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COUNTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS





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County Farm Bureaus make NDFB successful.

This booklet is a showcase of just a few of the successful county projects in 2021-22.

Thank you to all our county Farm Bureaus for their outstanding work and dedication to making our organization stronger and more effective.

We appreciate you.

Cavalier County

The "Switch Your Band, Save Your Hand" campaign was launched by Cavalier County Farm Bureau at an EMS Workshop in Leeds.

County Farm Bureau members gave away silicone wedding bands, which are safer than metal bands because they will break if they get caught on something while working on the farm or ranch. They plan to continue this campaign at similar EMS events throughout the upcoming year.

Pictured are CCFB President Paul Henderson and CCFB Secretary/Treasurer Donna Henderson.





Foster County

Did you know that 20 percent of grain bin deaths involve people under 20-years-old? That's why Foster County Farm Bureau hosted an event featuring the movie *Silo*. The feature film paints

the picture of a grain entrapment disaster that strikes a small American farm town, where a teenage boy is the victim.

Carrington Fire Department Chief Ken Wangen was on hand to answer questions about the fire department's capabilities and explained what to



Pictured are Nodak Insurance Agent Chris Bichler, FCFB President Jason Topp, FCFB Board Member Austin March, Wangen, and FCFB Board Member Dan Beckley.

do in a grain entrapment emergency. FCFB teamed up with their local Nodak Insurance Agent to offer free popcorn, candy, and pop during the showing.

Grand Forks County

Leading up to their annual meeting, Grand Forks County Farm Bureau encourages members to invite a potential new member to



the meeting. Postcards are sent to all voting members about the upcoming meeting and the "Bring a Friend" recruitment event. In return, GFCFB pays the dues of that new member for one year. They also give away door prizes, like gift cards to local

businesses and high-end coolers, to those in attendance.

Pembina County

Pembina County Farm Bureau hosted a "Burger Bash" during the Pembina County Fair. PCFB teamed up with their local Nodak Insurance Agent to serve approximately 240 people following the 4-H Premium Sale. They also supported a 4-H member by purchasing a livestock premium. The board met for the annual meeting afterwards, where they heard from NDFB and local representatives.



Ramsey County

In celebration of NDFB Week and National Ag Week, Ramsey County Farm Bureau sponsored a drawing at Leevers Foods in Devils Lake. Grocery shoppers entered to win two, \$100 gift



Ramsey Co. Farm Bureau photo

cards to the local supermarket. Shoppers also had an opportunity to learn about ag commodities grown and produced in North Dakota at the RCFB booth. Pictured are RCFB President Dan Plemel, Leevers Assistant Manager Marius Lawrence, RCFB Board Member Paul Becker.

Traill County

Traill County Farm Bureau took part in the "Movie at the Farm" event held and organized by TCFB board member Jon Bertsch. At the event, TCFB members set up a booth where they handed out giveaway items and sought potential new members. Nearly 100 adults and children attended the event, where they had the



Traill Co. Farm Bureau photo

opportunity to ride in and view farm equipment, interact with livestock, and watch the cowboy documentary Dear Rodeo. Pictured are TCFB members Elli, Luke, and Raegan Ressler who helped give tours of the equipment on display and answered questions.

Renville County





Renville County Farm Bureau

had a booth at the local crop show in an effort to visit with different age groups, including high school aged people. The county signed up a handful of new members at this event.

McLean County

McLean County Farm Bureau held a meal at the country club during the summer where they could buy a membership and get a round of golf or golf with a farmer.

MCFB also runs SIDNE Car events throughout the year, which is a hands-on experience of impaired driving where students watch a video and attempt to drive through an obstacle course using the SIDNE Car.



Sheridan County

Sheridan County Farm Bureau hosted an ice cream stand at the local Summerfest event. Money made at the event was donated



to a local FFA chapter. The event was very well received by the community. Pictured is SCFB Vice President Pat Faul presenting a check to members of the local FFA chapter.

Bottineau County



Bottineau County Farm Bureau served a free meal for 4-H kids during the fair, which they do every year, and hung promotional banners in the fair barn. They also held a 30x30 event, which brought in many new people from their county as well as nearby counties. They also hold their annual meeting steak fry, which is always well attended.

Mountrail County

Mountrail County Farm Bureau held a chili cook off. Each team paid an entry fee and proceeds from those fees went to a deserving cause within the county or local counties. They also hosted a 30x30 event.



Pictured at the chili cookoff from left: NDFB Northwest Field Representative Becca Hennessy, second place winner Junior Brant, third place winners Shari Donnell and Leann Graber, first place winners Riley Plant and Adam Monson, Ashley Skarsgard, honorable mention and people's choice winner, District 8 NDFB Director Keith Rockeman and MCFB President Aaron Skarsgard.

Divide County

Divide County Farm Bureau served burgers that they donated at a home football game and signed three couples up as new members. It provided awesome exposure to all age groups.

Pierce County

Pierce County Farm Bureau held a summer annual meeting with live music and door prizes. They also held a Special Assignment Pizza event for local schools.



Richland County

Richland County Farm Bureau gave two \$1000 scholarships to 2022 high school graduates in the County. RCFB also donated \$1500 to the

Richland/Wilkin food pantry and gave 12 fire departments a \$100 donation, all located in Richland county. Other sponsorships included \$500 to the 4-H premium auction and \$350 sponsorship to the NDSU extension tractor safety camp.

Barnes County

Barnes County Farm Bureau sponsored its annual Free Meat Monday during NDFB Week. They also handed out 300 beef sticks

with the NDFB logo at the ND Winter Show in March in partnership with Cass County FB, and helped with the Ag Social and sponsored tickets to the event.

A new project this year was the Ag Dollar cookie project in the Barnes County grocery stores. The project included giving away eggs and bread to customers with stickers that show the farmer's share. Visitors to





the grocery stores were given a sugar cookie with farmer's share printed on them.

BCFB also participated in the Chamber Ag Committee's back to school bash at Hanna Field in Valley City in August promoting crops and giving samples of food made with these crops. BCFB displayed wheat, beans, corn, beets and oats to feel and touch.

The annual tailgating project at Vally City State University is a favorite project for our young members. Free tickets to the game and free beef sticks with the BCFB logo are handed out. The event provides an opportunity to visit with sports fans about agriculture. BCFB also sponsored an Ag Safety education event for 80 children at the North Star Classic the first week of December. Children from 4 to 20 years old attended. NDFB information and beef sticks were handed out.

Ransom County

Ransom County Farm Bureau awarded two \$500 high school senior scholarships to students of local NDFB member families. RCFB also gave \$50 scholarships to kids attending a ND 4-H camp in Washburn or Extension Youth Conference at NDSU.

Cass County

Cass County Farm Bureau is the main sponsor of the Big Iron farm show held in September. CCFB also provided sponsorships for: • NDSU collegiate members to attend the national YF&R conference

- The Ag Education building at the Red River Valley Fair
- Sending a teacher to the national Ag in the Classroom Conference

• Helping neighboring county Farm Bureaus with resources for events.

One of CCFB's greatest successes was advocating for the ND Soybean Processors soybean crush facility near Casselton. They were active throughout the process, attending approval meetings and writing to elected officials. The project's successful groundbreaking was held August 24th, which CCFB attended. The annual meeting was held at Big Iron in West Fargo, with over 60 members and several legislators in attendance.

Kidder County

Kidder County Farm Bureau sponsors a Progressive Ag safety day in April at the school for 4th-6th grade students that is always a great event. This year, KCFB also sponsored a beef passbook event. A booklet was made up of the county's restaurants. The restaurants handed out the booklets to customers to take to each of the county's restaurants when they ordered a beef item. The restaurant would then stamp



the passbook with a stamper furnished by KCFB. Any books that were stamped by all the restaurants were put into a drawing for a chance to win a \$300 beef bundle and an NDFB membership.

LaMoure County

LaMoure County Farm Bureau stepped away from its traditional evening annual meeting and switched to a morning meeting that brought in younger members and helped generate great policy discussion. A new member was also signed as a result. LCFB also put ads in the local newspaper during NDFB Week.

Sargent County

Sargent County Farm Bureau had a successful membership drive this summer. They partnered with the local dairy to serve locally sourced cheese on beef patties for complimentary hamburgers. SCFB also sponsored an educational booth to showcase how dairies and beef cattle operations use various feeds and



commodities to produce meat, dairy, and byproducts.

SCFB also engages in Special Assignment Pizza every year, rotating through the three county elementary schools.



Stutsman County

Stutsman County Farm Bureau sponsors an Ag Day Baby award which celebrates the first baby born at Jamestown Regional Medical Center on Ag Day or after. A basket of farm related products like books, a Stutsman

County onesie and bib, soybean swaddle, and N.D. products such as potatoes are included. For NDFB Week, SCFB sponsors farm trivia on a local radio station for beef gift certificates from the meat locker in Medina. Levi Taylor found the trivia and his kids recorded the questions at the radio station.

Logan County

During NDFB week in March, an Ag Trivia night is held at one of the local restaurants and a discount on the meal is offered. In addition, NBA bucks are given as prizes to be used back in the community at a local business. Typically, LCFB gains a few new members from this event. For the community annual Santa Day, LCFB donates Farm Bureau canvas bags that are given to every kid with goodies in them. A local scholarship is given each May to a senior whose parents are Farm Bureau members.

McIntosh County

McIntosh County Farm Bureau went to all three schools in the county and delivered ice cream to students, kingdergarten through 12 grade, as a way to give back to the community and get students more familiar with Farm Bureau and what we do. The students were happy with the ice cream and were extremely kind and respectful.

District 9 Fall Round Up



All six District 9 counties formed a planning committee



for the District 9 Fall Roundup, held in October. This past year, 73 people attended the event. We had a couple of speakers from staff/committees discuss NDFB and the YF&R program followed by Jeff Erhardt who hosted Ag Jeopardy. Five new members were signed.

30 x 30 with Trent Loos

District 7 & 9 Farm Bureaus formed a committee to plan two 30 x 30 events with Trent Loos. They had around 400 people attend the event in Dickinson and roughly 375 people attend the event in New Salem. The turnout was excellent and the committee did an outstanding job putting it all together.





McKenzie County

McKenzie County Farm Bureau holds their annual meeting during the McKenzie County Fair. They also provide a free meal to all the 4-H families and do a door prize giveaway consisting of items donated from local businesses, in addition to a Yeti cooler with the MCFB logo on it. They served over 100 people and had one of the best annual meeting attendances in years.

Bowman County

Bowman County Farm Bureau sponsors the 4-H buyers supper before the sale at the fair. They also give away milk to all the fairgoers over the weekend! The milk booth is a long-time tradition for BCFB and is a great way for the board to get their name out in the community.

BCFB also hosted a forum in October. They had 60 people in attendance and aired the forum on Consolidated Television so the community could watch from home!



Dunn County

Dunn County Farm Bureau held a candidate forum and had around 80 people in attendance. It was a great event!

Burleigh County

Burleigh County Farm Bureau held a meal and candidate forum at the Menoken Grove picnic area. It was a beautiful evening and well attended, despite a thunderstorm shortly before the event.



Stark County

Stark County Farm Bureau held a candidate forum in October. They had roughly 65 people in attendance.

Morton County

Morton County Farm Bureau has been putting on a free meal at the Morton County Fair for several years now. They served over 500 people this year! They also hosted MCFB Ag Day. This a long standing event that gets thousands of kids attending every year. It's a great educational event for the youth in Morton County and beyond.



Grant/Sioux County



Grant/Sioux County Farm Bureau has hosted Daryl's Racing Pigs two years in a row at the Grant County Fair. They also held a gun raffle and drew the winner at the fair. The county also helps with the calcutta auction for the Racing Pigs.

Hettinger County



Hettinger County Farm Bureau Board members Marlene Kouba and Kelly Kouba at the Burger in the Park booth.

Hettinger County Farm Bureau attended two Burgers in the Park, in New England and Regent. They had a booth and provided information about NDFB to those who attended. They also signed up one new member and donated money to the Lion's Club for every burger purchased.

Mercer County

Mercer County Farm Bureau hosted a free meal for 4-H families during the Mercer County Fair. All the families were very appreciative of the meal!



Notes



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