



# Grassroots

## District 6 News

### WFBF Annual Meeting Recap

In December, more than 230 delegates at the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation's 104th Annual Meeting established new policy directives for the organization.

Wisconsin Farm Bureau delegates adopted the policies that will be included in the organization's policy book in 2024. Resolutions were submitted by delegates as part of the organization's annual grassroots policy development process. Topics discussed on the delegate floor included dairy, energy and transportation.

During the dairy discussion, delegates supported the transfer of grade A permits from seller to buyer with a grace period to update current codes if necessary. Delegates also supported the implementation of a dairy revitalization plan on both the state and federal levels.

During energy discussions, members were diligent in their support of preserving Wisconsin agriculture land for agricultural production. Delegates supported:

- Wisconsin law requiring an Agricultural Impact Statement (AIS) to construct solar and wind projects.
- Requiring new solar projects have to utilize brownfields, rooftops and

degraded lands or low yield, underutilized or marginalized farmland.

- Safety training for first responders around renewable energy sources.
- Making biofuels (both diesel and gas) more accessible for use across the state.
- Preserving Wisconsin agriculture land for agricultural production.

Delegates opposed farmland preservation tax credits to be claimed for land in solar energy projects unless it is an accessory use of the farm.

Delegates from the Wisconsin Farm Bureau's 61 county Farm Bureaus also supported:

- Initiatives to expand access to affordable rural childcare.
- Increased financial support for crop damage due to wildlife.
- Creation and state funding for a Wisconsin Office of Agricultural Tourism.

- Reaffirmed support for a voluntary carbon credit market.

On the federal level, delegates:

- Supported easing Farm Service Agency Beginning Farmer Loan requirements for young farmers pursuing the purchase of a farm.
- Supported increasing the weight limit of drones.



Several District 6 members took to the microphone to work on policy during the Monday resolution session.



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## Change in WFBF Board of Directors

Brad Olson was elected president of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation. Olson is a crop farmer near Frederic in Polk County. Joe Bragger from Independence in Buffalo County was re-elected to serve as WFBF Vice President.

Brad and his wife, Vicky, farm more than 600 acres of crops and are members of Polk-Burnett Farm Bureau. They have two children and two grandsons.

Olson was first elected to the WFBF Board of Directors in 2022 to represent District 9 (Barron, Dunn, Chippewa, Pierce, Polk Burnett, Rusk, St. Croix, Sawyer and Superior Shores Farm Bureaus).

Kevin Krentz was re-elected president of the Rural Mutual Insurance Company. Krentz is a dairy farmer from Berlin in Waushara County. Dave Daniels of Union Grove in Kenosha County was elected first vice president of the Rural Mutual Insurance Company Board.

Krentz was first elected to the WFBF Board of Directors in 2012 to represent District 5, which includes: Adams, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Juneau, Marquette, Waushara and Winnebago counties.

Kevin is president of Krentz Family Dairy, Inc. He has 600 cows and 1,300 acres of crops. Kevin and his wife, Holly, have a daughter and three sons.

Nine of the 11 members of the WFBF Board are elected in each of Farm Bureau's nine districts. These nine individuals also make up the Board of Directors for the Rural Mutual Insurance Company. Rounding out the WFBF's Board are the chairs of WFBF's Young Farmer and Agriculturist and Promotion and Education Committees, both of which are elected to serve a one-year term on the board.

Dan Meyer of Manitowoc County was elected to a three-year term in

District 6 (Brown, Calumet, Door, Kewaunee, Manitowoc and Sheboygan counties). Dan is a dairy and crop farmer near Kiel.

In a special election, Kim Bremmer of Loyal in Clark County was elected to a two-year term representing District 8 (Clark, Lincoln, Marathon, Portage, Price, Taylor and Wood counties). Kim owns Ag Inspirations, LLC, a communications and marketing business for production agriculture. Bremmer succeeds Ryan Klussendorf of Medford in Taylor County.

Arch Morton Jr. of Janesville in Rock County was re-elected to a three-year term on the board representing District 2 (Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Green, Rock and Sauk counties).

Joe Bragger of Independence in Buffalo County was re-elected to a three-year term on the board representing District 4 (Buffalo, Eau Claire, Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe and Trempealeau counties).

Brenda Dowiasch from Eau Claire County was re-elected to a one-year term as the chair of the Promotion and Education Committee and will serve as the representative on the WFBF Board.

Kat Peper of Rock Springs in Sauk County was elected to a one-year term as chair of the Young Farmer and Agriculturist Committee and will serve as the representative on the WFBF Board. She succeeds Savannah Brown of Jackson County as YFA Chair.

Board members who were not up for re-election included: Dave Daniels of Union Grove in Kenosha County, Robert Nigh of Viroqua in Vernon County, Kevin Krentz of Berlin in Waushara County, Brian Preder of Weyauwega in Waupaca County and Brad Olson of Frederic in Polk County.



**Dan Meyer was selected as the District 6 Board of Director Representative to replace Rosie Lisowe.**

## FFA Farm Forum

More than 315 high school juniors and FFA advisors from across Wisconsin attended Wisconsin Farm Bureau's FFA Farm Forum in Rothschild on Feb. 15.

"FFA Farm Forum is an opportunity for the next generation in agriculture to gain new experiences and leadership skills," said WFBF President Brad Olson. "We appreciate FFA members participating in FFA Farm Forum, investing in both themselves and the future of agriculture."

The keynote speaker was UW-River Falls Collegiate Farm Bureau member Katrina Hoesley. Hoesley encouraged students to live out their best values with intention and to connect their passions with a driving purpose to ensure success.

During the one-day event, FFA members attended career-based workshops including: 'Explore the World of Marketing and Communications' with Kendall Riskedal of broadhead. and Country Lights Soy Candles; 'Navigating Ag Horizons: My Journey from FFA to Farm Bureau' with Ben Sand of 715 Risk Advisors LLC; 'Redefining and Celebrating Sustainability' with Rachel LaCount of Wisconsin Farm

Bureau Federation; 'Ag Lending: More Than Just Loaning Money' with Josh Schmidt of AgCountry Farm Credit Services; 'FFA, YFA and Your Ag Experience' with Katrina Hoesley of UW-River Falls Collegiate Farm Bureau; and 'Your Passion + The Right Training = Career Success' with Adam Wehling of Chippewa Valley Technical College.



"FFA Farm Forum is a great partnership between Wisconsin Farm Bureau and Wisconsin FFA to encourage leadership development and exploration of careers in agriculture," said WFBF Director of Young Leader Programs Melissa Jacobson. "We were excited to provide this opportunity for future agricultural leaders."

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation sponsors FFA Farm Forum in cooperation with the Wisconsin Association of FFA. The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation was established in 1988 to provide support for agricultural education and leadership programs. Through donations and other contributions, the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation invests time and resources to support the next generation of agriculturists.

# District 6 News

## YFA Conference Recap

The YFA Program's Discussion Meet, Outstanding Agriculture Professional and Farming for the Future award featured several young farmers from District 6. Brad Laack from Sheboygan County competed in the Farming for the Future award making it to the final four. Ann Glowacki from Door County, Jessica Batterman from Sheboygan County and Gavin Sinkula from Manitowoc County, competed in the Discussion Meet.

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

The Discussion Meet contest is a panel discussion in which Farm Bureau members between the ages of 18 and 35 are judged on their ability to express their ideas and opinions and reach a solution on current issues affecting agriculture. Watch for more information coming soon about the District Discussion meet in summer.

Calumet County member Kaitlyn Kesler was selected as the winner of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Young Farmer and Agriculturalists Outstanding Agriculture Professional Award at the organization's 104th Annual Meeting and YFA Conference on December 3.

Kesler is the Director of Communications and Outreach for the



Ann Glowacki (seated, left) and Gavin Sinkula (standing)



Jessica Batterman

Manitowoc member Gavin Sinkula, Door member Ann Glowacki and Sheboygan member Jessica Batterman represent D6 in the Discussion Meet.



District 6 Young Farmer and Agriculturists at Friday night's district meeting.

Wisconsin Beef Council. Her passion for agriculture started on her family's registered Jersey farm near Gays Mills. She served as the 48th Wisconsin Fairest of the Fairs and the 71st Alice in Dairyland. In 2022, Kesler received the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation 35 Under 35 Award for Sustainable Storytelling because of her work with the Wisconsin

Beef Council and currently is participating in the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Leadership Institute.

Kesler will receive \$1,500 courtesy of GROWMARK, Inc., will have the opportunity to attend the 2024 American Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers & Ranchers Conference in Omaha, Neb., 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 Outstanding Agriculture Professional Award is presented to a Farm Bureau member between the ages of 18 to 35 who excels in their leadership abilities, agriculture involvement, and participation in Farm Bureau and other civic and service organizations. Applicants are agriculturists who

have not derived a majority of their income from a farm (that they own) in the past three years.

Applications are now available for the Outstanding Ag Professional and the Farming for the Future and are due April 1. Visit [wfbf.com/programs/young-farmer-and-agriculturist-program/yfa-contests/](http://wfbf.com/programs/young-farmer-and-agriculturist-program/yfa-contests/) to find the applications.



Door County member Rachel Harmann serves as the moderator for the Discussion meet finals as the 2023 WFBF Discussion Meet winner.



Kaitlyn Kesler was selected as the winner of the Outstanding Agriculture Professional award.

## 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: August 1, 2024. Applications can be emailed to [award@sandcountyfoundation.org](mailto:award@sandcountyfoundation.org). For further information, please see the Leopold Conservation Award website: [www.leopoldconservationaward.org](http://www.leopoldconservationaward.org).





## District Director Update



**Dan Meyer**

District 6 Director

As farmers, we must be strong advocates for agriculture so that future generations of farmers can be successful!

Hi, I am Dan Meyer and that is why I am a Farm Bureau Member and why I ran for District 6 Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation (WFBF) Board of Directors.

My wife and I own and operate a 200-cow dairy and farm 1,200 acres all of which are no-till in Kiel. We have 4 adult daughters and we are very excited to be promoted to grandparents with a 1-year-old grandson. I also currently serve as School Board President for the Kiel Area School District and have been active in local soil health and water quality groups. My wife Becky and I also participate in various community and church volunteer opportunities.

Since being elected to the WFBF Board of Directors in December I have had a chance to see so many great things that our organization continues to do to support our fellow farmers and have had a chance to see the work WFBF is doing to help farmers of all sizes and for all commodities. Now more than ever farmers, not just here in Eastern Wisconsin or the U.S. but throughout the world, face very similar challenges. Rising costs of production, limited access to health insurance, many commodities below the cost of production, prices farmers receive that don't reflect prices consumers are paying, limited access to markets, and increased regulations by those who know almost nothing about agriculture.

If you were at the WFBF Annual Meeting you probably heard about how we are working to encourage our state legislature to allow WFBF to create a health plan that would allow WFBF to provide Farm Bureau members with an affordable health plan that would cater to the unique needs of farm families. Too often because of escalating health care and insurance costs, farmers are forced to have one spouse work off the farm to afford insurance or in some cases have discontinued farming altogether.

It was great to see many Young Farmers and Agriculturists in Wisconsin Dells as they held their annual conference in conjunction with the WFBF Annual Meeting. All in attendance had many learning opportunities. The best part about that weekend is the opportunity to network with and learn from the experts, fellow farmers and Farm Bureau members. The delegate session and voting on resolutions was the last event and most important part of that weekend. The grassroots process of determining our policy for the next year is what guides the work of WFBF.

At the reorganization meeting for the board of directors immediately after the WFBF meeting our board elected Brad Olson as WFBF President and re-elected Joe Bragger as WFBF Vice President. At that same meeting, we also elected Kevin Krentz Rural Mutual Insurance Board President and Dave Daniels Rural Mutual Insurance Vice President.

Some have shared their concerns with me related to why for the first time we chose different people to be leaders of the Board of Directors for WFBF and Rural or asked why in the last few years we have had several different Presidents for WFBF. This was the decision of the board and we as a board support it. If you do have further concerns, please feel free to contact me or

reach out to WFBF President Brad Olson his contact info is available on the website.

The American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) Annual Convention, held in January in Salt Lake City, was a very informative event. The biggest ask of members was to push the legislature to pass a bipartisan farm bill. **Please contact your U.S. Representative and Senator to encourage them to pass a farm bill.** At the breakout session "Understanding Dairy Market Issues" the discussion was about how the Federal Milk Market Orders are currently open for changes. Our state WFBF Board Members along with the AFBF economist staffers have been actively advocating on our dairy farmers' behalf to improve the milk pricing system and the Federal Milk Marketing Orders. The Federal Milk Marketing Orders have been going through a process the last few months and in the next year or two dairy farmers will be voting on the recommended changes from the USDA. Stay tuned, AFBF will continue to have a seat at these discussions.

Many sessions talked about telling our story as farmers and how some bloggers and others on YouTube are sharing their stories about their farms. Our consumers and neighbors need to know we are striving to produce the best quality food in a sustainable manner. Other sessions talked about direct marketing; in District 6 we have many farms of all sizes that help make our rural communities strong. AFBF President Zippy Duval and USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack both spoke about the importance of working to stem the loss of all types of farms across America. I am writing this from Athens after spending a week on a tour with other farmers, driving by all the diverse farms in Greece. Across Europe, farmers are protesting proposed government regulations that would force many farms of all sizes to change their farming practices. More regulations by those who often know nothing about farming. About 1,000 tractors headed to Athens to protest and parked on overpasses on their biggest highways. We saw hundreds of farmers standing on the road we should have been driving on. Some of their signs when we translated said farmers need health insurance, fair prices for their products and they don't want the government to mandate carbon regulations.... sounds like a lot of the same things we are worried about on our farm.

Carbon Credits and greenhouse gasses are an important discussion right now throughout the world. Whether we like it or not this will continue to affect farmers all over world. One breakout session at the AFBF meeting was talking about how carbon credit trading. Some farmers are and will in the future make money from credits and the future is uncertain of what the rules will be going forward and how much money can be made.

The Council of Presidents was held at the end of January. I was very happy to see many of the District 6 County Presidents and Vice Presidents attend. The following day was Ag Day at the Capitol. A very impressive number of farmers from across the state attended and if you have never attended, please consider doing so next year.

Feel free to contact me any time with questions, concerns or ideas to improve our Farm Bureau.

Dan Meyer

D6 WFBF and Rural Insurance Board of Director

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

In December, more than 230 delegates at the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Young Farmers gathered at the Resch on Friday, March 15 for the Green Bay Gamblers game versus the Des Moines Buccaneers. The puck dropped at 7:05 p.m. 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 District 6 YFA chairs, or any county YFA chair.

**District YFA Chair:** 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 Laack 262.207.4324



## Farmers Advocate for Rural Wisconsin at Ag Day at the Capitol

On January 31, more than 275 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.

Attendees started the day with a welcome from Wisconsin Farm Bureau President Brad Olson, a video message from Gov. Tony Evers and comments from Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Secretary Randy Romanski. Secretary Romanski encouraged farmers in attendance to stay connected with their legislators on both the state and federal level.

"It is really important for you to continue to do things like this," said Romanski. "Whether it is your first time or one hundredth time speaking to your legislators, your voice matters."

Following the Secretary's speech, Wisconsin Realtors Association's Director of Political and Governmental Affairs Joe Murray served as the event's featured speaker. Murray shared what constituents can expect for a political outlook in the coming year.

The afternoon session was a legislative panel on several current issues impacting agriculture in the state legislature. The panel was moderated by WFBF Executive Director of Governmental Relations Jason Mugnaini and was comprised of Senators Patrick Testin, Brad Pfaff and Joan Ballweg, and Representatives Tony Kurtz, Dave Considine and Travis Tranel.

The panel discussed:

- Recent investments in rural infrastructure.
- Improving access services, including affordable healthcare, for farm families.
- Government's role in new and emerging agricultural technologies.
- Ensuring a stable workforce for sustainable growth in agriculture.

The program concluded with issue briefings with a strong focus on encouraging the passage of AB 860 and SB 811, legislation which would allow Wisconsin Farm Bureau to

provide members with a unique and affordable health coverage plan option that is currently operated by state Farm Bureaus in seven other states.

Additional topics included:

- Protecting animal agriculture from overreaching local regulation.
- Upcoming ARIP application process.
- Supporting agricultural

economic development projects in Evansville and Stevens Point.

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

**1. Council of Presidents, hosted by WFBF, is the day before Ag Day at the Capitol.**

**Several counties were represented this year.**

**2. District 6 members attend Ag Day at the Capitol to talk with their legislators about farm issues.**



## Farm Bureau Selects Members for Inaugural WisGO Team

Fifteen Wisconsin Farm Bureau members have been selected to serve on the organization's inaugural WisGO Team.

The WisGO Team is WFBF's first line of contact when speaking on agricultural issues. Members of this year's team will develop a skillset to effectively interact with media representatives as well as educate and influence others on prominent issues impacting agriculture. Members will learn effective strategies to share their stories to a broad audience through multiple media platforms.

"As the trusted voice leading Wisconsin agriculture forward, Farm Bureau is excited to offer this new opportunity for members to grow their advocacy skills," said WFBF President Brad Olson. "This year's WisGO team exemplifies our state's agricultural diversity, and we look forward to helping these members grow and flourish as agriculture advocates in the coming year."

Members of the 2024 WisGO Team include: **Andrew Dal Santo**, Grant County;

**Sydney Flick**, Columbia County; **Mitch Giebel**, Juneau County; **Libby Hafften**, Jefferson County; **Rachel Harmann**, Door County; **Ben Huber**, Green County; **Kaitlyn Kesler**, Calumet County; **Lynn Leahy**, Waushara County; **Kyle Nilsestuen**, Trempealeau County; **Derek Orth**, Grant County; **Brooke Trustem**, Rock County; **Sally Turpin**, Juneau County; **Kelly Wilfert**, Manitowoc County; **Dustin Williams**, Green County; and **Eric Wuthrich**, Green County.

WisGO Team members serve as official spokespersons for Farm Bureau and agriculture issues. These members will serve as influential and authoritative individuals to be called upon for media interviews, legislative testimony and social media advocacy.

Throughout the program, participants will gain a deeper understanding of agricultural issues, expand their network with fellow farmers and agriculturists across the state and be a voice for Wisconsin agriculture.



## Institute Applications Now Available

The WFBF Leadership Institute is a year-long, premier leadership training course with the mission to develop strong and effective county Farm Bureau leaders.

### Why participate?

- To develop and refine your follower and leader skills.
- To learn from experts, exchange ideas and gain confidence.
- To improve your communication and speaking skills.
- To learn how to craft an effective ag message and work with media.
- To develop friendships and find creative solutions to challenges through teamwork.
- To explore domestic and international agricultural issues.
- To join in the political process at the local, state and national levels.
- To create a written leadership plan for your personal development and the improvement of your county Farm Bureau.

### Who can participate?

Any voting member of Wisconsin Farm Bureau may submit an application to participate in the program. Each class is limited to 15 participants. Classes are selected based on building a team learning

environment.

### What are the expectations?

Wisconsin Farm Bureau expects WFBF Leadership Institute graduates to use the leadership skills and abilities they have developed in the program to become actively engaged and involved in their county Farm Bureau. Eventually, they may expand their leadership involvement in Farm Bureau and their community.

### How to apply?

Members interested in the Leadership Institute must complete the online application by 11:30 p.m. on June 14, 2024. The online application can be found at <https://bit.ly/fbleader25>. Applicants must also provide a recommendation from their county Farm Bureau president or a designee of the president. Recommendation forms can be found at <https://wfbf.com/programs/leadership-institute/>

### Questions?

Questions can be directed to Wendy Volkert, Senior Director of Member Relations at [wvolkert@wfbf.com](mailto:wvolkert@wfbf.com) or 608.828.5719.

## Upcoming Events

### April

- 1 - Ag in the Classroom Essays due to county coordinators
- 18 - Calumet County Classroom on the Farm

### May

- 2-3 Sheboygan County Classroom on the Farm

### June

- 2 - Brown County Breakfast on the Farm - Wiese Brothers Farm
- 9 - Manitowoc County Breakfast on the the Farm - Libertyland Dairy Farm
- 15 - Sheyboygan County Breakfast on the Farm - Vandoske Dairy Farms, LLC
- 16 - Kewaunee County Breakfast on the Farm - Heim's Hillcrest Dairy LLC

### July

- 6 -Door County Breakfast on the Farm - CVF Dairy
- 30 - District 6 Discussion Meet - Rural Mutual, St. Nazianz

### August

- 13-15 - Farm Technology Days - Chippewa County

## Brown County



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## Brown County Farm Bureau Offers College Scholarships

The Brown County Farm Bureau will award one \$500 scholarship to a student pursuing an agriculture-related degree.

Eligible applicants must be taking post-high school agriculture-related training or long- or short-course within the University of Wisconsin System or Wisconsin Technical College System. This includes the study of Genetics, Landscape, Architecture, Biochemistry, Bacteriology, Food Industry, Horticulture, Environmental Sciences, Agriculture Journalism and other agriculture-related fields of study. Candidates for the scholarship must be a Brown County resident or student at a Brown County School and they must be currently enrolled or planning to enter their first year of college at the time of application. Candidates need not be a Farm Bureau member.

Scholarship applications are digital this year. To obtain the link to the scholarship application, contact Becky Salm, District Coordinator via e-mail at [bsalm@wfbf.com](mailto:bsalm@wfbf.com), go the county Facebook page or call 866.355.7345. Applications are due on April 1.

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## Brown County Annual Meeting Group



Brown County delegates and attendees at the WFBF Annual Meeting.

## Brown County Silent Auction



Honey and Maple Syrup basket donated by Brown County Farm Bureau for the Silent Auction.

## Brown County FFA Farm Forum Attendees



Bay Port – From left: Kyle Schahczinski, Rylee Webster, McKenna Mommerts, and Megan Rocheleau



Denmark – From left: Eric Allen, Marisa Mancheski, Julia Ledden, Emma Olsen and Jayden Bielinski



West De Pere – Melina, Abby, Tyler, Olivia



Wrightstown – From left: Victoria Watzka, Madelyn Jeanquart, Brooke, and Madison Wiese

# Calumet County

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## Calumet County Farm Bureau Offers College Scholarships

The Calumet County Farm Bureau is pleased to provide a \$500 scholarship to a graduating high school senior who will be attending an accredited college, university or technical school. The recipient will receive a check for \$500 following completion of their first semester. All majors will be considered, but preference will be given to students involved with agriculture.

The applicant must be from a current Calumet County Farm Bureau member family (parent, guardian or grandparent with a minimum of one-year active membership).

Scholarship applications are digital this year. To obtain the link to the scholarship application, contact Becky Salm, District Coordinator via e-mail at bsalm@wfbf.com or call 866.355.7345 or go the county Facebook page. Applications are due on April 1.

## Mark Your Calendars!

**Save the date for the 21st Annual 2024 Rural Open on Saturday, August 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Hickory Hills Golf Club.**

**Room for 40 four-person teams.**

**Enjoy the bucket raffle and live auction. You won't want to miss it!**



## Calumet County FFA Farm Forum Attendees



Chilton -- From left: Connor Goetsch, Myles, Brianna Lemke and Maggie Moehn

## Calumet County Annual Meeting Group



Calumet County was well-represented at the WFBF Annual Meeting.

## Calumet County Silent Auction



Calumet County sponsored a silent auction item, a beautiful porch pot.

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## Door County Farm Bureau Scholarship Applications Available

The Door County Farm Bureau is now accepting applications for two \$500 scholarships.

**Eligibility:** Applicants planning to pursue post-secondary education enrolling in any type of major/program with preference given to those students intending to enroll in an agriculture or agriculturally related field. (Undergraduate degree at an accredited four-year college/university, associate degree at any Wisconsin technical college, Farm and Industry Short Course at UW-Madison)

Scholarship applications this year are all digital. For more information, or to obtain a link to the application, please contact Becky Salm at [bsalm@wfbf.com](mailto:bsalm@wfbf.com) or 920.253.5303 or go to the county Facebook page. Applications are due on April 1.

## Door County Farm Bureau 2nd Annual Cornhole Tournament

Door County YFA kicked off 2024 with our 2nd Annual Cornhole Tournament on February 10. This was done in hopes of bringing people of our community together and get the Farm Bureau name known in the community by educating them on what we do while promoting agriculture in Door County.

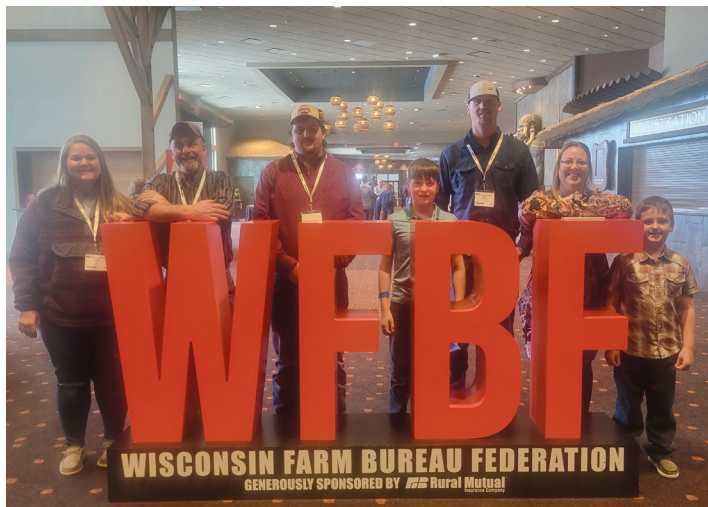
We had a great turn out. People came from all over the state to play in both a competitive bracket and a social bracket. While the teams showed their skills during the four-hour double-elimination tournament, many others came to spectate and support our fundraising efforts. Funds raised will go towards a Rural Safety day for Door County students.

Through the generosity of the people and businesses of Door County, we were able to have an amazing bucket raffle and silent auction. Overall, the day was a huge success!





## Door County Annual Meeting Group



Door County had a great YFA turnout, with one competing as a district representative in the Discussion Meet.

## Door County Silent Auction



Door County Farm Bureau sponsored a basket for the silent auction, "A Taste of Door County".

# Manitowoc County

## Promotion and Education Committee Update

The Manitowoc County Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee's purpose is to promote agriculture, sponsor programs for youth involvement, and help raise money to fund these programs. Our new year begins by setting the budget for the year and election of officers. Our officers this year are Cheryl Duchow and Rosalie Geiger serving as Co-Chairs and Alice Petermann as secretary. The committee includes Terri Herrmann, Michelle Bratt, Ann Hutterer and Jennifer Zutz.

The committee spent time planning their program of work at the February meeting. Highlights of the winter/spring planning session include the statewide Ag in the Classroom Essay contest, a supply drive for The Crossing, celebrating National Ag Day, March 19th with displays at the Two Rivers and Manitowoc Public Libraries, Coloring Contests in county schools in March and our search for a new Miss Farm Bureau. We are looking for a new Miss Farm Bureau. Applicants must be between 16 and 20 as of January 1, 2024. Please complete and submit an application before April 15, 2024. Questions-call Anne at 920.973.8565. We will be looking forward to another busy year promoting Farm Bureau and agriculture!

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

## Promotion and Education Committee to Hold Coloring Contest

The Manitowoc County Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee is again this year sponsoring a Coloring Contest for kindergarten through third grade. There are two separate pictures. The deadline date is Wednesday, May 1.

The rules are as follows:

- Crayons ONLY may be used.
- All requested information must be on the back of the picture – full name, age, address (with city & zip code), phone number, name of school attending, grade and name of teacher.
- Each grade will have first, second and third-place winners with monetary prizes being awarded.
- Coloring contest pictures become the property of Manitowoc County Farm Bureau.

PLEASE NOTE – PICTURES ARE TO BE COLORED AS IS – NO ADD-ONS

(i.e.– people, flowers, trees, birds, sun, clouds, spots on cows/unless that is how the picture is, no additions to clothing or anything else added to the picture)

This is a coloring contest only.

This contest is open to any student in a Manitowoc County school. If your school does not plan to use this as a class project, students may enter on an individual basis. If you have any questions, please call Cheryl Duchow at 920.901.3745.

Go to wfbf.com/about/counties/manitowoc/ to get your copy of the pictures.

Contest entries are to be mailed to:

Manitowoc County Farm Bureau  
c/o Cheryl Duchow  
415 N. Adams Street  
Valders, WI 54245

Entries must be received by the due date – May 1 – not postmarked on the due date.

Kindergarten  
through 1st  
grade



2nd through  
3rd grade



To get your full-size coloring pages go to the Manitowoc County Farm Bureau webpage and download them.

## Manitowoc County Farm Bureau to Wayne Luebke Memorial Scholarships

The Manitowoc County Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Agriculturists (YFA) and the Promotion and Education Committees are each offering the Wayne Luebke Memorial \$500 scholarship to a student who is attending an accredited college, university or technical school. The recipients will receive a check for \$500 following completion of their first semester with the check made out to the school and student's name. All majors will be considered, but preference will be given to students involved with agriculture.

The applicant must be from a current Manitowoc County Farm Bureau member family (parent, guardian, or if the applicant is over 21, they must have his or her own membership.) Associate members through Rural Mutual Insurance customers are also eligible.

Scholarship applications this year will be all digital. To obtain a scholarship application, contact Becky Salm, District Coordinator via e-mail at [bsalm@wfbf.com](mailto:bsalm@wfbf.com), go to the county Facebook page or call 920.253.5303. Applications are due on April 1.

## Manitowoc County FFA Farm Forum Attendees



Mishicot – Xavier Lapp, Vanessa Paquette, Kenzie Wotachek and Lorelai Rezek

## Currently Accepting Applications for the 2023-2024 Miss Farm Bureau

### Who is Miss Farm Bureau?

Miss Farm Bureau is a young woman from Manitowoc County who represents Farm Bureau around the county. Applicants must be between the ages of 16 and 20 as of January 1, 2024.

### What does Miss Farm Bureau do during her reign?

Miss Farm Bureau is crowned in June during Breakfast on the Farm. Most of her appearances take place during summer. Appearances include area parades, County Fair, farmer's markets



and local community events throughout the county.

### How do I become Miss Farm Bureau?

Compete and submit the application form by April 15. Application is available online at <https://bit.ly/2024MissFarmBureau>

Questions can be directed to Anne at 920.973.8565.

## Manitowoc County - Picture This!



Manitowoc YFA and county delegates representing Manitowoc County Farm Bureau at the WFBF Annual Meeting.



Manitowoc County Farm Bureau waffle maker basket to the Foundation Silent Auction.



Manitowoc County Miss Farm Bureau prepares for a Christmas parade in December.



Manitowoc County Farm Bureau Promotion and Education committee had a display for a winning event through the County All-Stars program at the WFBF State Annual meeting.

## Sheboygan County

## Sheboygan YFA Road Trip

On December 15, Sheboygan County YFA members got together at Butch and Anne's in Howards Grove to see Road Trip. They put on a great performance! Watch for more information on the Sheboygan County YFA Facebook page for a 3rd Ladies Night Out!





## Sheboygan County Farm Bureau to Offer Scholarships

Sheboygan County Farm Bureau is pleased to provide a \$1,000 Board of Directors scholarship to a graduating high school senior who will be attending an accredited college, university or technical school. All majors will be considered, but preference will be given to students involved with agriculture.

The Sheboygan County Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee also offers up to two \$500 scholarships as well.

Applicants for either scholarship must be from a current Sheboygan County Farm Bureau member family (parent, guardian, or grandparent).

Scholarship applications this year will be digital. To obtain a scholarship application, contact Becky Salm, District Coordinator via e-mail at bsalm@wfbf.com or call 920.253.5303 or go to the county Facebook page. Applications are due on April 1.

## Farm Neighbors Care Nominations

The Promotion and Education Committee also works on a Farm Neighbors Care program each spring.

#FarmNeighborsCare is a statewide social media campaign created to support farmers and those involved in the agriculture industry. Farming can be an isolating career, especially if other family members work off the farm. It is important to check in on your friends, neighbors and family members to gauge how they are doing and offer support and a listening ear.

With planting season just around the corner, what a perfect way to celebrate those who work in acres not hours by recognizing them with a care package.

Recipients will be chosen through this online nomination process. The nomination process will close on Friday, April 30th and care package delivery will occur throughout the month of May.

To nominate someone you believe deserves to know that their neighbors care, please fill out the following form. <https://bit.ly/2024SheboyganFNC>

## Sheboygan County Classroom on the Farm

**Kathy Salm**

Sheboygan County Promotion and Education Committee Chair

I am excited to kick off our year with our day on the farm on May 2nd and 3rd at Majestic Crossing. We are expecting approximately 1,000 students again this year.

We are looking for help for group leaders for Classroom on the Farm. These leaders guide a group of students through the presentations on the farm. Please go to <https://bit.ly/2024COFGroupLeaders> if you are interested in helping to sign up.

In addition to Classroom on the Farm, we also sponsor an essay contest and award scholarships to deserving students in our county.

If you would like to join our committee, please let me know. We meet the third Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Rural Mutual Insurance office in Plymouth. Also, if you have any ideas for Promotional and Educational Committee activities, we would love to hear them. Have a safe and healthy year.

Kathy Salm / 920.627.0636

## Snowflake Social

Sheboygan County hosted a Snowflake Social, an informational and social event, on Saturday, February 17 at the Bulitz Pumpkin Farm. The event featured speaker Kim Bremmer who grew up on a dairy farm in central Wisconsin and is a mother of two, graduate of UW-Madison and was an on-farm dairy nutrition consultant for nearly 15 years. She started Ag Inspirations LLC in 2015 and has been advocating for farmers for the past 8 years as a professional speaker, traveling across the country as well as internationally. She is passionate about protecting the use of science, technology and innovation in how we grow and raise food. Kim presented: "It's Time to Speak Up!" Farmers represent the mere 1% of our population that's providing food, fiber, fuel and pharmaceuticals for the rest of us. Their tenacity and hard work every day is truly something to be proud of and their message of sustainability and continual improvements over time is something to celebrate. Being transparent and having conversations about how food is raised is more important than ever, with misinformation continually surrounding our consumers. It's time to speak up and it's time for our voices to be heard! Many members attended and enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and drinks and are looking forward to another great event next year.



## Sheboygan County - Picture This!



Sheboygan County Farm Bureau Board members at the WFBF Annual Meeting.



Sheboygan County Farm Bureau donated a Bloody Mary basket to the Silent Auction.



Random Lake – From left: Haylie Habeck, Amy Jentges and Kylee Brooks



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