation President and CEO.

The Leopold Conservation Award Program in Wisconsin is made possible thanks to the generous support of American Farmland Trust, Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, Sand County Foundation, Culver's, Compeer Financial, McDonald's, The Nature Conservancy, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, We Energies Foundation, Wisconsin Corn Growers Association, Wisconsin Corn Promotion Board, Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association, Wisconsin Potato and Vegetable Growers Association, and Wisconsin Soybean Marketing Board.

The Leopold Conservation Award will be presented at the WFBF Annual Meeting in December.

The first Wisconsin Leopold Conservation Award recipient was selected in 2006. Joe and Christy Tomandl of Medford received the award in 2022.

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Presented by:



The Ag LEAD Summit gives attendees the opportunity to learn more about tools, resources, ideas and best practices when advocating for agriculture and conducting promotional events. The summit is coordinated by WFBF's Promotion and Education Committee, whose mission is to build awareness and understanding of agriculture and provide leadership development for the agricultural community.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

Keynote Speaker - **Chris Hinrichs**

Entertainment - **Midwest Dueling Pianos**



Chris Hinrichs



Jordan Henry

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

Keynote Speaker - **Jordan Henry**

General Session - **Center for Food Integrity Consumer Insight Panel**

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Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom Program Announces New Logo



The Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Program recently launched a new logo. The new logo was selected to better align the program with National Agriculture in the Classroom.

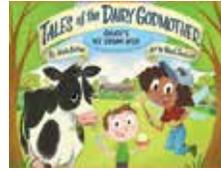
The new logo kicks off a rebranding process that will include an e-newsletter and a refresh to the program's website.

"Education is the center of Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom," said Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Coordinator Beth Schaefer. "This new

logo better connects our program with National Agriculture in the Classroom while also reflecting our core focus: education."

Visit wisagclassroom.org to explore the program's new brand.

Essay Contest 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 homeschool programs. The essay entry deadline is postmarked by April 1.

For the most up-to-date list of essay contest information, visit the Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom website wisagclassroom.org. Essay contest information can be found in the events and activities tab.

Essays should be sent to the county contact listed on the website. Each county will have one winner that will move on to the district contest. Among the county winners, the District 1 Promotion and Education Chair will select one district winner to advance to the state contest.

This year's topic is "You're Gonna Need Milk for That – Wisconsin Dairy Fuels our Bodies, Communities and Economy." The topic relates to the Book of the Year "Tales of the Dairy Godmother – Chuck's Ice Cream Wish" by Viola Butler.

Jefferson County

wfbf.com/about/counties/jefferson
JeffersonCountyFarmBureau

Donation to Neighbors Program

By Melissa Gross, Secretary

In December, the board of directors adopted a family of four from the Fort Atkinson area through the Jefferson County Christmas Neighbors program. Gifts were purchased for the entire family. All the fixings for a holiday meal were also provided.

In 1952, a gentleman by the name of Clarence "Pop" Wendt worked as a Probation Officer in Jefferson County. Sadly, his job took him into a great deal of homes where far too many children would go without

Christmas gifts and other necessities because of their families' hardships.

Pop made it his personal mission to change that for as many children as he possibly could. He orchestrated his first toy drive by contacting the Jefferson County Social Service workers. They helped him collect and distribute toys for as many children as their funds would allow.

Initially, this program was known as "The Pop Wendt Program". While the goal is the same, more than 60 years later Pop Wendt's mission is now carried on as the Jefferson County Christmas Neighbors. Each holiday season, they serve hundreds of families and nearly 2,000 children throughout communities in the Jefferson County area!



Apply Today!

Applications are due April 1, 2023.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Jefferson County Farm Bureau will be offering scholarships to Jefferson County graduating high school and current post-secondary students in 2023.

Applications are available at wfbf.com/about/counties/jefferson

Representative Steil Awarded Friend of Farm Bureau

Every two years, WFBF recognizes members of the Wisconsin Congressional Delegation for championing agricultural initiatives and efforts. Congressional members are eligible to receive the award based on support of legislation, co-sponsorship, letters, amendments and voting record for issues supported within Farm Bureau policy.

The recipients for the 117th Congress Friend of Farm Bureau Award include U.S. Senators Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin, and U.S. Representatives Bryan Steil, Ron Kind, Glenn Grothman, Tom Tiffany and Mike Gallagher.

We encourage members to contact Representative Steil and congratulate him on receiving the Friend of Farm Bureau Award and thanking him for his support of agriculture.



U.S. Representative Bryan Steil was presented with the Friend of Farm Bureau Award from Dave Daniels at Mighty Grand Dairy on Oct. 25, 2022.

Be a Part of the Membership Team

By Dave Daniels, WFBF District 1 Director

This year's membership theme is "It Takes A Team" and we want you to be a part of the team to sign up new members. The Farm Bureau staff has come up with some great incentives for your recruitment efforts.

Membership volunteers receive \$20 for every new member that they sign up during the membership year. To be a part of the Farm Bureau Proud Club and recognized at the WFBF Annual Meeting next December, you have to sign up five new members.

You can also receive a series of Farm Bureau items by signing up new members. Each time you sign up a new member you will get points that will then turn into Farm Bureau items. You get two points for signing up a new member and one point for renewal members. If you get three points total, you will receive a Farm Bureau logo stocking hat; if you get five points you will receive a team shirt; if you get 10 points you will earn a Farm Bureau logo jacket.

Also, if we have the most points amongst all nine districts on Sept. 30, then I will get a "Gatorade Shower."

As of the middle of January, I have already signed up two new members. In December, I was recognized as the membership player of the month for signing up a new member. I am committed to signing up at least five new members so that I can be a part of the Farm Bureau Proud Club.

Will you be joining me at the Farm Bureau Proud Club banquet by signing up at least five new members?



Up to \$500 Available in Scholarships

By Kim Muhlenbeck, Scholarship Committee Chair

The Kenosha County Farm Bureau will award two scholarships to worthy applicants. Applicants, or their parent(s) or legal guardian, must be a Kenosha County Farm Bureau member. Amount of each scholarship is based on the school the applicant is attending.

- \$200 for technical college
- \$300 for UW-Madison Farm and Industry Short Course
- \$500 for four-year university or college

Scholarships are paid after notification that the recipient has completed one year of post-secondary education.

Those interested in applying can find the application on the Kenosha County Farm Bureau website wfbf.com/about/counties/kenosha and must complete the application, an essay, two letters of recommendation and a current photo.

Applications are due May 5, 2023, to Kim Muhlenbeck.

Milwaukee Public Schools Thank Milwaukee County Farm Bureau

A thank you message from Milwaukee Board of School Directors

On behalf of the Milwaukee Board of School Directors, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of general school supplies to Vincent High School. We are extremely thankful for your support that will assist the Milwaukee Public Schools district in its mission to provide high quality educational services to the students of Milwaukee.

Milwaukee Public Schools is committed to accelerating student achievement, building positive relationships between youth and adults, and cultivating leadership at all levels. MPS is the largest school district in Wisconsin serving approximately 70,000 students and close to 10,000 employees. With your kind help and the support of other donors like you, we are better able to meet the needs of our students, schools and community.

Once again, thank you for your support of the Milwaukee Public Schools and, moreover, your commitment to putting Milwaukee's children first.

The Milwaukee County Farm Bureau donates money to Milwaukee Vincent, an agricultural school in Milwaukee County.

2023 WFBF Policy Book Now Available

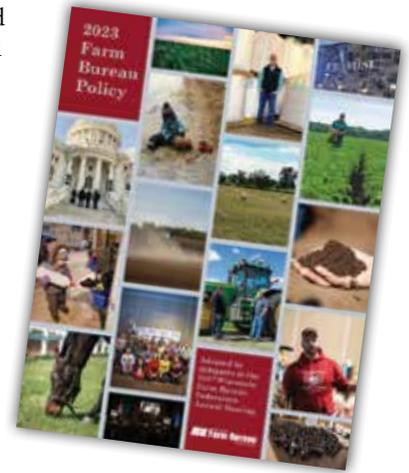
The 2023 Policy Book has been updated and is available on the WFBF website at wfbf.com/policy/policy-development.

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation's policy is established by farmers through a structured policy development process.

Suggestions and policy ideas come directly from members who propose and vote on them at county Farm Bureau annual meetings. Policy ideas work their way up to the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Annual Meeting each December where delegate members vote on the proposals. This process continues at the national level as well.

Hard copies of the policy book have been ordered and will be available soon.

If you are interested in a hard copy, contact District 1 Coordinator, Patti Wilhelme at pwilhelme@wfbf.com.



Racine County

Cream Puff Stand

By Judy Uhlenhake, Racine County Farm Bureau Cream Puff Stand Chair



Mark your calendars and plan to volunteer for quite possibly the best week on the year: The Racine County Fair, July 27-31. Come show off your talents making cream puffs, shakes and Moochachino. We also serve eclairs, milk and coffee.

The stand is our major fundraiser and a good way to promote agriculture.

Money raised is used for scholarships, library grants, agriculture promotions and community support.

If you are interested in getting involved with the cream puff stand contact Judy Uhlenhake at 262.949.1168.

Key Award Presented to 4-H Members



Racine County Farm Bureau was honored to present the 4-H Key Award to 4-H members. The Racine County 4-H Recognition Celebration was held Sunday, Nov. 13. The Key Award winners this year were Emilyanne Giese, Tyler Licht, Ashley Schaal and Morgan Schoof.

4-H provides youth a unique opportunity to develop leadership skills, which are important to success and achievement in every facet of life. We commend the 4-H members for their continued growth in citizenship, leadership and life skills development throughout their involvement with the 4-H program.

The Key Award is the highest award given to 4-H members.

Apply Today!!!
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!
Completed applications are due April 15, 2023.
Find the link to apply at wfbf.com/about/counties/Racine.

HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS
to graduating seniors from Racine County in 2023
Scholarship applications are now available on the Racine County Farm Bureau website. If you have any questions, contact Scholarship Chair Julie Kastenson at kastenson@aol.com.
Profits from the Racine County Fair cream puff stand are a major source of scholarship funding.

Ag Ambassador Update

By Madisyn Henderson, 2022-2023 Agricultural Ambassador

My name is Madisyn Henderson and I currently serve as the 2022-2023 Racine County Agriculture Ambassador. Throughout my first few months as the Agriculture Ambassador, I have attended many local farms and interacted with people throughout the county.

In October I attended the Burlington Kiwanis Soccer League Tournament where I handed out free milk to soccer players sponsored by the Racine County Dairy Promotion, Racine County Farm Bureau and the Burlington Kiwanis. Milk contains important sources of nutrients and protein that are good for athletes and all people alike.

I visited Apple Holler where I picked fresh apples and learned about Wisconsin apple production. I also visited Sugar Creek Tree Farm where I watched many people pick out their perfect Christmas tree while supporting Wisconsin producers.

I currently run the Agriculture Literacy Program where I visit local grade schools every week and conduct an activity regarding all aspects of

agriculture. As Agriculture Ambassador, I attended Yorkville Elementary School with a tractor and first through third-grade students were able to go up into the tractor and learn what it does. I also brought along samples of corn, wheat and soybeans that students could see and touch.



Through the Agriculture Literacy Program and my weekly visits, students learn about the importance of agriculture in the world and how essential farmers are to our daily lives. I hope to continue doing visits like this to expose youth to the many experiences and opportunities available in agriculture.

I look forward to continuing to learn about Racine County and Wisconsin agriculture as I share my knowledge and passion with others through my position as the Racine County Agriculture Ambassador. I hope to attend many Racine County events throughout this year and network with other agriculturists to share the importance of agriculture with as many people as possible.

Follow me on Facebook to keep up with my journey as Racine County Agriculture Ambassador @racinecountyag.



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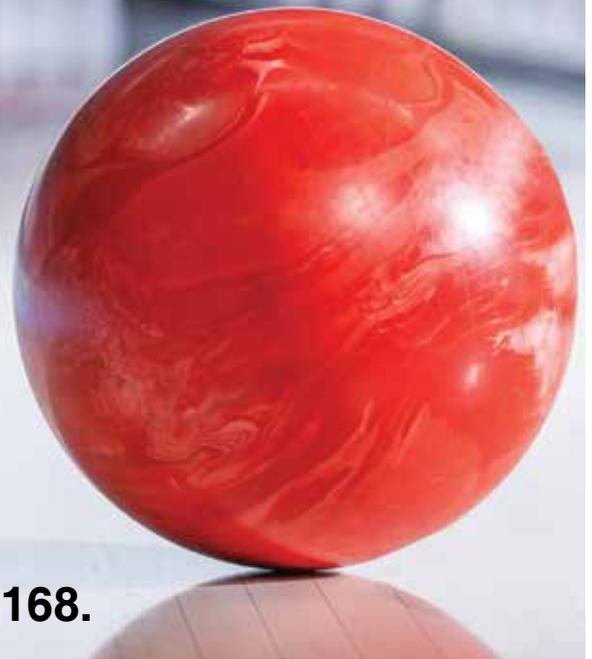
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BOWLING PIZZA

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME

RSVPS NOT REQUIRED

QUESTIONS?

Contact Judy Uhlenhake at 262.949.1168.



Volunteer Opportunities for 2023

By Kathy Papcke

Come out and have some fun while helping Walworth County Farm Bureau this summer with these exciting volunteer opportunities:



Dairy Breakfast

June 17

Volunteers receive a free breakfast and t-shirt

Setup is June 16.



Rib Fest

July 12-16

Help sell soda, water and milk and enjoy the music.



Walworth County Fair

Aug. 30 - Sept. 4

Sell and scoop ice cream

Volunteers receive a free ticket to the fair, a t-shirt and an ice cream sundae.

Walworth County Farm Bureau Offers Three Scholarships

By Sue Thelen, Scholarship Committee Chair

Walworth County Farm Bureau sponsors three \$500 scholarships each year.

Two \$500 scholarships are presented to graduating high school students who will be furthering their education in an ag-related field. The last \$500 scholarship is awarded to a post-secondary student currently attending

school in an ag-related field.

The deadline to apply is April 30. Applications can be found on the Walworth County Farm Bureau website at wfbf.com/about/counties/walworth/.

Scholarships will be awarded in early May 2023.

Call Sue Thelen at 262.723.3099 with any questions you may have.

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Washington County Farm Bureau Scholarship Applications due in April

By Ken Falk, Scholarship Committee Chair

Up to five \$750 scholarships will be available to students who will be furthering in higher or continued education to those who meet the qualifications listed below. Recipients must also work a four hour shift in the food stand during the Washington County Fair.

The application will available on the Washington County Farm Bureau website at wfbf.com/about/counties/washington no later than Feb. 20.

Completed application, essay and two reference letters are due to the Scholarship Committee by Friday, April 21.

Washington County Farm Bureau Scholarship Qualifications:

- Scholarships will only be awarded to students of families who have a Washington County Farm Bureau membership. Applicants 22 years of age or older must have their own membership.
- The scholarship may be used at any accredited technical school or university for continuing education in agriculture or an agricultural-related field. Considerations will be given to non-agricultural-field-related applications; however, preference will be given to those that are agriculturally related.
- The Scholarship Committee will base their selection on extracurricular activities, two letters of recommendation, transcript of high school grades (seniors) or higher or continued education grades (if applicable).
- Payment of scholarships will be made to the recipient(s) after fall semester grades are received showing a 2.5 (C+) grade point average or better.

Mark Your Calendars for the Fair

By Mike Strupp, Washington County Farm Bureau Food Stand Co-Chair

As we turned the calendar to a new year, it might be cold but it's never too early to start thinking about the upcoming Washington County Fair that will be held from Tuesday, July 25 through Sunday, July 30.

Please mark your calendars and thank you to everyone for the time and dedication that you put in during the fair.

We look forward to seeing you volunteer at the Farm Bureau Food Stand again this year. More information about volunteering will be in the next newsletter. We look forward to seeing you in July.



Don't Miss the YFA SPRING FLING!

Date: Saturday, March 11

Time: Doors open at 7 p.m.,
band begins at 8 p.m.

Band: Whiskey Throttle

Location: Fillmore Turner Hall,
523 County H, Fredonia

Cost: \$10/person

*Watch the Washington County
Farm Bureau Facebook page for
additional details.*

Waukesha County

Waukesha County Farm Bureau Scholarship Update

By Ken Rosenow, Scholarship Committee Chair

The Waukesha County Farm Bureau Scholarship Committee will be meeting again soon to review and update the Scholarship Application for 2023. It will be available this spring for those students who might wish to apply.

The committee would like to thank all who have applied in the past and would encourage all those continuing with their education to keep the ball rolling and apply this year.

We have had so many great applicants in the past and are looking forward to seeing more this year! We like to see Farm Bureau members who are going into agriculture, but all students are welcome to apply.

Agriculture is a large, diverse business and there are many professions and vocations with a strong connection that can have an important impact on it!

Watch for the application from school advisors and on our website at wfbf.com/about/counties/waukesha.



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