



# Grassroots

## District 6 News

### Message From Your District Board Director



**Rosie Lisowe**

District 6 Board Director

Summer is here and we begin watching our crops grow. It's exciting, just like watching our new Gather Wisconsin project grow. The new website WFBF just unveiled this past spring is a great tool to make the connection with consumers and to bring food, the farm and family together. The consumer can find opportunities to learn more about visiting farms, technology used on the farm,

where their food come from, and even the ways farmers think about conservation and sustainability on a farm. I highly recommend you check out [gatherwisconsin.com](http://gatherwisconsin.com).

The WFBF Farm Bill Working Group (Farm Bureau members from each district) has met numerous times during the last year. They have put together priorities to take forward to our representatives and congressional leaders to let them know what our challenges are and where the volatilities

are. The committee has put forth priorities in the area of dairy protection, crop insurance, conservation funding and wildlife issues. In early June the WFBF Farm Bill Working Group and the WFBF Dairy Committee went to Washington, D.C., along with the WFBF Board to lobby for the Farm Bill. They talked about our farm bill priorities and the supply chain disruption and the effect at the farm level. We discussed the lack of trade moving forward, the nutrition program and federal programs through NRCS. It was a very motivated group.

A note that WFBF will be hosting a Campaign School this October in Madison for anybody interested in running for political office. This opportunity will give information about what it takes and what to do to help you win in an election. If you are interested let me or someone in the governmental relations team know.

A reminder to stay involved. Your voice can't be heard if you don't participate. You are always welcome at your county's Farm Bureau monthly meeting or county Farm Bureau annual meeting. You can also attend our yearly Policy Development meeting and there are plenty of other activities besides those.

Have a safe summer.

### Members Advocate for Agriculture in Washington, D.C.

On June 5, members of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Board, WFBF Farm Bill Working Group and WFBF Dairy Committee traveled to Washington, D.C., Part of the members' commitment to the groups was to lobby Wisconsin's federal legislators on the farm bill priorities they worked on.

Having worked on the farm bill priorities during the last six months, committee and working group members were uniquely qualified to speak to legislators. On June 6, the group began their day with an update from American Farm Bureau staff members on a variety of topics. AFBF farm bill priorities, environmental issues, trade, livestock, dairy and tips for effective advocacy were discussed.

Members then put their advocacy skills to work by meeting with legislators on Capitol Hill. Members met with Rep. Tiffany and Rep. Grothman along with staff members from Congressmen Fitzgerald, Steil and Van Orden's offices. Participants were able to end their day meeting with both Sen. Baldwin and Sen. Johnson.

The 2018 Farm Bill must be reauthorized by September 30. To read WFBF's full list of priorities, visit [wfbf.com/policy/current-issues](http://wfbf.com/policy/current-issues).

The next day presented a unique opportunity for members as they traveled to the Ukrainian embassy where they met with Ukrainian Ambassador to the U.S. Oksana Markarova. Members were able to hear firsthand about the devastation to families, farmland and infrastructure. Through extreme conditions, Ukrainian farmers are still able to produce food to feed the local population and, when allowed export goods across

the Black Sea and over rail, as transportation infrastructure has been heavily targeted by Russian forces. According to the ambassador, rail lines are oftentimes in better condition than roadways.

Members asked about soil conditions and employment issues in an active war zone. The ambassador talked about how soil mitigation will have to be part of the reconstruction when the wars ends. The destruction of military machines and ordinances have left Ukrainian farm fields in ruins and decimated the livestock population.

The Ukrainian ambassador talked with members about how Wisconsin farmers can partner with Ukrainian farmers to rebuild agriculture in the country. Much of the country's livestock and agriculture infrastructure has been destroyed during the war, especially in the eastern part of the country. The ambassador talked about sharing knowledge and providing technical assistance when the country emerges from its war time state.

It was very clear that Ukrainian farmers are working through extreme conditions. Please continue to keep the people of Ukraine on your mind as they navigate wartime challenges.



## District and State Essay Winners Named

Bree Stalsberg, a fourth-grade student from Fennimore, and Michael Christensen, a fifth-grade student from Colfax, have been selected as state winners in the Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom contest. Wisconsin fourth and fifth graders were asked to write a 500-word essay with the theme, "You're Gonna Need Milk for That – Wisconsin Dairy support our bodies, communities and economy."

Bree is the winner of the fourth-grade contest. Her teacher is Emily Kamps at Fennimore Elementary School in Grant County. Michael is the winner of the fifth-grade contest. His teacher is Suzanne Blomberg at Colfax Elementary School in Dunn County.

Each year the Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom program hosts an essay contest to engage students in writing, reading and research through the context of food and agriculture. Essays were judged on content, grade-appropriate writing benchmarks, and creativity. This contest is open to all fourth and fifth grade students across the state.

More than 1,800 students wrote essays for the competition, which is sponsored by Culvers, Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin, WE Energies and the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation.

Essay entries were judged at the county, district and state levels – with stiff competition in each division. Nine district winners were named state finalists and received a prize package including a medal, Wisconsin dairy books, admission to the Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center and Culver's prize pack. The state winner also received a plaque and prizes valued at more than \$250.

### This year's fourth-grade finalists were:

- District 1 - Marlena Shera, Saint Frances Cabrini, Washington County
- District 2 - Layla Siegel, Monticello Elementary, Green County
- District 3 - Bree Stalsberg, Fennimore Elementary, Grant County
- District 4 - Abby Ruff, Alma Elementary, Buffalo County
- District 5 - Joey Visger, Tri-County Elementary, Waushara County
- District 6 - Julia Pielhop, Holy Family Catholic School, Calumet County

District 7 - Preston Braun, St. James Lutheran School, Shawano County

District 8 - Haley Penza, Almond Bancroft Elementary, Portage County

District 9 - Penelope Heiniger, Prescott Intermediate School, Pierce County

### This year's fifth-grade finalists were:

District 1 - Miller Kozlowski, Miller Elementary, Washington County

District 2 - Evelyn Cooley, Kegonsa Elementary, Dane County

District 3 - Tara Lenzendorf, Seneca Elementary, Crawford County

District 4 - Kailey Knight, St. Boniface Catholic School, Buffalo County

District 5 - Alyssandra Hodorff, Faith Lutheran School, Fond du Lac County

District 6 - Stella Jauquet, Luxemburg-Casco Intermediate, Kewaunee County

District 7 - Clayton Roberts, New London Intermediate School, Waupaca County

District 8 - No finalist named

District 9 - Michael Christensen, Colfax Elementary, Dunn County

Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom program provides teachers and K-12 students with an understanding of how their food is produced. The program seeks to work within existing curricula to provide basic information on our nation's largest industry: agriculture. Wisconsin's Ag in the Classroom program is carried out by a network of local educators, volunteers and representatives from agricultural organizations and businesses. The goal of the program is to help students gain a greater awareness of the role of agriculture in the economy and society, so that they may become citizens who support wise agricultural policies.

## Attend Your Policy Development Meeting

Have you attended your county Policy Development meeting? Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation is a grassroots organization that works on behalf of farm families and other individuals who support agriculture.

Farm Bureau got its start with local farmers meeting to discuss issues of concern in order to devise ways, or policies, to resolve these issues. Each year since, county Farm Bureau members have met to discuss pertinent issues as part of the policy development process. Local involvement culminates with discussion and votes on proposed policy at county Farm Bureau annual meetings.

Do you have an idea for a Farm Bureau policy? Bring it to an upcoming county Policy Development meeting this year. WFBF's current policy book can be found online by visiting [wfbf.com/policy/policy-development](http://wfbf.com/policy/policy-development).

- **Brown County Farm Bureau Policy Development Meeting**  
Thursday, July 13; Kaczmarek Farm; 7:00 p.m.
- **Door County Farm Bureau Policy Development Meeting**  
Tuesday, July 18; Farm Bureau Food Stand; 7:00 p.m.
- **Calumet County Farm Bureau Policy Development Meeting**  
Tuesday, July 25; Farm Bureau Food Stand; 7:00 p.m.
- **Sheboygan County Farm Bureau Policy Development Meeting**  
Wednesday, July 26; Christopher Farm Garden; 7:00 p.m.
- **Manitowoc County Farm Bureau Policy Development Meeting**  
Tuesday, September 5; Meat's Opera Haus; 7:30 p.m.



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## Ag Day at the Capitol Connects Farmers with Legislators

On March 29, more than 250 farmers and agriculturists gathered at the Monona Terrace in Madison for Ag Day at the Capitol.

Ag Day at the Capitol is an annual event for Wisconsin farmers and agriculturists to learn more about state issues affecting agriculture and meet with their state legislators.

"We appreciate our members taking time off their farms to speak up on key issues impacting our rural communities," said WFBF Executive Director of Governmental Relations Jason Mugnaini. "The strength of our rural community lies within the voices of our state's farmers and the ability to share their stories with their legislators."

Attendees started the day with Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Secretary Randy Romanski who served as the event's keynote speaker. Secretary Romanski outlined initiatives impacting agriculture outlined in the 2023-25 biennial state budget, including increasing trade opportunities, investments to the processing industry and connecting the general public with agriculture.

He encouraged farmers and agriculturists to continue to be strong advocates for Wisconsin's rural communities.

"Events like Ag Day at the Capitol are great because we have the

opportunity to talk on common interests," said Sec. Romanski. "I am appreciative of your efforts and the efforts of our legislators that collectively help us move agriculture forward."

Following the Secretary's speech, the afternoon session was a legislative panel comprised of Senators Howard Marklein and Joan Ballweg, and Representatives Tony Kurtz and Nancy VanderMeer.

The panel discussed:

- Agriculture's role in developing solutions to protect the food supply and government's role in aiding that protection.
- Pressing issues facing Wisconsin agriculture in the current budget cycle.
- The statewide need for rural road infrastructure improvements.
- Farmer-led conservation initiatives including producer-led watershed programming.

The program concluded with issue briefings with a strong focus on farm supply chain protection. Topics included improvements to local transportation, labor, animal health and disease prevention, and food distribution and aggregation solutions. Additional issue briefings focused on farmer-led conservation, rural prosperity and the



organization's legislative session priorities.

The afternoon's program concluded with attendees traveling to the Capitol where they met with legislators from their respective areas.

## Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Launches Exploring Wisconsin Agriculture



The Wisconsin Agriculture in the Classroom program is excited to fully launch a new series of resources for grades 3-5 – Introducing *Exploring Wisconsin Agriculture!*

Exploring Wisconsin Agriculture takes young Wisconsin learners on a journey through our state's past, present and future using the lens of agriculture! This resource features five online learning modules and a mini "Ag Mag" focused on agriculture's role in Wisconsin's history, economy and communities. Each lesson is aligned to Wisconsin state academic standards and includes supporting activities.

To view the lesson, or brush up on your own Wisconsin Agricultural knowledge, visit [wisagclassroom.org/exploring-wisconsin-agriculture](http://wisagclassroom.org/exploring-wisconsin-agriculture).

The e-learning modules and mini ag mags are available to all Wisconsin educators at no cost, thanks to the generous support of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation, Compeer Financial and the Wisconsin Corn Growers Board. These new resources are the upgrade of the long-standing activity book, *This Business Called Agriculture*. We are excited to support elementary educators and students in growing their awareness and understanding of agriculture's impact on our daily lives.

## Upcoming Events

### July

18-20 - Farm Technology Days, Baraboo

### August

1 - District YFA Discussion Meet

9-13 - Door County Fair

16-21 - Brown County Fair

19 - Rural Open Golf Outing, Calumet County

23-27 - Manitowoc County Fair

31-4 - Sheboygan County Fair

### September

1-4 - Calumet County Fair

12 - Door County Annual Meeting

13 - Sheboygan County Annual Meeting

14 - Brown County Annual Meeting

26 - Calumet County Annual Meeting

30 - Membership Year End

### October

1-6 - World Dairy Expo - Madison

12 - Manitowoc County Annual Meeting

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## District 6 Members Serve as Officers within Collegiate Chapters

Collegiate Farm Bureau isn't just a club, it's the beginning of your career in agriculture. It is the opportunity to connect with the agricultural community that's open to everyone. From livestock to agribusiness, agriculture is stronger together. Farm Bureau is its members and we need you.

In Collegiate Farm Bureau members make the decisions, members lead the conversation and members make the difference. As a collegiate Farm Bureau member you get a chance to build your network, learn from industry professionals, serve your campus and community, add your voice to causes affecting agriculture and develop the skills to be a leader today and in the future. Collegiate Farm Bureau chapters can be found at UW-Madison, UW-River Falls and UW-Platteville.

Congratulations to:

- Brown County members Katrina Hoesly being named the Reporter and Lashawna Vogel being named Ag Day on Campus Chair for UW-River Falls.
- Manitowoc County member Jenna Gries for being named the Secretary at UW-Madison.



## Brad Laack Represents District 6 in the YFA Farming for the Future Competition



The finalists for Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Young Farmer and Agriculturist Farming for the Future Award have been named.

Four finalists will vie for the Farming for the Future Award this December. The Farming for the Future Award recognizes YFA members who excel in their farm involvement, future goals, leadership abilities and participation in Farm Bureau and other organizations. Applicants must derive a majority of their income from on-farm production.

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

This year's finalists include:

- Jacob and Eliza Bobolz, Rock County
- Sydney Flick, Columbia County
- Brad Laack, Sheboygan County
- Victoria Wachholz, Marquette County

Each finalist will conduct an interview with judges at the 2023 WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference at Kalahari Resorts in Wisconsin Dells, December 1-3. The winner of each award will receive \$1,500 courtesy of GROWMARK, Inc., the opportunity to attend the 2024 American Farm Bureau Federation YF&R Conference in Omaha, NE., will be eligible to participate in the 2025 YFA Washington, D.C. Fly-In and be a guest of WFBF at the 2024 YFA Conference. The total value of the prize package is more than \$5,000.

## Applications Due Soon for the Leopold Conservation Award

In his influential book, "A Sand County Almanac", Aldo Leopold called for an ethical relationship between people and the land they own and manage. The development of a land ethic was, he wrote, "an evolutionary possibility and an ecological necessity." A land ethic is alive and well today in the thousands of American farmers, ranchers and forestland owners who improve soil health, water quality and wildlife habitat.

Sand County Foundation proudly presents the Leopold Conservation Award to private landowners dedicated to leaving their land better than how they found it. They exemplify the spirit of Leopold's land ethic. In Wisconsin, Sand County Foundation presents the Leopold Conservation Award in partnership with American Farmland Trust, and state partners: Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin and Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation.

The Leopold Conservation Award recipient receives \$10,000 and a crystal award. Leopold Conservation Awards recognize extraordinary achievement in voluntary conservation, inspire other landowners through their example, and help the general public understand the vital role private landowners play in conservation success.

**Application Deadline:** Aug. 1, 2023. Applications can be emailed to [award@sandcountyfoundation.org](mailto:award@sandcountyfoundation.org). For further information, please see the Leopold Conservation Award website: [leopoldconservationaward.org](http://leopoldconservationaward.org).

## District 6 YFA Hosts Green Bay Gambler's Game

On Sunday, March 26, almost 100 Young Farmer and Agriculturist members joined at the Resch Center for the Green Bay Gamblers game versus the Youngstown Phantoms. Puck dropped at 3:05 p.m. and following the game, the counties hosted pizza at the Green Bay Distillery. Watch county Farm Bureau Facebook pages for more information for future YFA events throughout the year.



Interested in more YFA events? Reach out to the District 6 YFA Representatives, or any county YFA chair.

**District 6 YFA Representatives:** Luke and Ashley Lisowe - 920.418.0987

**Brown County:** Samantha Van Duerzen - 920.362.3045

**Calumet County:** Gloria Regan 920.284.2991 or Sean VanderHeiden - 920.418.4292

**Door County:** Holly LaPlant - 920.421.2266

**Kewaunee County:** Mikayla Kuehl - 920.255.1807

**Manitowoc County:** Stephanie Leonhard - 920.973.7054

**Sheboygan County:** Nicole Schommer - 262.207.4324

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## Participate in YFA Discussion Meet

Join us for the District 6 Discussion Meet on Tuesday, Aug. 1 at Pagel's Ponderosa, N4893 County C, Kewaunee. We will start at 7 p.m. with pizza and a farm tour followed by the Discussion Meet at 7:30 p.m.

**Discussion Meet Topic:** *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?*

If you are interested in participating or attending this fun event, please contact Luke or Ashley Lisowe at 920.838.2775 or [ashley.oberreich@gmail.com](mailto:ashley.oberreich@gmail.com).



## YOUNG FARMER & AGRICULTURIST CONFERENCE

**DECEMBER 1-3, 2023**  
KALAHARI RESORT | WISCONSIN DELLS

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

## CELEBRATING 15 YEARS!

Rural Mutual Insurance company has sponsored 654 individuals/couples to attend the WFBF YFA Conference since 2008. Because of Rural Mutual's contributions to the YFA program, we are growing the next generation of agriculture leaders.

Of the sponsored attendees, there are now...

**Rural Mutual**  
Insurance Company

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



**12**

**County Farm Bureau Presidents**

**188**

**County Farm Bureau Board Members**



**WFBF Board Members**



**2**

**19** **WFBF YFA Committee Members**

**Other WFBF Committee Members (P&E, Dairy, YFA, Policy)**

**21**

**34**



**Participants in the YFA D.C. Fly-In**

**Contest Participants**  
Excellence in Agriculture  
Achievement Award  
Discussion Meet

**89**



**Leadership Institute Participants**

**46**

**6**



**Participants in AFBF Leadership Programs**  
(YF&R Committee, Women's Boot camp, Rural Entrepreneurship Challenge)

## Federal Issue Update: Agriculture Labor Reform



**Tyler Wenzlaff**

WFBF Director of National Affairs

American agricultural employers have long utilized foreign workers on a temporary basis, regarding them as an important labor resource. At the same time, the relatively low wages and acceptance of often difficult working conditions by such workers have caused them to be viewed as an economic threat to domestic American workers.

To mitigate any “adverse effect” for the domestic workforce, a system of wage floors has been developed that applies, variously, both to alien and citizen workers — the adverse effect wage rate (AEWR). Under this system, a guest worker must be paid either the AEWR, the state or federal minimum wage, or the locally prevailing wage for his or her occupation, whichever is higher.

Farmers and ranchers have long experienced difficulty in obtaining workers who are willing and able to work on farms and in fields. The current system does not work for all of agriculture. Wisconsin Farm Bureau, along with American Farm Bureau, are seeking an approach to ensure a legal and reliable long-term workforce that enables agriculture to remain competitive.

The current border situation has led to a renewed push to reform the immigration process. The expiration of Title 42 has led to an influx of migrants from Central America seeking asylum, a legal process through which individuals fearing persecution in their home countries can request protection and recognition as refugees in another. Title 42 was put in place during the Trump Administration and allowed U.S. officials to turn away migrants who came to the U.S. – Mexico border on the groups of preventing the spread of COVID-19. This has led to border state Governors taking matters into their own hands and busing migrants to Democrat controlled northern states. New York City has declared an emergency, unable to deal with their arrival. Chicago is the latest city to ask for additional federal resources to help manage the influx.

The current Administration is allowing additional asylum seekers to stay in the country with a new app. In February, the Biden administration announced that migrants seeking asylum would now be required to use the app to book appointments online with an immigration officer before they can make an asylum claim psychically at the border. There was a Congressional hearing on border security last month where Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas was questioned about the app. Some Congressional members believe the app is being used as an open door for migrants to enter with no follow up from federal officials on missed appointments.

House leadership has prioritized a border security package in the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress. Hence, H.R. 2 contains a suite of border security enhancement and enforcement measures that include, but are not limited to, increased border personnel, asylum reform measures, discontinuation of catch-and-release policy, improved DHS transparency regarding illegal crossings, and investments in technology along U.S. borders. The House passed H.R. 2 but it has no chance of moving forward in the Senate.

Mandatory e-Verify for all industries was included in this package, to be phased in by employer size over two years. A three-year delay is permitted for agriculture. Also included is a repeal of the 2022 H-2A Program rule and the 2023 H-2A AEWR rule, as well as a congressional directive to complete an agriculture workforce study. All of these provisions are ill-suited to help farmers and ranchers grapple with the effects of mandatory e-Verify. Wisconsin Farm Bureau supports increased boarder security but additional steps need to be taken to address employment issues before instituting e-Verify.

Requiring agricultural employers to use e-Verify without assuring that a workable guest worker program is in place could have a significant, negative impact on U.S. farm production.

WFBF will continue to advocate for significant improvements to the H-2A guestworker program to secure program access for year-round producers like dairy and address the outdated AEWR formula, reforms that have been consistently urged by farmers for decades. Without these vital solutions, this provision will harm many labor-dependent family farms across the U.S. and the consumers who rely upon them.

## 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

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



### Event Schedule

<b>10 - 11 a.m.</b>	Kick-off and Power Hour
<b>11 - 11:30 a.m.</b>	Ag in the Classroom Challenge
<b>11:30 - Noon</b>	YFA Challenge
<b>Noon - 1 p.m.</b>	Power Hour
	County Farm Bureau Board Challenge
<b>1 - 1:30 p.m.</b>	P&E Challenge
<b>1:30 - 2 p.m.</b>	Leadership Institute Challenge
<b>2 - 3 p.m.</b>	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.

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## May Beef Month Recap

Brown County Farm Bureau held a beef promotion event to celebrate May as National Beef Month. Members set up a small booth at Pelkin's Smokey Meat Market in Suamico and gave out free samples of beef sticks and handed out gift certificates. Visitors also had a chance to win a grilling prize basket. It was a great night promoting Farm Bureau and beef. There was even a special appearance from Wisconsin Miss United States Agriculture Emilie Berner!



At Gather Wisconsin, our focus is connecting you with the farmers growing and raising your family's food through education, valuable resources and sustainable ideas to support farmers from home



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## Scholarship Winner Named



Ava Rueth, daughter of Tim Rueth and Michele Eger of DePere, received the \$500 Board of Directors' scholarship. Ava is currently attending Northeast Wisconsin Technical College majoring in agricultural science. She is looking to work in the field of agronomy.

## Celebrate Ice Cream Month at the NEW Zoo

Brown County Farm Bureau YFA will be celebrating National Ice Cream month with the NEW Zoo in Suamico on Saturday, July 29, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. YFA members will be hosting some agricultural activities and handing out ice cream bars for the first 500 visitors.

Want to help? Contact Sammy VanDuerzen, Brown County YFA Chair at 920.362.3045.



# Calumet County

## Scholarship Winner Named

The Calumet County Farm Bureau is pleased to present Allison Pingel of Hilbert with the \$500 Board of Director's scholarship. Pingel graduated from Chilton High School in June and will be attending the Fox Valley Technical College to major in agricultural science in the fall. She has been active in FFA, Future Business Leaders of America and is a former Farm Bureau Princess. She hopes to have her own herd of beef calves in the future.



## Mark Your Calendar

Save the date for the 2023 Rural Open on Saturday, Aug. 18 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Hickory Hills Golf Club. There is room for 40 four-person teams. You'll enjoy the bucket raffle and live auction. You won't want to miss it!

Check out the Calumet County Farm Bureau Facebook page for more information on how to register a team or become a hole sponsor! All sponsors will be listed on the holes and in the flyer to the golfers. Sponsorship levels are listed below. Anyone interested in sponsoring the Rural Open should make checks payable to:

Calumet County Farm Bureau or Calumet County Fair  
PO Box 89  
St Nazianz, WI 54232

### Amazing Putt Sponsor

*Name on sponsor sign*  
\$50.00 - \$99.99

### Great Chip in Sponsor

*Own hole sponsor & work the hole*  
\$250.00 - \$499.99

### Excellent Drive Sponsor

*Receive your own hole sponsor sign*  
\$100.00 - \$249.99

### Hole in One Sponsor

*Very own hole sponsor with great recognition (work the hole if you want)*  
\$500.00 - \$1000.00

CALUMET COUNTY FARM BUREAU

# RURAL OPEN GOLF OUTING 2023

Hickory Hills Country Club | W3095 Hickory Hills Rd Chilton

SHOTGUN START 10AM August 19th SATURDAY TEAM ENTRY \$240

SEND PAYMENT AND TEAM MEMBER NAMES TO: W2175 Debra Ct Chilton WI 53014

Checks Payable to Calumet Co Farm Bureau or Calumet Co Fair

## Meet Your Local Farmer

In 2015 an event was started to educate consumers about agricultural practices, called Meet Your Local Farmer. In 2020, this event was recognized at the National Farm Bureau Convention in Austin, Texas as the County Activities of Excellence Award Winner.

Each year farms have an open house in the Calumet and Fond du Lac Counties. The event is hosted at several farms on the same day. The idea is to give consumers the opportunity to see agriculture firsthand. These farmers give a view of various types of agriculture in our state. In 2023, there were five different agricultural businesses who opened to the public on April 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



**Kesler Family Farm** - This farm is a multi-generational and multi-species family operation. Kesler Family Farm raises beef cattle, hogs, chickens, as well as hobby animals. Taking great pride in having one of the largest patches of Rhubarb in the area. They utilize the garden's produce

**Midlakes Custom Services** - Established in 2003, Midlakes is a Custom Operator whose main focus is forage harvesting for dairy farms in Calumet and Manitowoc counties. Visitors could stop in, tour the shop and put themselves in the seat of the equipment to see what it feels like, from a bird's eye view, to harvest crops!

not only for human consumption but also for livestock treats. Throughout the year they sell beef, pork, eggs and garden produce. All together Kesler Family Farm raises the next generation of livestock, people and produce.

**LaClare Family Creamery** - Founded in 1978 with a foundation that is rooted in artistry, family values and hard work. A goat farm, shoppe, café and creamery featuring goat and cow milk cheeses made on site. Visitors toured the center and learned how these award-winning cheeses are made.

**Lake Breeze Dairy** - Established in 2003 by five Wisconsin farming families, 3,200 cows call Lake Breeze Dairy home. The cows are milked in a double 44-parallel parlor and there are 35 employees dedicated to caring for the cows on the farm. Visitors were able to board a bus to take a behind-the-scenes tour.

**Ledgeview Farms** - Established in 2008, Ledgeview Farms is a hydroponic greenhouse that produces tomatoes and English Cucumbers. The greenhouse is operated by the Deborah and Leonard Opsteen family. The seeds are started in late December. Nearly 3,000 plants are selected to be grown in the 12,000 square foot facility. The plants are cared for throughout the season by horticulturist Heather Guelig. Visitors could buy tomatoes and cucumbers fresh in April!



## See You at the Calumet County Fair Food Stand

Calumet County Farm Bureau for food stand is looking volunteers to help with shifts for the 2023 Calumet County Fair, September 1-4. Proceeds from this fundraiser go to scholarships, agricultural activities and sponsorships for area 4-H and FFA chapters. Any volunteer who works a four-hour shift gets a free meal at the Calumet County Farm Bureau Annual meeting on September 26.

Please use the following link to sign up to volunteer in the Calumet

County Farm Bureau Fair Food Stand, Labor Day Weekend at the Calumet County Fair. FFA members are encouraged to sign up to volunteer as well. Please contact Kristin Birsbach with any questions about volunteering 920.418.1762. Visit [bit.ly/2023CFBFoodstand](https://bit.ly/2023CFBFoodstand) or scan the QR code to go directly to the sign up!



## Door County

wfbf.com/about/counties/door  
DoorCountyFarmBureau

### Fair Volunteers Needed

Door County Farm Bureau is looking for volunteers to help with the food stand on Aug. 9-13. All volunteers will receive a free meal during their shift as well as a ticket to the annual meeting held on Tuesday, Sept. 12. All proceeds from this fundraiser go towards scholarships for area high school seniors, Ag in the Classroom activities and many local sponsorships. FFA students working a four-hour shift will receive payment of their dues.

If you are interested in helping out, head to the Door County Farm Bureau Facebook page for the Sign Up Genius link.



### Scholarship Winners Announced



Callie Miller

Callie Miller, daughter of Jesse and Lace Miller of Forestville, received one of the Door County Farm Bureau \$500 scholarships. Callie graduated from Southern Door High School and will be attending UW-River Falls in the fall to study agricultural science. Callie has been active in FFA and 4H and well as many community activities. She has hopes to return to her family farm after college.

Taylor Renard, daughter of Chris and Ann Renard of Sturgeon Bay, received the second Door County Farm Bureau \$500 scholarship. Taylor graduated from Southern Door High School in June and will be attending the University of Minnesota to pursue a degree in law. Taylor was in yearbook, forensics and many community activities. She hopes to work in family law after college.



Taylor Renard

## Ag in the Classroom Update

By Alice Peterman, Manitowoc County Ag in the Classroom Coordinator



**Manitowoc County Farm Bureau Promotion and Education committee made a donation of 10 agriculture books to Franklin Elementary School in Manitowoc.**

Franklin Elementary School received a donation of 10 agriculture books for use in the school. In addition to regular classroom use, they will also be used in the before and after school program. The Manitowoc County Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee donates a set of books each year to a school to help students learn the diversity and importance of agriculture in Wisconsin's economy.

The year's Farm Bureau essay contest entitled "You're Gonna Need Milk for That" focused on Wisconsin Dairy support our bodies, communities and economy."

The Manitowoc County winners were: Victoria Harper, Angela Novak, Kasin Noordyk and Leah Gozdziwski from Divine Savior School in New Holstein. Certificates and cash prizes were awarded to each child. The first-place essay advanced to the district contest.

Watch for the new contest information for 2024 in January.



**Students from Divine Savior School in New Holstein participated in the Ag in the Classroom essay contest.**

## Promotion and Education Committee Update

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

Our committee has had a busy spring and early summer. In March, Cheryl Duchow and Rosalie Geiger attended the Ag Lead Summit, March 17-18 in Fond du Lac and Rosalie attended Ag Day at the Capitol on March 29.

Our committee collected and delivered baby items to The Crossing in Manitowoc in April as a community service project.

On May 9, Alice Petermann and Doreen Bessert were teaching students in third through eighth grade students about agriculture and made ice cream while touring Tony and Bonnie Kohlmann's Misty Moon farm.

Our annual coloring contest winners were announced:

### Kindergarten- first grade division:

1<sup>st</sup> place - Grace Bubolz, age 6, St. John - St. James Lutheran School

2<sup>nd</sup> place - Reed Propson, age 7, Mishicot Elementary

### Second-third grade division:

1<sup>st</sup> place - Alyissa Bubolz, age 8, St. John - St. James Lutheran School

Doreen Bessert delivered a set of agriculture-oriented books to Franklin School in Manitowoc as a donation from Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee.

The Manitowoc County Dairy Breakfast was held at Twin Cities View Farm on a cold and windy June 11. The committee did Recycling Demos with youngsters, had an agriculture-oriented book drawing,



**Misty Moon farm**

and crowned our new Miss Farm Bureau, Nevaeh Krepline daughter of Larry and Amanda Krepline of rural Reedsville. We also awarded a \$500 dollar scholarship to Clarissa Ullness, daughter of Angie and Mark Ullness. We encourage Farm Bureau parents to have their children apply for our scholarship and our Miss Farm Bureau Program.



**1<sup>st</sup> Place Grades K-1**



**1<sup>st</sup> Place Grades 2-3**

## Manitowoc County Farm Bureau Fair Food Stand Schedule

Manitowoc County Farm Bureau is once again looking for help running the fair foodstand Aug. 22-27. Anyone who helps with the food stand will receive a free ticket for the Manitowoc County Farm Bureau annual meeting held on Thursday, Oct. 12. You can sign up for any shift, it does not need to be your specific township.

Shift	Wednesday, Aug. 23	Thursday, Aug. 24	Friday, Aug. 25	Saturday, Aug. 26	Sunday, Aug. 27
1	Newton - Kelly Wilfert	Meeme - David Hartlaub	Maple Grove - Tiffany Kohlman	Gibson - Derek Sedlacek Kossuth - Crystal Schleis	Eaton - Levi Bratt
2	Mishicot - Meghan Strutz	Schleswig - Dan Meyer	Cooperstown - Mike Luebke	Cato - Jenny Riederer Liberty - Craig Johnson	Rockland - Delton Duchow
3	Manitowoc - John Lyons Franklin - Jordan Herrmann	Centerville - Gavin Sinkula	Two Creeks - Brent Sinkula	Two Rivers - Kevin Sprang	Managers/Directors/Volunteers

**Shift 1: 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. | Shift 2: 1:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. | Shift 3: 6:30 p.m. - close**

## Sign Up Now for Kiddie Showmanship

Kiddie Showmanship will be here before you know it. Do you know a youngster that is interested in practicing their showmanship skills or wants some practice before showing as a junior at the county fair? This program is perfect for them!

You can find the registration form online at the Manitowoc County Expo page [manitowoccountyiwi.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Kiddie-Showmanship-2023.pdf](http://manitowoccountyiwi.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Kiddie-Showmanship-2023.pdf). This will explain the rules, regulations, and logistics of the event.

Calf must be born between April 15, 2023 and Aug. 1, 2023. (We ask that everyone please abide by this rule.) Calf can be either a heifer or a bull that is healthy and well grown. It must be a dairy animal.

No beef animals allowed. This is a dairy showmanship event. NO animal that is shown in open class or junior fair may be used in the Farm Bureau Kiddie Showmanship event. A second calf may be entered in the event if the first calf is not show ring ready.

There will be four (4) classes: 4-year-old Preschool, Kindergarten, first grade, and second grade. These classes are grades the children completed in the 2022/2023 school year. Kids in 3-year-old Preschool are NOT eligible and will not be able to show; even if entered.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Stephanie Abts at 920.973.6547. **Deadline to register is Tuesday, Aug. 1.** As always, enjoy summer and all it has to offer!



## Scholarship Winners Announced

This year the Manitowoc County Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Agriculturist Committee scholarship was awarded to Benjamin Lukasek. Benjamin is attending UW-Madison for his degree in agronomy with the hope of becoming a crop advisor. His involvement in Collegiate Farm Bureau, Badger Dairy Club, Badger Crops Club outstanding academic achievements make him a deserving recipient.



Benjamin Lukasek



Clarissa Ullness

This year we are happy to award the Manitowoc County Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee scholarship to Clarissa Ullness, daughter of Mark and Angie Ullness of Valders. Clarissa attends UW-Madison for her agricultural sciences degree with the hope of working in agricultural marketing. Her involvement in Collegiate Farm Bureau, Women in Agriculture, Badger Dairy Club and her outstanding academic achievements make her a wonderful recipient.

Both scholarships are given in memorial of Wayne Luebke, long time Farm Bureau member and past board member.

## Farm Rescue Training

Manitowoc County Farm Bureau sponsored a Farm Rescue Training for area fire departments on Saturday, May 20. The event was held at Newton Fire Department and taught by Northwest Technical College instructors. Fire fighters were able to run through several scenarios including a rollover, skid steer operator pinning and a PTO entanglement. Thank you to Newton Fire Department for allowing us to have the training at their location and all the participants for learning to be prepared on a farmer's worst day.



## New Miss Farm Bureau Crowned



Nevaeh Krepline, daughter of Larry and Amanda Krepline, was named 2023-2024 Miss Farm Bureau. She is a recent graduate of Reedsville High School. Her future plans include an associate's degree in hospitality management.

She is active in 4-H and the Reedsville FFA and plans to show a pig at the fair this year. Watch for events in the upcoming months featuring the new Miss Farm Bureau!

# Sheboygan County

## FREE FOOD AND FUN!

The Sheboygan County Fair is back in action for 2023. Dates for the Sheboygan County Fair are Aug. 31-Sept. 4. This means Farm Bureau is in need of volunteers to have a successful fair. Can you imagine a fair without cream puffs? (Gasp), Let's not let that happen!!

Farm Bureau is looking for volunteers to help in our food stand. Shift times include the following:

### Thursday, Aug. 31

Open 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Afternoon 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
Close 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

### Friday, Sept. 1

Open 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Afternoon 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Close 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.

### Saturday, Sept. 2

Open 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Afternoon 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Close 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.

### Sunday, Sept 3

Open 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Afternoon 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Close 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.

### Monday, Sept. 4

Open 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Close 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Volunteers must be at least 14 years old. Volunteer duties include: wrapping sandwiches, filling cream puffs, serving food/beverages, cashiering, wiping tables and managing dining room. All volunteers who donate their time will receive a meal voucher at our stand. Seven to eight volunteers are needed per shift. Family and friends of Farm Bureau members and non-members are welcome to volunteer. Please call/text Jessica Batterman at 920.980.9563 to reserve your spot by Aug. 15.

## Classroom on the Farm

By Kathy Salm, Sheboygan County Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee Chair

Sheboygan County Promotion and Education Committee executed an amazing two days at Majestic Crossing Dairy on May 4 and 5. Almost 1,000 students, teachers and parents attended the educational farm tour event. Students attended from the Sheboygan Area School district as well as Random Lake, Sheboygan Falls and Zielanis.

Students attended nine stations around the farm including: Let's Milk a Cow, Wisconsin Agricultural Diversity, Robotic Milking, Beef, The Cow Doctor, A Day in the Life of a Cow, Farm Machinery, A Cow Needs to Eat and Baby Calves. Each station has an agricultural professional that presents to the students on the various topics.

Thank you to our many presenters and group leaders who came to help

share the story of agriculture with so many students. Also, a huge thank you to the Majestic Crossing family for allowing us to share how well you take care of your farm and beautiful cows every day of the year.



## Sheboygan County YFA Hosts Ladies' Night

Spring was in the air and the ladies of Sheboygan County showed up in full force on May 17 for the second annual Ladies' Night at Superior Lawn and Garden. Those who attended got to explore the greenhouses to

find the perfect plants to create a beautiful garden pot to take home with them. A huge thank you to Superior Lawn & Garden for welcoming our members again and sharing your knowledge and expertise.



## Sheboygan County Farm Bureau Awards Scholarships



Gabe Mentink

Three students were awarded scholarships this year from the Sheboygan County Farm Bureau.

The Sheboygan County Farm Bureau Board of Director's \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to Gabe Mentink. He is the son of Trevor and Kate Mentink of Oostburg. Gabe graduated in June from Oostburg High School and will be attending UW-Platteville this fall majoring in pre-veterinary medicine. He hopes to be a large animal veterinarian.



Allison Limberg

Allison Limberg, daughter of Dale and Stacy Limberg, received one of the Sheboygan County Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee \$500 scholarships. Allison attended Plymouth High School and will be attending the Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona majoring in Criminal Justice. She hopes to become a criminal defense attorney.

Brandon Schultz, son of Daniel and Jodi Schultz, received the second Sheboygan County Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee \$500 scholarship. Brandon attended Plymouth High School and will be attending Lakeshore Technical College for agricultural science. He hopes to run his own dairy farm in the future.

Best wishes to these recipients!



Brandon Schultz

## Sheboygan County Shows Farm Neighbors Care

The Sheboygan County Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee recognized farmers and agriculturists who are outstanding in their field this spring. During planting season, members of the committee dropped off care packages to those farmers nominated online. Watch for another opportunity to nominate your favorite farmer this fall!





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