



Grassroots

District 6 News

District Director Report



Dan Meyer

District 6 Director

Thank you all in Farm Bureau District 6 for being so kind and helpful in my first year representing District 6 on the Farm Bureau and Rural Mutual Insurance Board of Directors. To any new members, my name is Dan Meyer. My wife Becky and I have a 200-cow, 1,200-acre family dairy just east of Kiel. I am a proud parent

of four daughters and grandparent of a grandson who LOVES tractors and cows.

Advocating for farmers and ensuring the success of Farm Bureau is not only my passion but the goal of most if not all the farmers and agricultural professionals I have had a chance to work with. While attending county Farm Bureau meetings and other events in District 6 and throughout the country and even the world this past year, farmers have been amazing. It is so refreshing to see the differences between each county in our district and how every county board does so many amazing things throughout the year. County Farm Bureau directors throughout District 6 are diverse in age, commodities they produce, expertise and what they are most passionate about. If you are not a board member in your county, consider becoming one. The grassroots leadership of county members is the reason WFBF is strong and thriving.

All WFBF Directors are also very committed to advocating on behalf of farmers and the success of Farm Bureau. Meetings, tours and other events

for WFBF Directors have been very informative and thought-provoking. Even though it is my first year serving on that board, I am not afraid to give my input as well as take on a leadership role when needed. What has been most surprising in the last ten months has been how interesting the insurance side of my role is in serving on the Rural Mutual Insurance Board of Directors. Rural Mutual Insurance has had a very good year again, especially compared to its peers. Rural Mutual has outperformed other state Farm Bureau insurance providers across the country as well as most other insurance companies.

The WFBF staff are passionate about working for their members to improve the lives of Farm Bureau members. I am impressed by how hard our staff works for the betterment of WFBF with each interaction I have with them. I look forward to the great things they will accomplish as we move forward with updating our strategic plan. The strategic plan along with policy is the roadmap our staff uses to advocate for all farmers. Please consider getting involved to help us accomplish our common goal of the strategic plan.

Last but certainly not least, take care of your families and those that assist you on your farms to care for your animals and crops. Be safe while completing harvest and have a happy holiday season.

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NEW

LOGIN PROCESS

Member Information and Benefits

We are excited to share that we now have a member interactive database. At the top of wbf.com, you'll see three buttons: Login, Join, Renew. To create your account and access your member information, you will want to click the login button.

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User Login



Member Benefits



District 6 Coordinator Report



Becky Salm

District 6 Coordinator

“I always wondered why somebody didn’t do something about that. Then I realized I was somebody.” — Lily Tomlin

As a grassroots organization, you get a chance to be that somebody every day. Someone passionate about their farm, their animals and their land.

Being a Farm Bureau member enhances those passions and provides ways to harness them for the good of agriculture. Be somebody who is active in policy and get involved with the work Farm Bureau does with legislators, the Local Affairs Committee, Farm Bill Committee or Policy Development Committee. If you are somebody who is excited about showing people where their food comes from and how it is produced, then the Promotion and Education Committee is

for you. Opportunities to be “somebody” as a farmer, as a person and as a volunteer are available through Farm Bureau. A network of farmers looking to make a difference in agriculture. The enthusiasm is contagious when members see the opportunities and use their passion to run with them. As a member of Farm Bureau, the state’s largest and most influential farm organization, you are somebody who is part of an organization that makes a difference in the future of agriculture.

Thank you for being a Farm Bureau member, giving what you can for the future of agriculture and for participating in annual meetings at the county and state levels. I am amazed by the accomplishments of our members. I love working alongside our amazing volunteers and am very pleased to be a part of the Farm Bureau team. Farm Bureau is the strong organization it is because of how much you give and the way share your passion for agriculture.

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

District 6 Well Represented in New Institute Class

Fifteen agricultural leaders have been selected to participate in the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Leadership Institute. This year-long leadership training program’s mission is to develop strong and effective agricultural leaders.

“It is important that farmers and agriculturists step up as advocates for their farms and agribusinesses,” said WFBF Senior Director of Member Relations Wendy Volkert. “The Leadership Institute equips participants with the skills and confidence to shape the future of farming and agriculture, both within their county Farm Bureau and in their broader communities.”

District 6 members of the 2025 WFBF Leadership Institute class are:

David Foerster, Oostburg; **Eric Harmann**, Algoma; **Katie Koepfel**, Mishicot and **Joe Schlies**, Denmark.

The WFBF Leadership Institute consists of five, multi-day sessions that provide hands-on learning on agricultural issues, leadership development and speaking skills, interaction with Farm Bureau staff and government leaders at the state and national levels and networking with other participants. The class capstone event will be a trip, with the WFBF Board of Directors, to Washington, D.C. in March 2026. The Institute is sponsored in part by the Wisconsin Soybean Marketing Board.

Farm Bureau members interested in applying for the 2027 class should contact Wendy Volkert at 608.828.5719 or wvolkert@wfbf.com.

District 6 Promotion and Education Committee Report



Clara Hedrich

District 6 Promotion and Education Committee Member

What is the role of the Promotion and Education Committee in your county? The purpose of the Promotion and Education Committee is to educate the consumer. Today’s consumer wants to know where their food comes from, meet the people who produce their food, buy local and would like an experience with it.

When planning a county event keep those concepts in mind. Becky Salm has created a map featuring local food sources within District 6. Please contact Becky for a copy of this map and continue to add to it for your county. It is an easy way for consumers to find local food sources. If you have a county Facebook page place it on there and share your upcoming consumer-focused events.

At one time consumers had a relative or friend that lived on a farm and they could take their family to visit the farm, today that is no longer the case. Plan an event in which today’s consumer could visit a farm. Calumet

County hosts “Meet Your Local Farmer”. On the last Saturday in April, four or five farms allow people to visit and learn about their farm.

Can your county create an event as such or can you team up with another organization in your county to create an event? Does your county have a taste of your county event? There are numerous ways of connecting with the consumer and I know many of the District 6 counties have some great activities already. My goal for this year is to set up a way we can share these ideas and add new ones.

The District 6 Promotion and Education event was hosted on July 25 at Springdale Farm and Stefano’s Field and Fork Restaurant. Consumers had an opportunity to tour Springdale’s organic vegetable farm with its owner Peter Steele and Stefano’s Slo Foods Market. The tour was followed by a great meal created by Jim MacIntosch of Slo Foods Market.

Please visit the “Gather Wisconsin” website gatherwisconsin.com and direct consumers to it. There are numerous resources available for your use and the consumer’s.

Promotion and Education Chairs and committee members, watch for details of a workshop at the WFBF Annual Meeting specifically designed for you. Set your goals for consumer education in your county.



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YFA Has Eventful Year



Luke and Ashley Lisowe

District 6 YFA Chairs

We had two successful district events again this year, the first being the Green Bay Gamblers Hockey Game back in March that was co-hosted with District 7. Green Bay Gamblers won the game by a long shot, winning by four goals! Afterward, we enjoyed pizza at the Distillery. In June we teamed up with District 5 for the Timber Rattlers Baseball Game. We tailgated beforehand which turned out to be a great time but unfortunately, the game got rained out.

As a committee, we had three productive meetings to plan the upcoming YFA Conference in December and helped coordinate the four YFA contests. We would like to thank all members who applied or competed in the contests, and we would like to congratulate the finalists in each contest.

The District 6 Discussion Meet was held July 30 at the Randy Pingel's Rural Mutual Insurance office. We had a great attendance turnout with four contestants competing in a great discussion. Congratulations to Jessica Batterman, Sheboygan County, Gavin Sinkula, Manitowoc County, and Katie Koeppl, Manitowoc County for advancing to the state competition. This year we also introduced the Farmers Agriculturists Unlimited (FAU) Discussion Meet. This is available for anyone who is no longer a YFA member. This year we had three contestants with a great discussion. Congratulations to Rachel Harmann, Door County who will be advancing to the state competition. Good Luck to everyone in December!

We would like to congratulate the final four competing for the Farming for the Future Award: Jacob and Eliza Bobolz, Rock County; Jacob and Jennifer Hoewisch, Waupaca County; Josh and Kristen Joseph, Richland

County and Tiffany Kohlmann, Manitowoc County.

We would also like to congratulate the final four for the Outstanding Agriculture Professional Award: Brooke Trustem, Rock County; Tammy Wiedenbeck, Grant County; Kat Peper, Sauk County, and Travis and Bethany Senn, Polk County.

The final winner for the Outstanding Agriculture Professional and Farming for the Future awards will be announced at the conference in December. Good luck to all the finalists!

This year marks the third year for the 35 Under 35 program. Out of around 45 videos submitted for review, 35 finalists were selected. Of those finalists, we would like to congratulate the following District 6 members selected as finalists: Katie Reineking, Sheboygan County and Niki Peterson, Door County, for the Sustainable Self category, Tyler Meinnert, Sheboygan County for the Sustainable Future category, Lauren Brey, Door County and Cody Mullikin, Sheboygan County for the Sustainable Environment category and Joanna Guza, Brown County for Sustainable Storytelling category. Good luck to everyone!

We are looking forward to seeing these finalists compete at the YFA Conference, as well as everything else that is in the works for this great conference. Ride into the conference on your horses with your cowboy hats because this year we will be heading out west with a western round-up theme for Friday night! Bring your best western outfit for a chance to win one of the five categories: biggest hat, best group/couple, best-dressed cowboy, best-dressed cowgirl and most unique outfit. Stick around Saturday night for a night of dueling pianos and a live auction. Workshops are also being revamped to include interesting topics including diversifications, succession planning, farm bill, mental health and so much more. We are excited to see you there!

We would like to thank all the District 6 counties for their continuing support of the YFA program and we look forward to the next two years serving on the state committee.

District 6 YFA Hosts Green Bay Gambler's Game

Join us Saturday, March 29 for the Green Bay Gamblers game versus the Dubuque Fighting Saints. The puck drops at 6:05 p.m. Following the game, the counties will be hosting pizza nearby. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Wifarmod95z2l9u2> until Monday, March 11. Watch county Farm Bureau Facebook pages for more information for more 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 Gau 920.255.1807

Manitowoc County: Stephanie Leonhard 920.973.7054

Sheboygan County: Nicole Laack 262.207.4324



Upcoming Events

December

6-8 - WFBF YFA Conference - Kalahari

7-9 - WFBF Annual Meeting - Kalahari

January

24-29 - AFBF Annual Meeting - San Antonio, TX

February

13 - FFA Farm Forum

March

25 - Council of Presidents

26 - Ag Day at the Capitol

31 - County Early Bird Bonanza Membership Cut-off

April

1-3 - WPS Farm Show

15 - Agriculture in the Classroom essays due to county essay coordinators

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District 6 YFA Discussion Meet Finalists

The District 6 YFA Discussion Meet had four participants on July 30.

The top three qualifiers from this contest are moving on to the state contest held in conjunction with the WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference, December 6-9, 2024, at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Congratulations Jessica Batterman of Sheboygan county, Katie Koeppl of Manitowoc county and Gavin Sinkula from Manitowoc county!

The question discussed was: "Young farmers and ranchers are finding they need to diversify their farm portfolio. What are some ways that young farmers and ranchers can utilize diversification to explore new revenue sources? How can Farm Bureau support YF&R members as they strengthen their farm and ranch businesses?"

New this year was the Farmer and Agriculturist Unlimited (FAU) Discussion Meet. District 6 had three representatives compete and Rachel Harmann from Algoma will represent District 6 at the WFBF Annual Meeting finals.



Finalists Selected in WFBF's 35 Under 35 Program

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

The 35 Under 35 program recognizes the creativity and innovation of young farmers and agriculturists who are preserving agriculture through leadership in environmental, social and economic activities.

In the third year of the program, 44 innovative and deserving YFA members submitted applications. Applications were evaluated for their involvement in one of five categories – Sustainable Environment, Sustainable Future, Sustainable Self, Sustainable Service and Sustainable Storytelling.

"The YFA Committee was thrilled by the record number of nominations for 35 Under 35 and we are proud to recognize the best of the best up-and-coming agriculture leaders," said WFBF YFA Committee Chair Kat Peper. "Congratulations to the finalists! We can't wait to celebrate you at YFA Conference in December."

The 2024 D6 35 Under 35 finalists are:

- Lauren Brey, Door; Sustainable Environment
- Joanna Guza, Brown; Sustainable Storytelling
- Tyler Meinnert, Sheboygan; Sustainable Future
- Cody Mullikin, Sheboygan; Sustainable Environment
- Niki Peterson, Door; Sustainable Self
- Katie Reineking, Sheboygan; Sustainable Self

The Sustainable Environment category recognizes individuals who are good

stewards of the land and their resources. The Sustainable Future category recognizes individuals who are preserving generational success on the farm. The Sustainable Self category recognizes individuals serving their community through leadership, mentorship and mental health advocacy. The Sustainable Service category recognizes individuals who are serving agriculture through trade skills or advisory roles. The Sustainable Storytelling category recognizes individuals who use their platform to share agriculture's sustainability successes.

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

Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation is embracing sustainable solutions for a stronger tomorrow. Made up of 61 county Farm Bureaus, it represents agriculturists and farms of every size, commodity and management style. WFBF's YFA program is open to Farm Bureau members ages 18 to 35.

Insight FS is headquartered in Jefferson, Wis., serving patrons in Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Insight FS is an agricultural cooperative with annual sales of \$450 million providing agronomy, energy, feed, turf and agri-finance products and services, as well as grain marketing. Insight FS is part of the GROWMARK System. More information is available at insightfs.com.

Wisconsin Farm Bureau Names 2024 YFA Award Finalists



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

Four finalists in each category will compete for top honors at the WFBF Young Farmer and Agriculturist (YFA) Conference in 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 civic and service organizations. Applicants must derive a majority of their income from on-farm production.

"This year's finalists are innovative leaders in Wisconsin's farming community," said WFBF President Brad Olson. "We are excited to recognize young farmers who are advancing the future of agriculture."

This year's finalists include:

- Jacob and Eliza Bobolz, Rock County
- Jacob and Jennifer Hoewisch, Waupaca County
- Josh and Kristen Joseph, Richland County
- Tiffany Kohlmann, Manitowoc County

Each finalist will conduct an interview with judges at the 2024 WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference at Kalahari Resorts in Wisconsin Dells, December 6-8. The winner of each award will receive \$1,500 courtesy of GROWMARK, Inc., the opportunity to attend the 2025 American Farm Bureau Federation FUSION Conference in Denver, CO, will be eligible to participate in the 2025 YFA Washington, D.C. Fly-In and be a guest of WFBF at the 2025 YFA Conference. The total value of the prize package is more than \$5,000.

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

Brown County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting



There were about 35 members and guests that attended the Brown County Farm Bureau's 79th annual meeting at Suster's in Denmark. The meeting included elections for the board of directors and WFBF Annual Meeting delegates, grassroots policy development discussion and other business items. Madison

Wiese, the Wisconsin Holstein Princess Attendant, shared experiences from her year of promoting agriculture.

The board will reorganize at the November meeting. There are still open positions on the board of directors. Please reach out if you are interested in serving your county Farm Bureau.

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

State:

1. We support the mandatory advertising of lab-grown food as lab-grown. (All new solar projects have to utilize brownfields, rooftops, parking lots, degraded lands or low-yield, underutilized or marginalized farmland. (Energy-Alternate Sources)
2. We oppose NRCS inflexibility in EQUIP contracts. (Natural Resources-Cost Sharing)
3. We support non-depooling of milk in Federal order 30. (Dairy-Milk Production and Supply)
4. We oppose allowing the continuation of Use Value Assessment on land where a development plot is approved and rezoned residential. (Land Use-Local Planning and Zoning)
5. We oppose foreign adversaries owning agricultural land in Wisconsin. (Land Use-Farmland Preservation)

Federal:

1. We support mandatory maintenance on CRP land.
2. We support Class 6 milk in all federal orders for exports.
3. We support mandatory price reporting from all processors for the federal orders.

Welcome New Members

A special thanks to everyone who worked so hard on membership this year. Brown County Farm Bureau ended the year with a gain of two voting members ending at 323 voting members and 908 total members. Welcome new members!

Alyssa Smith
William Seroonko
Michael Kinnard
Daniel Wagner
Joseph Lang
Robert Courtois
Tonya Edwards
James Lutz
*Tina Madson
Faith Vandenberg
Caleb Cleveland
Lukas Hintz
Gabriel Leis
Joe Murphy
George Lopez
Julia Setina

Amanda Beerntsen
Vanessa Yang
Toni Hundertmark
Haley Van Denbusch
Karen Detrick
Tracy Williams
Jennifer Perry
Mitchell Grandaw
Barbara Franck
Kevin Brotski
Issabella Stueck
Tyler Benz
Linda Vande Hey
Sue McKleveen
Helen Kotke
Stephanie Scherer

Charles Vandenlangenberg
Jack Ollmann
William Brunner
Lydia Janssen
Andrea Jackson
Robert Westrich
*Angelina Novitski
Ted Greivell
Eli Qualmann
Carrie Bruening
James O'Connell
Ashley Thompson
Andrea Davidson
Amanda Yocius
Ken Destree
Jason Schiesl

Teri Langenfeld
Eric Pelnar
Angelina Cappaert
Thomas C. Wilcox
Joyce Drewiecki
Henry Zirbel
Richard Dejardin
Barbara Van Vonderen
Ryan Schmitz
Lock-Safe LLC
Payton Jashinsky
Daniel Crooks
Machael Maes
Jesse Le Claire
Ketan Patel
Jacob Nilles

Kyme Krueger
*Andrew Abts
Neil Hansen
Angie Colon
Hunter Millar
Benjamin Edinger
Maxwell Destree
*Sarah Calaway
Elizabeth Rachubinski
Peter Voss
*John Calaway
Glen Falk
Kyle Kahr
Alli Hardy
* indicates voting member

YFA Day at the NEW Zoo

On July 27 the Brown County Farm Bureau YFA celebrated National Ice Cream Month at the NEW Zoo in Suamico.

They handed out over 500 cups of ice cream and entertained children with lots of fun agricultural activities!



Bay Port FFA Special Drive

On August 16 Bay Port FFA officially hosted the second "Special Drive" at the Brown County Fair! We had 12 students with special needs from ages 8-18 join with 30 Brown County Fair livestock exhibitors to learn how to raise and show a pig. Kids learned how to feed, bathe, brush and walk a pig followed by a group meal.

The event was a huge success, and everyone had a blast while participating! We even brought tears of joy to parents' eyes as they were so happy for their kids to be able to have this rare opportunity.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered/signed up for this event making it possible especially our sponsors Brown County Farm Bureau, 2myles4autism, Howard-Suamico Optimist, Rural Mutual Insurance: Pat Trumann, Greenstone Farm Credit Services and All Abilities Photography

We hope to see you next year!



Calumet County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

There were about 60 members and guests who attended this year's annual meeting to vote on policy which will be sent to the Policy Development Committee for review. In addition, Ross Bender from the Mosaic Group spoke about fertilizer production.

Calumet County Outstanding Farm Bureau Member was awarded to Woldt Dairy Farm for their support in hosting the first Classroom on the Farm event this spring.

Simon Regan was elected as president at the reorganization meeting following the annual meeting. Tommy Kesler is the vice president and Macey Pingel is the secretary and treasurer.

The county passed three state resolutions and one federal that will now move on to the WFBF Policy Development Committee for consideration:

State:

1. We support the dairy revitalization plan. (Dairy-Milk Production and Supply)
2. We support the implementation of the dairy revitalization plan. (Dairy-Milk Production and Supply)
3. We support education of the consumer beyond high school regarding agriculture and the food chain. (Marketing-Promotion)

Federal:

1. We support VISA programs that can accommodate the needs of all sectors of the agricultural industry



Welcome New Members

Calumet County Farm Bureau had a great year this year. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to bring in new members. 19 new voting members were signed this year bringing the voting total to 295 members with 645 members total. Welcome new members!

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| Dennis Koenigs | Mike Godar | *Christopher Hagenow | Kyle Fannin | *Travis Hansen |
| Pierre Jovens Jeune | Eric Wicklund | *Michael Brandes | Megan Crowder | *Nicholas Dallmann |
| *Alexander McShaw | PTR Insurance Services | Timothy Lau | Andrew Boesch | Alex Pingel |
| *Timothy Artz | MarkFagg | *Joshua Ott | Carl Kiedrowski | Rebecca Voelker |
| Bryan Meyer | Toby Resch | Jacqueline Bangart | Michael Gerhartz | Charles Lorenz |
| Jeffery Lisowe | Michael Hanna | Spencer Hansen | Chengpao Xiong | Tristan Konen |
| Brooke Koeser | Jesse Wolf | Randy Bratz | Gloria Sandoval | Tammy Borges |
| Kelly Lorbetske | Michael Dolan Agency | Jeremy O'Leary | Gloria Reinke | Philip Kesler |
| *Ryan Evraets | Edwin Arnold | Nicole Vlietstra | Jeffery Sabel | * indicates voting member |
| Jonathan Karls | Denise Miller | Steven McKenzie | *Randolph Blake | |

Rural Open Golf Outing



The Rural Open was hosted on August 17, 2024, at Hickory Hills Country Club. Funds raised go to the Calumet County Farm Bureau and the Calumet County Fair Association. Watch for more information next year to get your team involved.

Door County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

There were 55 members and guests that attended this year's annual meeting which included elections for board of directors and WFBF Annual Meeting delegates, grassroots policy development discussion and other business items.

Adam Meinert was elected as president at the reorganization meeting following the annual meeting. Jacob VanderPlas is vice president, Gretchen Mueller is secretary and Marti Viste is treasurer.

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

State:

1. We support mandatory tractor safety training for ages 12 and up. (Health and Safety-Safety)
2. We support elementary school-age introduction to rural safety programs. (Health and Safety-Safety)
3. We support the expansion of rural healthcare opportunities. (Health and Safety-Health Care)
4. We support the number of depredation permits granted being increased. (Hunting and Wildlife-Hunting Seasons)
5. We support increased access to translation services. (Technology)
6. We support dehorning for the safety for the producer, worker and the animal. (Livestock-Animal Welfare)
7. We oppose conditional use businesses being subjected to mandatory liquor licenses. (Marketing-Direct Marketing)
8. We support a tractor sign by every operating farm. (Transportation-Safety)
9. We support increased accessibility to road safety signs. (Transportation-Safety)
10. We oppose the requirement of EID tags. (Livestock-Animal Identification System)



Welcome New Members

Door County Farm Bureau had a wonderful membership year this year. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to bring in new members. Eleven new voting members were signed this year bringing the voting total to 205 members with 339 members' total. Welcome new members!

Rushes Condominium Assoc.	*Barry Guilette	*Zach Olson	Douglas Shymanski	Robert Lohse
PrabhukrupAOILLC	Eli Garcia	*Elliot Curry	David Holtz	Katie DeKeyser
Bailey's 57 LLC	Little Sweden Mater	Jacob Dobesh	Lost Creek Condo	* indicates voting member
*Gordon Magle	Condominium	David Penchoff	Association	
William Bretl	Benjamin Turner	Julie Schmelzer	*Adam Bagnall	
Cole Family LLC	Peter Lang	Mikayla Gove	*Jacob Vanden Plas	

Door County Fair



Another successful year at the Door County Fair. A special thank you to all the workers who helped keep the stand running so smoothly! We couldn't do it without you!

Manitowoc County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

There were about 85 members and guests that attended this year's annual meeting to hear guest speaker Ryan Sullivan from the Seven Rivers Soil Cooperative. Ryan shared an update on the happenings in the newly formed watershed group.

Brent Sinkula was re-elected as president at the reorganization meeting following the annual meeting. Levi Bratt is vice president, Jenny Riederer is secretary, Derek Sedlacek is treasurer and Delton Duchow is the member-at-large to make up the executive committee.

The Friend of Farm Bureau award was given to Jenny Riederer.

The Livestock Achievement Award was presented to Libertyland Farms, the Gries and Kenneke families.

The county passed two local, seven state and two federal resolutions that will now move on to the WFBF Policy Development Committee for consideration:

Local

1. We commend Libertyland Farms for serving as the 2024 Manitowoc County Breakfast on the Farm.
2. We support addressing the challenges in rural communities to provide EMS and fire services.

State

1. We support the sale of raw milk from farms that meet Grade A requirements and Raw Milk Institute standards. (Dairy-Raw Milk Sales)
2. We support the creation of a program to connect production agricultural farmers and agricultural service professionals wishing to transition out of production agriculture and agri-businesses with

beginning farmers and **agri-service professionals**. (Farm Finance-Beginning Farmers)

3. We support farmers and independent repair facilities right to repair agricultural equipment.
4. We support requiring alternative energy developers and utilities to provide financial security for decommissioning and reclamation of alternative energy projects prior to beginning construction of such project. (Energy-Alternative Energy)
5. We support technical colleges, UW Extension and other qualified providers offering safety courses, including the Wisconsin Safe Operation of Tractor and Machinery Certification Program, on operating equipment found on farms and implements of husbandry on farms and public roads. (Education-Technical College System)
6. We support information being presented during driver education classes on the uniqueness of implements of husbandry and large vehicles on roadways. (Transportation-Safety)
7. We support **more frequent mowing including the full right of way** or use of herbicides along state and county roads to control the spread of noxious weeds, **invasive species and to improve highway safety**. (Transportation-Highways)

Federal

1. We support youth tractor and machinery safety courses being offered and taught by qualified safety professionals, whether public or private. (p.44)
2. We support exemptions to the FSMA Produce Safety Rule being based on covered produce sales rather than annual food sales.



Rosalie Geiger and Cheryl Duchow present the Friend of Farm Bureau award to Jenny Riederer.



The Livestock Achievement Award was presented to Libertyland Farms.

Welcome New Members

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard on membership this year. Manitowoc County Farm Bureau reached their voting goal for 2024. We ended signing 48 new members for a gain bringing us to 657 voting members and 1,120 total members! Welcome new members!

Timothy Karl
 John Resch
 Jeremy Werdeo
 David Sippel
 Christopher Graeber
 *Sharon Smith
 Calla Braun
 Valerie Mahloch
 *Jared Zutz
 *Corrine Staudinger
 *Joseph Powalisz

*Paul Rahmlow
 *Aaron Steeno
 Adam Heronymus
 Albert Pingel
 *Gabe Smith
 *Andrew Hutterer
 Paul Diefenthaler
 *Andrew Frank
 Corbin Braun
 *O'Hearn Equipment
 Colin Kernz

*Seth Wavrunek
 Jessica Braun
 Jeffrey Krahn
 Shannon Fenlon
 Jeffrey Van Eyck
 *Mark Pipcorn
 Cameron Doute
 *James Eggers
 Jauger Schisel
 Margaret Brooks
 Marissa Lung

*Randy Marx
 Cameron Pelnar
 *Corie Andres
 Francis Mahlich
 David Staudinger
 *Race Dvorachek
 Rachel Reynders
 Todd Miller
 Heidi Warnke
 *Maggie Hoffman
 *Rebecca Salm

Coleton Schuh
 *Blue Royal Dairy LLC
 Mitchell Beseler
 *Andrew Manke
 Trent Rahmlow
 Jade Zutz
 Steven Sieracki
 Daniel Ruh
 *Jason Sohn
 Scott Baldock
 *Andrew Waack

Christopher Lanham
 Adam Omann
 Trevor Roehrig
 Monique Gielow
 *Colleen Cummings
 *Jake Haag
 *Jeff Suchan
 Trenton O'Leary
 * indicates voting member

Year in Review from the Promotion and Education Committee

Cheryl Duchow & Rosalie Geiger

Promotion and Education Co-Chairs

The Manitowoc County Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee usually meets on the third Thursday of each month at the Farm Bureau office in St. Nazianz at 8:00 p.m. The board of directors meets at the same time, but the meetings are held separately. The main purpose of our committee is to promote agriculture, sponsor programs for youth involvement and help raise money to fund programs. Our new year begins with setting the budget for the year and the election of officers. Our officers for the year were Cheryl Duchow and Rosalie Geiger serving as Co-Chairs, and Alice Petermann as our secretary. Along with these officers, the rest of the committee consists of Terri Herrmann, Michele Brat, Anne Hutterer and Jennifer Zutz.

October is the month in which the county annual meeting is which was October 12 at Branch Station. After reports were given and the business meeting was finished, our annual "Friend of Farm Bureau Award" was presented to Mike Lubke. He has been a big supporter and promoter of Farm Bureau activities over the years. On October 27-28 Alice, Rosalie and Cheryl attended the Agriculture in the Classroom volunteer training event.

Last December, the WFBF Annual Meeting was held at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells and attended by Michelle Bratt, Cheryl Duchow and Rosalie Geiger representing the committee. Our committee was very fortunate to win two of the County All-Star Recognition Awards,

affording us \$1,000 to use for our activities.

Cheryl Duchow and Rosalie Geiger attended the IGNITE conference on March 2 in Neenah.



Alice Petermann, our Agriculture in the Classroom coordinator made the Soybean Science Kit available to schools to use upon request. A coloring contest is offered to kindergarten through third grade. Fourth and fifth grade students can enter the essay contest and the winning entry from each county is then sent on to be judged on the state level. We offered 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each of the two age categories. A set of agriculture books are given each year to an elementary school in the county. This year they were given to Stangel School.

In honor of June Dairy month, our committee presented an agriculture book and a gift certificate from Pine River Dairy to the first June baby born at a local

hospital. Our committee members helped at the Breakfast on the Farm which was hosted by Libertyland Farms. We crowned Vanessa Paquette as Miss Farm Bureau and presented Garrett Ullness with a \$500 scholarship. We collected canned food for a local pantry and rewarded people with a chance to win four \$25 gift cards also that day.

In August, we helped with the Farm Bureau fair food stand, which was a beautiful week allowing for great attendance.

We have had a very busy year! We want to thank all who helped or participated in any way. We are looking forward to another exciting year with the Farm Bureau P&E Committee.

Kiddie Showmanship



Pre-K



Kindergarten



First Grade



Second Grade

On August 25 the Manitowoc YFA program hosted Kiddies Showmanship for grades 4K-2. Forty-three children participated in working with Judge Mathew Wautier from Brussels, Wis. All the participants walked away with a ribbon and a pail as a generous donation by the Memorial Fund of William "Bill" Schroeder Family, the Schaller/Schroder Families.

YFA Wreath Sale

All proceeds go to the Manitowoc County Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Agriculturist program and helps support the many events that they participate in over the next year. All wreaths are locally made in Two Rivers by Sprang's Wreaths.

Wreaths vary in size from 18 inch to 84 inches. Also available in cross, candy cane or roping.

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Your support is greatly appreciated!
If you have any questions, please call Stephanie Leonhard at: 920.973.7054.
Thank You!

Check out the order form on the Manitowoc County YFA Facebook page.



Sheboygan County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

About 56 members and guests attended this year's annual meeting to hear guest speaker Alice in Dairyland, Halei Heinzl. Halei shared her story of becoming Alice and her year of promoting agriculture.

Mark Schleicher was elected president at the reorganization meeting following the annual meeting. Luke Gartman is vice president, John Fischer is secretary/treasurer and Kathy Salm and Mark Ramel were elected to the executive committee. Todd Abraham, Joe Roberts and Jessica Batterman were elected to serve a three-year term on the board.

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

State:

1. We support requiring schools that receive voucher funds from the state to be held to the same testing standards as public schools. We oppose any further expansion of the school voucher system. (Education-Elementary and Secondary)
2. We support the use of ethanol, E-85, methane or biodiesel in all school buses, and all other taxpayer supported vehicles. (Energy-Alternate Sources)
3. We support digesters that accept 75% of farm agricultural waste be zoned agricultural. (Energy-Alternate Sources)
4. We support giving the Supreme Court the responsibility of redistricting. (General Government-Elections)
5. We support simplified state fishing regulations. (Hunting and Wildlife-Hunting Regulations)
6. We support the use of turn signals on farm implements, ATV's and UTV's. (Transportation-Implements of Husbandry)
7. We support EV and hybrid eclectic electric vehicles being identified on the license plate. (Transportation-Vehicle Regulations)



Welcome New Members

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard on membership this year. Sheboygan County Farm Bureau reached its membership goal to end the year with 412 voting members and 926 total members. Welcome new members!

Michael Trempe
 Jordan Muche
 J&C Moeller LLC
 Heath Meyer
 Mollie Mechenich
 Austin Klumpers
 Joshua Pritzlaff
 Steven Wearing
 Cody Eickberg
 Sanitary District #1

Andy Friese
 Justin Moeller
 Ree Mies
 Preston Ten Dolle
 Contracting
 *Elizabeth Benicke
 *Sean Moriarty
 *Miles Acres LLC
 Brett Ashworth
 Steve Daniels

Hillside Storage
 Susan Morrelle
 Kathleen Mullane
 Keith Poch
 Bradley Feldmann
 Kai Gabagan
 Nancy Rietbrock
 Joseph Tendolle
 William Sitzberger
 Rene Ryman

Joshua Martin
 James Voigt
 Ralph Trapp
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 Hannah Schultz
 *Paul Heinemann
 *Troy Wenzel
 Kayla Schmit
 Dawn Bartz
 Eric Zimmermann

*Dean Hau
 *Greg Schultz
 Stacey Myer
 Kenneth Myer
 Corinna Garza
 Liam O'Brien
 Kayla Vanderkin
 *Michael Schneider
 Sophia Salapat
 Kerry Blanke

Edward Gilliam
 James Heilman
 Adam Redlich
 Shirley Bruner
 *Adam Tykac
 Greg Fleischman
 Avni Asipi
 * indicates voting member

Cookies and Milk with Santa

Join us for a fun family event at Bublitz's Pumpkin Farm for "Cookies and Milk with Santa" on Saturday, December 14 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Sit on Santa's lap, enjoy cookies and milk and some fun children's crafts. Free for the whole family.



Promotion and Education Committee Growing

Are you passionate about agriculture, sharing the story of farmers and how food is produced? Volunteers are needed for the Promotion and Education Committee. The committee will continue to organize this year's Classroom on the Farm event and will have opportunities to develop new and exciting programming.

The committee meets in Plymouth and the Farm Bureau office on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact District Coordinator, Becky Salm at 920.253.5303 or bsalm@wfbf.com.

Sheboygan County Farm Bureau Provides Farm Rescue Training

Sheboygan County Farm Bureau sponsored a Farm Rescue Training for area fire departments on October 12. The event was held at Gibbsville Implement and taught by Northwest Technical College instructors. Firefighters were able to run through several scenarios including a rollover, skid steer operator pinning and a PTO entanglement.

Thank you to Gibbsville Implement 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.



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We invite you to "Step Up & Drive Forward" in San Antonio this January. Attend the AFBF Annual Convention and Trade show and have more fun with your fellow Wisconsin and Minnesota Farmers. While there you will meet Texas farmers and see the sights - which are bigger in Texas!

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