

# Grassroots

## District 1 News

### Grow with Farm Bureau



**Dave Daniels**

WFBF District 1 Director

Hello District 1 Members.

I hope the growing season is going well for 2023. I would like to bring up a thought about another part of growing: growing our inner qualities.

Each spring the WFBF staff puts together either the IGNITE or Ag LEAD Conference. This year it was the latter that was held in

Fond du Lac. These events give each of us an opportunity to GROW.

The conference started with Chris Hinrichs talking about transformational leadership. He talked about leaders and the proven principles and practices that inspire commitment from others instead of mere compliance. We also listened to our new CAO Bradley Uken and the leadership positions that he has been involved in that he brings with him to his new position.

The afternoon was filled with workshops that could take you down various paths. My first one was discussing value-added farm business and the financial management that needs to be part of the structure.

The second workshop discussed storytelling and how effective that can be in various situations. Whether you're selling some wares or an idea, it can be a powerful resource.

The last one for the afternoon discussed agricultural tourism with members of Wisconsin Agricultural Tourism Association, LaClare Family Creamery and Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center.

To end the day, it is always good to have entertainment that brings in audience participation. The Dueling Pianos were just the ticket to top off

the evening.

The next morning, we started out with a consumer panel. We were helped by Allyson Perry from The Center for Food Integrity. It was an opportunity to hear straight from the source and ask questions to learn more about the motivations and perceptions of consumers, and how food and agriculture community can help them make more informed choices. We learned which communication approaches we can use to enhance engagement with consumers. I enjoyed this the most since the panelists were very candid about their buying habits for them and their families.

To close out the event we had Jordan Henry from AFBF staff discuss how we can put together an action plan to take what we learned back to our counties and communities.

The following District 1 Farm Bureau members attended the Ag LEAD Conference with me. Ashley Schlender from Jefferson County; Kate Bonner and Joe Mealy from Racine County; and Barbara Schulz Kluever, Kathy Muth and Leah Weninger from Washington County.

Programs like these allow you to start the growing season before you put seed in the ground. It is meant for you to grow your inner self before you get busy with the farming season. We hope you will continue to GROW with Farm Bureau.

Thank you for being a member.



**Jefferson County member Ashley Schlender won a raffle drawing at the conclusion of the Ag LEAD conference.**

### Membership is a Team Effort



**Patti Wilhelm**

WFBF District 1 Coordinator

This year's membership theme is "It Takes a Team". Throughout the year, we are drawn to many teams – Milwaukee Brewers, Green Bay Packers, Wisconsin Badgers – but this time we are talking about you being a part of the Farm Bureau team!

Achieving membership goals is a team effort, and I want to congratulate both

Washington and Waukesha counties for achieving the early bird goal before the end of March. Both of those counties earned \$1,000 (and I

made them homemade cookies). Each county is given a goal each year and those two counties pulled together to make it happen. Thank you to those who joined the team to sign up new Farm Bureau members.

Throughout the summer and as we approach our September membership year-end, we will continue to focus our efforts on signing up new Farm Bureau members and making sure our current members renew their dues. The goal is for each county to reach a gain in total and voting members on the last day of September.

I encourage you to renew your dues right when you receive your renewal notice, that helps with membership in each county.

Thank you for being a member of your local, state and national Farm Bureau. Did you know that your membership dues make you a member at all three levels?

# District 1 News

## Members Attend Ag Day at the Capitol

More than 250 farmers and agriculturists attended Ag Day at the Capitol on March 29. The day began at the Monona Terrace for legislative briefings followed by visits with legislators at the Capitol.

When meeting with the legislators, attendees get to know what it feels like to be a lobbyist for a day. Here are a few things to keep in mind if you get to be a lobbyist for a day:

- Introduce yourself.
- Be polite.
- Stick to the issues.
- Explain how the issue personally impacts you or your family.
- Make the ask.
- Get the name and contact information of staff for future contacts.
- Thank the legislators for taking the time to meet.

Numerous Farm Bureau members have made new connections and invited their legislators to the farm so that they can become more familiar with agriculture. I encourage you to get to know your legislators and invite them to your farm.



Captions: 1. Jefferson County members Dawn Jones, Steve Jones and Angie Greving. 2. Walworth County member Terry Papcke and District 1 Director Dave Daniels. 3. Kenosha County members Dave Daniels, Ben Harbach and Kevin Muhlenbeck. 4. Waukesha County members Tom Oberhaus, Mary Kettlewell, Ken Rosenow and Rick Carr. 5. Washington County members Carl Wolf and Randy Thull. 6. Racine County members (front row, from left) Jim Hanson, Judy Uhlenhake, Brian Bayley and Scott Davel.



### DISTRICT 1

## DISCUSSION MEET & POLICY DEVELOPMENT MEETING

**TUESDAY, JULY 18**

**5:30PM - REGISTRATION/SOCIAL**

**6:00PM - DISCUSSION MEET**

**6:45PM - BBQ BUFFET**

**7:15PM - POLICY DEVELOPMENT**

**DELAFIELD BREWHAUS BANQUET HALL**

3832 HILLSIDE DRIVE, DELAFIELD, WI

**ENTER DIRECTLY THROUGH THE BANQUET ENTRANCE ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE BUILDING.**

**COST: \$25/PERSON  
YFA ATTENDEES - FREE**

**PLEASE DIRECT QUESTIONS AND RSVP BY JULY 10 TO:**

**DISTRICT 1 COORDINATOR**

**Patti Wilhelme**

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### TOPIC TO BE DISCUSSED:

Production agriculture requires a lot of capital. Young farmers and ranchers face challenges gaining access to the capital they need to start or grow their operations. What tools are currently available, and what new programs could be introduced, to help young people access financial resources—and make sound financial decisions—to run their farms and ranches?

Wisconsin Farm Bureau  
**Young Farmer  
and Agriculturist**  
Program



# District 1 News

## Students Sponsored to Attend FFA Farm Forum

More than 240 high school juniors and FFA advisors from across Wisconsin attended Wisconsin Farm Bureau's FFA Farm Forum in Wisconsin Rapids on Feb. 17.

The keynote speaker was Joe Schlies, a member of the UW-River Falls Collegiate Farm Bureau. Schlies shared his experience with the Wisconsin Association of FFA and Farm Bureau and how they have shaped him as a young leader. He shared how everyone has the power to seek out opportunities in their lives to develop impactful traits within themselves.

During the one-day event, FFA members attended career-based workshops including: 'Food Science 101' with Sara Menard Huber, Research and Development Manager at Brakebush Brothers; 'Agricultural Product Applications' with Andrew Dal Santo, an instructor at Southwest Technical College; 'Supercharge Your Ag Technology Knowledge' with

Teri Raatz, an instructor with Mid-State Technical College; and 'From FFA to YFA: Connecting the Dots in Your Ag Experience' with Joe Schlies.

Numerous schools throughout District 1 attended the FFA Farm Forum, those pictured were sponsored by the local county Farm Bureau. The following southeast Wisconsin schools attended:

- Jefferson County: Cambridge High School, Fort Atkinson High School and Lake Mills High School
- Racine County: Burlington High School, Union Grove High School, Waterford Union High School.
- Walworth County: East Troy High School and Elkhorn Area High School.
- Waukesha County: Oconomowoc High School



Burlington FFA



Lake Mills FFA



Union Grove FFA

## YFA Attends PBR



A group of over 100 attended the March 11 Professional Bull Riding event at the Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee. Pictured are the Jefferson County attendees.

## County Leaders Gather in Madison

The annual Council of Presidents was held March 28-29 in Madison. Presidents and Vice Presidents were invited to hear from an assortment of guest speakers and network with other leaders from throughout the state. District 1 was well-represented at this year's meeting. Pictured, left to right (front row): Racine President Jim Waldron, District 1 Director Dave Daniels, Waukesha President Tom Oberhaus, Ozaukee Vice President Bob Roden, (back row) Ozaukee President Bob Nash, Kenosha President Kevin Muhlenbeck, Washington President Randy Thull and Walworth President Terry Papcke.



## Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation Giving Day

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation will host its second annual Giving Day on August 2 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. via the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Facebook and Instagram accounts.

Proceeds from this event benefit and support:

- Ag in the Classroom
- Young Farmer and Agriculturist Program
- Collegiate Farm Bureau
- Promotion and Education Program
- Leadership Institute
- Other agriculture education and leadership development programs

Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation



Scan the code to learn more about Giving Day or give today!

### Event Schedule

- 10 - 11 a.m.** Kick-off and Power Hour
- 11 - 11:30 a.m.** Ag in the Classroom Challenge
- 11:30 - Noon** YFA Challenge
- Noon - 1 p.m.** Power Hour
- 1 - 1:30 p.m.** County Farm Bureau Board Challenge
- 1:30 - 2 p.m.** Promotion and Education Challenge
- 2 - 3 p.m.** Leadership Institute Challenge
- 2 - 3 p.m.** Power Hour

### Event Highlights

- Donors during the power hours will be entered into a drawing for one of 5 prizes valued at \$200 each.
- Program participants will issue challenges throughout the day to increase awareness of the event and the Foundation programs listed above.
- Individual donors who give \$100 or more will receive a "Friend of the Farm" t-shirt.

## District Essay Contest Winners Announced

The essay contest is open to all fourth and fifth grade students. This year there were a total of 1,806 essays from 95 schools throughout Wisconsin. Here is how it breaks down in District 1.

- Jefferson County received 35 essays from three fourth grade classrooms.
- Milwaukee County received their first-ever essays; they had two from one class.
- Ozaukee County received 19 essays from one fourth grade classroom.
- Washington County received 21 essays from two schools.
- Waukesha County had a total of 16 essays from one school.

The fourth-grade winning essay from District 1 was written by Marlena Shera from Washington County. The fifth-grade winning essay from District 1 was also written by a Washington County school, student Miller Kozlowski. Both students are from St. Frances Cabrini school and their winning essays can be read below. Congratulations to our district winners and all who participated!

District winners received a personalized medal, a copy of the book *Tales of the Dairy Godmother*, and a prize pack from Culver's. Each teacher received a digital \$50 gift certificate to the Ag in the Classroom store. Both entries are moving to the state competition and an overall winner will be selected. Check out the Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom website or Facebook page to see who the state essay contest winner is.

Congratulations and great job to all of our essay entries. Stay tuned, next year's essay contest information will be coming out soon.



### *A Milkless Monday*

By Marlena Shera

*Have you ever wondered what it would be like without dairy? Like, no ice cream or chocolate. This is a story about a girl named Lucy who doesn't get dairy for a day.*

*One bright, sunny Monday morning, when I woke up, I thought, "A nice bowl of cereal sounds nice." I jumped out of bed and went downstairs. But, when I opened the fridge to get milk, there was none there. Confused, I called up to mom and said, "mom, there is no milk in the fridge!" Just then she rushed down and said, "Surprise, Lucy! The whole town won't have dairy today; it's No-Dairy Day". "Just great!!" I said. Of course, I forgot this was the one day a year our town gives up dairy. Then, I thought "I'll just have a piece of toast." But when I went to grab the butter, mom stopped me. "Remember butter has dairy in it," she said. I let out a loud grumble, skipped breakfast, and went straight to school.*

*When I got to school, my teacher said, "Well, despite not having dairy today, we will learn all about it. Did you know that Wisconsin cows produce 2.44 billion pounds of milk in a single month?" One student exclaimed, "That's a lot of milk!" Our teacher nodded and let us know that there are 7000 dairy farms in Wisconsin. "Do you know how many cows are on those farms?" she asked. I shot my hand to the sky and blurted out, "3.5 million cows are in Wisconsin!" Ms. Leche said, "That's right. Now, class, it is time for lunch."*

*Lunch, the best part of the day, had finally arrived. I pulled out my lunch, opened it up, and ugh, peanut butter jelly. Of course, on No-Dairy Day, mom couldn't pack my favorite, a cheese sandwich. I ate to get full, not happy.*

*Finally, the end of the day arrived. I rushed home and asked mom, "what's for dinner, fondue?" Mom said, "no, silly, fondue has cheese and chocolate; don't you realize, those are dairy?" I ate my dairy-free dinner solemnly then climbed into bed, hoping I wouldn't dream about dairy. The next day, I woke up, went to the table, and poured my dry cereal. Happily, mom said, "You're goona need milk for that!" Whew, No-Dairy Day was behind me for another year!*

4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
District  
Winner

### *Dairy is UDDERly AMOOzing*

By Miller Kozlowski

*Dairy is one of Wisconsin's many agriculture industries, giving us cheese, ice cream, milk, yogurt, and much more! Did you know that the title America's DairyLand has belonged to Wisconsin for almost 100 years! Did you know that 1 in every 9 jobs in Wisconsin involves dairy or agriculture. The Text will take you through some of the aMOOzing things that dairy can do.*

#### *Dairy in Our Bodies*

*Dairy is a very important resource for our bodies, it can help with bone health, and even some diseases! It contains High Potassium levels that can lower Blood Sugar, Vitamin D, Calcium, and phosphorus which are great for bone building! It also can help with Dental Health, Digestive health, Weight control, Hydration, and Muscle Weight. Dairy can help our bodies in ways we don't even realize, dairy is really awesome!*

#### *Dairy In Our CoMOOnity*

*Dairy is Wisconsin's largest agricultural industry! Did you know that Wisconsin in 2014 between 2022 was estimated to have between 1,260,000 and 1,280,000 dairy cows! Wisconsin dairy also generates about 45.6 billion dollars a year for Wisconsin! Wisconsin dairy farms milk has created 154,000 jobs! Dairy is huge in our coMMOONITIES.*

#### *Dairy In Our Economy*

*Dairy is an important part of Wisconsin's income. Generates about 45.6 billion dollars a year. Dairy is sold in Wisconsin in many different forms including milk, cheese, yogurt, ice cream, and many more! Dairy has provided jobs for plenty of people. Dairy is Wisconsin's largest agricultural business. For 1 cow they produce around 248 gallons of milk per month, 1 gallon of milk costs around 4.34 dollars, if you do the math that is around 1,076.32 dollars for 1 cow in 1 month, imagine what 10 or even 100 or even 1,000 times that would be, that's how it is in Wisconsin.*

*Thank you for coming with me on that journey around Wisconsin's dairy. I hope you enjoyed reading this, and I hope that you go get yourself a glass of milk, or a bowl of ice cream, maybe a cup of yogurt, or something classic like some cheese. Wisconsin's dairy is really aMOOzing. I hope that you will appreciate dairy a little bit more after you read this. Thank you for reading this and I hope that you had some fun learning about dairy. Thank you for coming with me on my tour through America's DairyLand.*

5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
District  
Winner



## Mark Your Calendar

### County Policy Development Meeting

*Develop policies that will be voted on at the county annual meeting.*

**When:** Wednesday, Aug. 23, 7 p.m.

**Where:** Insight FS  
213 E Puerner Street, Jefferson

### County Annual Meeting

*Vote on policies, elect board of directors and delegates to the state annual meeting.*

**When:** Sunday, Sept. 24, 6 p.m.

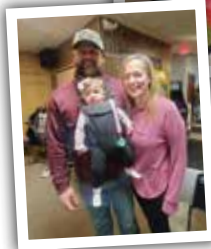
**Where:** Fairview Inn

*RSVP's are required. Watch for a postcard to arrive with final details.*

## YFA Bowling for All Ages

By Lindsay Baneck, YFA Chair

Everyone enjoyed their time on Sunday, Jan. 22 at Hering's Fish Bowl. Free bowling and pizza were a hit for members and their families, and was a fun afternoon for all ages. If you're interested in attending future events, be sure to like the Jefferson County Farm Bureau and YFA Facebook page.



## Fourth Grade Farm Tour

By Melissa Gross



The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Jefferson County fourth grade farm tour was held on Wednesday, May 3 at the Kutz Dairy Farm in Jefferson. The event hosted 24 public and private schools and two home school groups with 767 students, 41 teachers, and 150 adult chaperones participating.

Students visited 11 different agricultural stations spread out around the farm at 10-minute intervals. These stations were: beef/swine, sheep/goats, field to table, then and now (technology), calves, crops, careers, milking parlor, animal care (veterinarian), housing/facilities, and land preservation. The stations were taught by the Kutz family, the farm staff or agricultural industry professionals, with assistance from FFA members from five surrounding chapters.

FFA members from surrounding areas including Cambridge FFA, Fort Atkinson FFA, Jefferson FFA, Lakeside Lutheran FFA and Palmyra-Eagle FFA served as tour guides who led the fourth-grade students from station to station.



Lunch was provided to all students, teachers and chaperones. Each student received a bag with a dairy activity book and pencil from Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin, postcard highlighting their tour stations, an activity book from the Wisconsin Pork Council and a free custard coupon from Culver's in Johnson Creek. Each teacher received the Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom 2023



Book of the Year, "Tales of the Dairy Godmother – Chuck's Ice Cream Wish" and an educator's guide accompanied the book.

Over 20 adult volunteers from the Jefferson County Agri-Business Club, Jefferson County Farm Bureau and the Kutz family organized the event and facilitated the day. There is no charge for lunch or for any of the schools to attend.

Since its inception, the Farm Tour has educated 16,984 students and 2,708 adults about agriculture.

## Service to Agriculture Award Nominations

The Jefferson County Farm Bureau board of directors is now accepting nominations for the Service to Agriculture Award. The award was created to recognize those who are leaders while demonstrating a commitment to agriculture. The award is sponsored by the Jefferson County Farm Bureau and the winner will be announced at the Jefferson County Farm Bureau annual meeting held in September.

Any person(s) who has exhibited leadership in the promotion of agriculture in Jefferson County is eligible. Selection will be made by these standards: (1) focus on agriculture or rural issues, (2) importance of an accurate message about agriculture, (3) promotion of Jefferson County agriculture production, and (4) educate the public about the importance of agriculture. Nomination forms are due by Aug. 15 and can be found on the Jefferson County Farm Bureau website [wfbf.com/about/counties/jefferson](http://wfbf.com/about/counties/jefferson). If you have any questions or need help accessing the nomination form, contact Melissa Gross at [mgross43@yahoo.com](mailto:mgross43@yahoo.com).

## Scholarships Awarded

By Ashley Schlender, Scholarship Committee Chair

Each year the Jefferson County Farm Bureau offers up to twelve \$500 scholarships. Applicants, or their parent(s) or legal guardian, must be a current Jefferson County Farm Bureau member and must complete an application. This year two scholarships are being awarded.

Hanna Brattlie, daughter of Dan and Joy Brattlie, is a 2023 graduate from Cambridge High School. Her involvement in 4-H and FFA has led her to pursue an Animal Science degree from one of the agriculture schools in Wisconsin.

Michaela Jones, daughter of Cory and Lynn Jones, is currently studying nursing at Edgewood College. Her goal is to become a nurse to "achieve my dream career of healing others who are in need within our community."

Please join us in congratulating the two scholarship recipients.

## Thirty-Five Essays Received

By Melissa Gross

Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom sponsors an essay contest each year for fourth and fifth grade students in Wisconsin. Jefferson County selects the top three essays and submits the winning entry to the district competition, where the district winner then advances to the state level. Thirty-five entries were submitted in Jefferson County.

This year's winning essay was written by 4<sup>th</sup> grade student Briggs Luedtke from Barrie Elementary School in Fort Atkinson. He will be awarded a \$30 cash prize, four tickets to the Watertown Agribusiness Dairy Breakfast and an ice cream party for his class.

Here is Briggs' winning essay:

*"We're gonna need milk for that." We Wisconsinites use dairy for our daily lives if we're consuming it, selling it, or celebrating it. We need dairy, living in Wisconsin for our bodies, communities, and economy.*

*Wisconsin Dairy fuels our bodies because it has calcium to strengthen our bones and teeth, protein for strong muscles, and vitamins to keep our body healthy. Did you know that Wisconsin dairy is produced into 300 different kinds of cheese. Dairy is used for many different things like milk, cheese, ice cream and many more. Dairy is Wisconsin's number one agriculture business, no wonder it's so important in Wisconsin.*



(from left) First place winner Briggs Luedtke, second place winner Elena Fellin, third place winner Mallory Fast and teacher Lyndsay Scheibel.

*According to Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin that there are 1.28 million dairy cows in Wisconsin, and that most of the dairy farms are family owned. This is how dairy is important for Wisconsin's body.*

*Wisconsin dairy fuels our community, because we are Wisconsin cheeseheads, the county fair, this essay, our communities in Wisconsin have revolved around dairy, schools have a designated milk break. Wisconsin's community would be nothing if we didn't have dairy. Native Americans also praised dairy, like we do today. Our community is built by dairy, dairy is made by our community that is why it is so important to Wisconsin. Our community, our county, our city, our state is dairy. We are America's Dairyland.*

*Wisconsin dairy fuels our economy, because every 1 in 9 jobs in Wisconsin are made possible by dairy, some even work on dairy farms, my mom and uncles and grandparents have worked on dairy farms. I even help, I know what it is like with the stink, the hard work and the frustration, though all of those things are the qualities of dairy farming. Wisconsin makes over 45 billion dollars on dairy, dairy helps people make a living, dairy helps people, dairy helps us. Wisconsin's economy would be nothing without dairy. Wisconsin makes over two million pounds of cheese each year.*

*"We're gonna need milk for that..." Wisconsin" living in Wisconsin is an opportunity, a privilege. Wisconsin is not Wisconsin without dairy, Wisconsin dairy.*

# Kenosha County

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KenoshaCountyFarmBureau

## First Aid and CPR Training

Saturday, July 22, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Location: Paris Town Hall  
16607 Burlington Rd  
Union Grove, WI 53182

RSVP to Kevin Muhlenbeck  
Call 262.206.4140

### Training Details

- First Aid (specifically farm accidents)
- Overdose
- Heart attack/stroke
- CPR



Event sponsored by

**Kenosha County Farm Bureau**

## Mark Your Calendar

### County Policy Development Meeting

Develop policies that will be voted on at the county annual meeting.

When: Tuesday, Aug. 22, 6 p.m.

Where: Birchwood Grill  
7515 125th Avenue, Kenosha

### County Annual Meeting

Vote on policies, elect board of directors and delegates to the state annual meeting.

When: Tuesday, Sept. 26, 6 p.m.

Where: Birchwood Grill  
RSVPs are required. Watch for a postcard to arrive with final details.

## Special Meeting Notice – Bylaw Change

In accordance with the by-laws of Kenosha County Farm Bureau, Cooperative and pursuant to the direction of the Board of Directors, the President hereby gives notice that a special meeting of Members of the Kenosha County Farm Bureau, Cooperative will be held.

When: Tuesday, June 27, 7 p.m.

Location: Kenosha County Center, 19600 75<sup>th</sup> Street, Bristol, WI 53104, on the corner of Hwy 45 and Hwy 50

RSVP to Kim Muhlenbeck at 262.206.5780 (call or text).

At the special meeting, the Board of Directors will submit for approval by members multiple bylaw changes including board representation, teleconference meetings and dues increase.

Kevin Muhlenbeck, President  
Kenosha County Farm Bureau, Cooperative

**Kenosha County Dairy Breakfast**

DANIELS DAIRY FARM II  
1077 248TH AVE. KANSASVILLE, WI 53139  
SATURDAY  
JUNE 17, 2023  
6:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.  
BREAKFAST \$10 | CHILDREN 6 AND UNDER FREE

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EMAIL KENOSHACOUNTYDAIRYPROMO@GMAIL.COM OR  
VISIT US ON FACEBOOK.



## Ag Discovery Day at WI State Fair

By Patti Wilhelme, WFBF District 1 Coordinator

Nearly 800 students, teachers and chaperones attended the first Ag Discovery Day at the Wisconsin State Fair. The event was held on Tuesday, May 2 and students moved around the building learning about agriculture. Each station had a 10-minute presentation that varied from bees to strawberries, dairy, Christmas trees and at my station we made ag-tastic slime.

I loved getting to interact with the third through fifth graders and teach them about corn and beef. In each group we talked about corn and the different types of corn, along with beef because animal fat is used in dish soap. Ag Discovery Day was a great opportunity to teach Milwaukee students about agriculture. The Milwaukee County Farm Bureau sponsored an "Ag Bag" that was filled with resources for each teacher. The "Ag Bag" included:

- The American Farm Bureau Ag Foundation 2023 Book of the Year I Love Strawberries by Shannon Anderson.
- I Love Strawberries Educator Guides.
- Specialty Crop Ag Mags.
- Exploring Wisconsin Agriculture handouts.
- My Farm Web lesson.

The "Ag Bags" allowed the discussions about agriculture to continue after Ag Discovery Day. If you are looking for more ideas, lessons or resources, visit [wisagclassroom.org](http://wisagclassroom.org).



(left) Washington County Farm Bureau member Leah Weninger attended and taught students about dairy. (right) Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Coordinator Beth Schaefer taught the students about strawberries and the strawberry DNA.

### MAKE YOUR OWN SLIME

Want to make slime at home? It's made with just two ingredients that most will have in their cabinets.



### INGREDIENTS

- 2 Tbsp dish soap
- 2 Tbsp corn starch

Mix the ingredients in a cup. Remove the slime from the cup and knead it with hands.

## Mark Your Calendar

### County Annual Meeting

*Vote on policies and bylaw changes, elect board of directors and delegates to the state annual meeting.*

**When:** Monday, Sept. 18, 6 p.m.

**Where:** Benny's Cafe

*RSVP's are required. Watch for a postcard with final details.*

## County Essay Winner from Oak Creek School

By Henry Kiesow

I had the pleasure to read through the two essays that were submitted through the Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom essay contest for Milwaukee County. This year's essay topic focused on the dairy industry, and I was impressed with the knowledge of the fourth-grade students at Carrollton Elementary in Oak Creek.

The winning essay was Lily Brazzel and she received \$30 cash. The second place essay was written by Kayla Buska who received \$20 cash. Here is Lily's winning essay.

*"You're Gonna Need Milk for That - Wisconsin Dairy Fuels our Bodies, Communities, and Economy."*

### Introduction

*Hello! Welcome to America's Dairyland, Wisconsin! Wisconsin tops #2 in nationwide milk production. We officially became known as America's Dairyland in the 1930's. Cows weren't native to Wisconsin, they shipped from Europe. We make 2.4 billion pounds of milk per month! You might be thinking, how does dairy influence our body, communities, and economy? This essay will tell you all about it!*

### Our Body

*How does dairy influence our body? Milk is filled with 13 very important nutrients that our body needs. Some examples are calcium, potassium, Vitamin D, and sphingolipids. Potassium keeps your muscles healthy and gives you energy. Calcium and vitamin D work together to build strong, healthy bones and healthy teeth. Sphingolipids is a healthy type of fat needed to protect the body from some types of cancer. More benefits of dairy are weight management, digestive health, and reducing risks of cancer. Can you believe milk does all of those things?*

### Communities

*Dairy farmers influence our communities a lot! Wisconsin schools rely on dairy farmers to ship milk from the factory to schools. It takes about 48 hours to ship them from farm to school. Dairy farmers work together to make dairy products such as cheese, yogurt, ice cream, butter, and so much more! Also, many people rely on dairy for their jobs. Dairy farmers are very important, they're the reason why Wisconsin schools have milk for lunch today!*

### Economy

*In the Wisconsin economy, dairy farming makes billions of dollars for our state. One cow can make 2,300 gallons (8,706 liters) of milk each year. That is enough to fill 25 bathtubs! Since 1931, the production of milk has increased by about 20 billion pounds. Dairy farmers today use 90% less land to make a gallon of milk than in the past, and 80% of a dairy cow's diet comes from plant fibers and feedstuffs that they can digest, but humans can't! Did you know that 83% of dairy products come from cows? One dairy cow produces enough milk to fill almost 50 milk jugs each day. As you can see, milk has a great impact on our economy.*

### Conclusion

*Now that you've learned about how the dairy industry influences our body, communities, and economy, you can see just how important dairy is to the people of Wisconsin!*

## Fun Had by All at Bowling Social

By Judy Uhlenhake

The Racine County Farm Bureau families got together for a night of bowling and socializing on February 12. This was a great event to get together and bowl off some steam. We look forward to having a Farm Bureau family social again next year. Watch your newsletter for the details.



## Racine County Farm Bureau Scholarship Winners

*Each recipient will receive \$1,000.*



### Erin Bartelson

Erin is the daughter of David and Michelle Bartelson. She is a 2023 graduate of Burlington High School. Erin will be attending Iowa State University where her course of study will be Animal Science (Pre-Veterinary Medicine).



### Rebeka Liberto

Rebeka is the daughter of Steven and Cari Liberto. She is a 2023 graduate of Burlington High School. Rebeka will be attending UW-Platteville in the fall where she plans to study Agriculture Business.



### Matyson Schaal

Matyson is the daughter of Greg and Tracey Schaal. Matyson is a 2023 graduate of Waterford Union High School. She will attend Northcentral Technical College with plans to become a Dental Hygienist.

## Ag Ambassador Update

By Madisyn Henderson, 2022-2023 Agricultural Ambassador

My name is Madisyn Henderson and I am the 2022-2023 Racine County Agriculture Ambassador. I currently run an Agriculture Literacy Program where I visit local grade schools every week and give an activity regarding all aspects of agriculture.

Last month, I taught the students about soybean production and the products of soybeans. The students were able to make lip balm from soybean oil. I also did a lesson about dairy where students were able to make butter in a jar and try it for themselves. I include diverse and interactive activities so students can get the most out of each visit. The activities are based on grade level and include all aspects of agriculture.

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

On March 27, I attended Farm City Night at the Cotton Exchange. It was the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Farm City Night, hosted by the Burlington Kiwanis Club, honoring local farmers and their accomplishments. I had the privilege of speaking about my role as Agriculture Ambassador as well as networking with farmers and sponsors at the event. Alice in Dairyland also attended the event and talked about her position as Alice within the state of Wisconsin.

Congratulations to the Scott Family for receiving the Heritage Award at this year's event. The Heritage Award honors farms within Racine County that have practiced agriculture for many years and continue to make a difference in the community. The Scotts have been farming for over 177 years and have made a huge impact on Racine County agriculture. Congratulations and thank you for all you do! It was overall a fun night celebrating agriculture and all the amazing farmers within Racine County.

I also attended Raymond Elementary School on March 21, and Yorkville Elementary School on April 21 where I, along with Union Grove FFA, discussed the importance of agriculture in our community and ran Agriculture Olympics. Students and teachers competed in activities such as a milk chugging contest, straw bale throwing contest, pedal tractor

racing, and other activities while learning about agriculture and tasks farmers do every day.

I am looking forward to attending the many summer events coming up soon. I will be at the Fairest of the Fair Finals on June 2, Racine County Breakfast on the Farm on June 24 at Swan's Pumpkin Farm, and the Racine County Fair from July 26-30. I hope to see you all there!

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as the Racine County Agriculture Ambassador so far and am looking forward to what is ahead. Follow me on Facebook to keep up with my journey as Agriculture Ambassador.



**The Scott Family received the Heritage Award at Farm City Night.**



## Cream Puff Stand Needs You

By Judy Uhlenhake, Cream Puff Stand Chair

Volunteers are needed for the Racine County Fair Cream Puff stand from July 25-30. The fair is a great time to connect with friends and neighbors and have a good time supporting the Racine County Farm Bureau. The stand is our major fundraiser and promotes agriculture. Money raised goes for scholarships, library grants, promotion of agricultural products, 4-H and FFA programs, and other community support. We are also looking for day managers to oversee volunteers and assist in running the stand. If you are interested in being a day manager, contact Judy Uhlenhake at 262.949.1168.

Keep an eye on the Racine County Farm Bureau Facebook page or visit our website wfbf.com/about/counties/racine for information on how you can sign up. The theme of the fair is "Fair-Ever Fun" - join the fun and support the Racine County Farm Bureau.

## Mark Your Calendar

### County Policy Development Meeting

*Develop policies to be voted on at the county annual meeting.*

**When:** Thursday, Aug. 10, 7 p.m.

**Where:** River City Lanes  
730 Cornerstone Crossing, Waterford

### County Annual Meeting

*Vote on policies and bylaw changes, elect board of directors and delegates to the state annual meeting.*

**When:** Tuesday, Sept. 12, 6 p.m.

**Where:** River City Lanes

*RSVP's are required. Watch for a postcard to arrive with final details.*

# Walworth County

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f Walworth County Farm Bureau

## Mark Your Calendar

### County Policy Development Meeting

*Develop policies that will be voted on at the county annual meeting.*

**When:** Wednesday, Aug. 2, 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** Farm Bureau Office  
119 S Broad Street, Elkhorn

### County Annual Meeting

*Vote on policies and bylaw changes, elect board of directors and delegates to the state annual meeting.*

**When:** Wednesday, Sept. 20

*RSVP's are required. Watch for a postcard to arrive with final details.*

## 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Dairy Breakfast

By Kathy Papcke

**Date:** Saturday, June 17

**Time:** 6:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.  
Breakfast served rain or shine!

**Location:** Walworth County  
Fairgrounds  
411 East Court  
Street | Highway  
11, Elkhorn

**Tickets:** \$15/person, children 5 years and under FREE!

**Menu:** deluxe scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, milk, juice, coffee and ice cream.

**Other activities:** craft fair, exhibits, live music, 11<sup>th</sup> annual coffee cake contest

Handicap parking is available. FREE ride to tour Nel-Farm, a family dairy farm in Elkhorn. The Dairy Breakfast is hosted by the Walworth County Farm Bureau.

Interested in volunteering? Volunteers receive a free breakfast and t-shirt. Call Kathy Papcke at 262.496.6016 to sign up.



## Rib Fest Volunteers Wanted

By Kathy Papcke

The Farm Bureau helps sell soda, water and milk at Rib Fest, plus you can enjoy the music. Rib Fest is July 12-16 at the fairgrounds.

Call Kathy Papcke at 262.496.6016 to volunteer.



## Walworth County Fair

By Kathy Papcke

Your help is wanted to help in the Walworth County Fair Ice Cream Tent from August 30 to September 4. You will help sell and scoop ice cream. All volunteers receive a free ticket to the fair, a t-shirt and an ice cream sundae. Call Kathy Papcke at 262.496.6016 today to get your preferred time slot to volunteer.

Join in on the fun

## Milwaukee Brewers vs Cincinnati Reds



**Wednesday, July 26, 2023**

**Cost \$50 per person**

**Game begins at 1:10 p.m.**

**RSVP to Rick Getka by July 23**

**Call or text 262.749.4913**

**Meet the bus at 11:00 a.m. at the**

**Walworth County Farm Bureau office**

**119 S. Broad Street, Elkhorn**

**Space is limited.**

**Reserve your spot TODAY!**

**We will go to Pizza Ranch after the game**



## YFA Events a Success



On Saturday, April 9 a group of about 20 young farmers boarded the bus and went for a tour at Wiese Brothers. On the ride home we also toured Ledger Rock Distillery. A fun time was had by all.



Over 450 attended the YFA Spring Fling hosted by Ozaukee and Washington County YFA on March 11 at Fillmore Turner Hall featuring the band Whiskey Throttle.

## June Dairy Month Fact

It takes about 10 pounds of milk to make one pound of cheese and just over 21 pounds to make a pound of butter.



## Inspired by Ag LEAD

By Leah Weninger

I have attended multiple conferences in my lifetime, but the Ag LEAD Summit by far has been the most impactful, inspiring and educational conference I have attended. The conference focused on leadership, engagement, advocacy and development.

We got to hear from keynote speaker Chris Hinrichs about transformational leadership, then followed up with different breakout sessions related to the L.E.A.D. topics. The breakout sessions really were an eye-opener and got you thinking from a different perspective along with networking with others in ag advocacy.

We also got to listen to a panel of consumers to hear their questions and concerns about food production and the agriculture industry. It was interesting to hear consumers that have no relationship with agriculture stories and their view on food production. Overall, I was blown away by the whole conference and left inspired to do more in my community to promote agriculture.



## Mark Your Calendar

### County Policy Development Meeting

Develop policies that will be voted on at the county annual meeting.

When: Thursday, Aug. 24, 6:30 p.m.

Where: TBD

### County Annual Meeting

Vote on policies, elect board of directors and delegates to the state annual meeting.

When: Tuesday, Oct. 3, 6 p.m.

Where: The Columbian

RSVP's are required. Watch for a postcard to arrive with final details.

## Special Meeting Notice – Bylaw Change

In accordance with the by-laws of Washington County Farm Bureau, Cooperative and pursuant to the direction of the Board of Directors, the President hereby gives notice that a special meeting of Members of the Washington County Farm Bureau, Cooperative will be held.

When: Thursday, June 22, 7:00 p.m.

Location: Farm Bureau Office

135 S 6th Avenue  
West Bend, WI 53095

RSVP to Randy Thull at 262.483.8204 (call or text).

At the special meeting, the Board of Directors will submit for approval by members a bylaw change for a dues increase.

Randy Thull, President  
Washington County Farm Bureau, Cooperative

## Volunteers Needed for Fair Food Stand

By Mike Strupp, Fair Food Stand Co-Chair

It is time to start planning for the Washington County Fair, July 25-30. We need approximately 230 volunteers to work in the food stand. As you know, this is the biggest fundraiser for Washington County Farm Bureau for scholarships and other programs.

Those who volunteer receive a pass to get into the fair, and a complimentary sandwich, dessert and beverage before or after their shift. You do not have to be a Farm Bureau member to work in the food stand. If you know anyone who is interested in helping, please contact Mariann Gundrum as 262.483.5114. Confirmation letters and volunteer passes will be mailed in June to those who volunteered in the past. Thank you for helping at this year's fair.

VOLUNTEER TIMES					
JULY 25	JULY 26	JULY 27	JULY 28	JULY 29	JULY 30
	9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.	1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.	1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.	1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.	1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
6:30 p.m. to close	5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
	8:30 p.m. to clean-up	8:30 p.m. to clean-up	8:30 p.m. to clean-up	8:30 p.m. to clean-up	Clean Up Crew 6:30 p.m.



## Breakfast on the Farm

By Mike Strupp, Co-Chair

Washington County Breakfast on the Farm will be held on Saturday, June 10 at Roden Echo Valley, LLC (5545 County Road Y, West Bend).

Breakfast will be served rain or shine from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Visitors to the farm will be served: all you can eat pancakes, plus a serving of scrambled eggs, cheese, sausage, applesauce and milk. You can purchase a chocolate or strawberry sundae for \$1.00 each. There will also be activities for the children.

Advance tickets are \$8.00 (no refunds) and \$10.00 at the door. Children 3 and under are FREE. To volunteer to help at the breakfast or to purchase advance tickets visit [www.washingtoncountydairy.com](http://www.washingtoncountydairy.com).

Roden Echo Valley, LLC has a new rotary milking parlor so after breakfast, be sure to take a wagon ride to see their rotary parlor that was built in 2022.

Breakfast on the Farm is sponsored by the Washington County Dairy Promotion Committee.

## Food Processing Tours

Washington County Farm Bureau member Carl Wolf attended the two Leaders of the Land tours that took place so far this year.

The first tour was held on Feb. 10 at Barnatello's Foods in Kaukauna and Feeding America in Little Chute. The second tour was held on April 21 at Alsum Farms & Produce in Friesland. Visit [wfbf.com/programs/sustainability](http://wfbf.com/programs/sustainability) for more information about WFBF's sustainability programming efforts.



# Waukesha County

wfbf.com/about/counties/waukesha  
WaukeshaCountyFarmBureau

## Mark Your Calendar

### County Policy Development Meeting

*Develop policies that will be voted on at the county annual meeting.*

**When:** Tuesday, Aug. 15, 7 p.m.

**Where:** Brandybrook Community Center  
S11W29980 Summit Avenue, Waukesha

### County Annual Meeting

*Vote on policies and bylaw changes, elect board of directors and delegates to the state annual meeting.*

**When:** Thursday, Sept. 7, 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** Delafield Brewhaus

*RSVP's are required. Watch for a postcard to arrive with final details.*

## Scholarship Committee Update

By Ken Rosenow, Scholarship Committee Chair

Well, here it is, summer in Wisconsin has arrived! Our Waukesha County Farm Bureau Scholarship Committee has already received applications for this year, our deadline was May 31. The committee met earlier this year to update the applications and move the deadline to May. We hope that the changes that we made will attract more students to our scholarship.

The committee will be meeting again soon to judge the applications and we will announce the winners before our county annual meeting in September.

We look forward to being able to review all the



outstanding accomplishments of local students! Please watch your newsletter or website for the application again in 2024. The Waukesha County Farm Bureau is committed to providing scholarships.

## Two Essays Win County Contest

By Ryan Brueggemann, Essay Contest Chair

This year the contest was broken into fourth and fifth grade students, so we picked both a fourth and fifth grade essay contest winner. Ashlynn Diamond was the fourth grade winner and Alex Barber was named the fifth grade winner. Both winners were from Saint Joseph Big Bend school. Ashlynn was named the county winner overall. Please enjoy her winning essay:

### Why Wisconsin's Known as the Dairyland!

*Welcome to Wisconsin, the Dairyland. We are the Dairy state and I'll tell you why!*

*Dairy is good for us because of the benefits it has for us. The nutrients and types of fat in dairy are involved with bone health, cardiovascular disease, and other conditions. Calcium, vitamin D, and phosphorus are important for bone building, and the high potassium content of dairy foods can help lower blood pressure. Milk must be held at 161.5 degrees Fahrenheit for 15 seconds to be considered legally pasteurized. On average, one cow produces 7 gallons of milk.*

*Dairy farms contribute food, jobs, income for local businesses, and outreach*

*to neighbors and organizations. They also contribute money to local and national economies. For every dollar generated from dairy farming, it turns over three to seven times in the local community. The overall impact of dairy foods in the U.S. is close to \$200 billion, which goes back to the local, state and national economy. The dairy industry contributes over \$25 billion to Wisconsin's economy annually.*

*On average, a Wisconsin dairy farm has about 127 cows. There are over one million cows in Wisconsin. An average dairy cow weighs 1,400 pounds. Milk is important because it has calcium and vitamin D. It can strengthen our bones and teeth. Milk can make cheese, cheese curds, cream cheese, yogurt and chocolate milk. Wisconsin is responsible for 26% of the US's cheese production. The total agricultural contribution to the Wisconsin economy, nearly half comes from dairy alone, according to the University of Wisconsin.*

*So in the end we are the dairyland and state! We produce so much dairy. The dairy product we produce the most is cheese. But we also produce so much more than just cheese. Dairy is important too. One reason it's important for Wisconsin is because it brings money to the economy. And it can help our bones and help us grow stronger. And dairy can provide calcium.*



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