



# AWA Happenings

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## AWA Day a Huge Success for Actives and Alumni

This year AWA Day took on a huge challenge and met it with great success. AWA Day 2006 was quite different from past years, as the entire event was moved to a Saturday evening. The event was held at the



Chula Vista Resort in the *Susan Orth, Hannab Uhlenhake, Rachel Herschleb, Joell Wisconsin Dells on Saturday, Henken & Lindsay Morris enjoy AWA Day*

April 8. An astounding 93 actives, alumni and guests were in attendance to enjoy an evening of supporting AWA and great things it has to offer. Alumni had the opportunity to see old friends and catch up, while actives were able to meet alumni and see how much they support the organization.

The evening kicked off around 5:30 p.m. with a social hour where everyone could mingle and check out the silent auction items. During the delicious

dinner the room was full of chatter as everyone enjoyed their time together. The annual corporation board meeting was held, giving everyone a chance to see where the organization currently and where it's headed in the future. Committee chairs gave their reports and new board members were elected. After the meeting Wayne the Wizard entertained the audience with a mystifying magic show.

Scholarships and awards were given out honoring actives and alumni for their accomplishments. The Friend of AWA award went to Karen Topel for her work as the House Management Committee chair. Marjorie Stieve received the Outstanding Alumni Award acknowledging her accomplishment in the agriculture industry. The Honored Guest Award was given to Dean Richard Barrows for his support of AWA over the years. The evening ended with a live auction and the closing of the silent auction which raised over one thousand dollars for the AWA Education Fund.

*Alane Uhe is a junior majoring in dairy science from Janesville.*

## AWA Honors Retiring Dean Barrows

AWA named Dean Richard Barrows the Honored Guest of AWA Day for his support of our organization. Barrows retires this month.



*Alane Uhe awards Richard Barrows*

During his 34 years at UW-Madison, Barrows has been a busy guy! He has held a number of different positions throughout his career, but his focus has been on land use and land policy. He had an important part in planning Wisconsin farmland preservation.

Barrows has traveled the world extensively. He estimates he's been to around 32 different countries. Throughout his travels he has learned a lot. "I learned a tremendous amount about myself, the world, and life."

Other positions held by Barrows have been associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, acting dean for international studies, associate vice chancellor for undergraduate education, and director of student academic services. He is currently an associate dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

"If you care about being a good leader, in any kind of leadership position, what comes of the title is just a lot of hard work." said Barrows. "AWA offers leadership positions and furthers outside of the classroom education of the students involved. AWA is an important organization to the college...and it's fun!"

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Barrows will spend his retirement with his family, in professional activities and in the community.

*Andrea Kfahn is a junior majoring in ag journalism in Lodi.*

## Competitive Edge Raises Excitement

On Saturday, March 25 20 girls came to UW-Madison for the Competitive Edge program.

The prospective students came from Wisconsin, Minnesota and Illinois for the annual recruiting event held in Grainger Hall.

The program was hosted by the Association of Women in Agriculture and Alpha Gamma Rho.



*Danyel Hosto and Nicole Schmidt greet visiting students*

The day began with a student organization fair, held in the second floor atrium of Grainger Hall. Sixteen organizations from CALS displayed booths to promote their organizations and inform prospective students about opportunities for student involvement outside of the classroom. The official program for the day began with a welcome by Dean David Hogg, interim CALS dean. The presidents of AWA and AGR then gave their own welcome speeches, prior to the keynote speaker, Lori Berquam, dean of students for the entire university.

The students then split into breakout sessions for their prospective areas of degree interest. The breakout sessions were led by faculty and students, offering specific information about each CALS major. After the program, the girls and their families went to the AWA house for lunch and to learn more about AWA. At the house, they were presented with a slide show and general information about campus and student life, along with a house tour.

Along with the program for the day, AWA offers a \$250 scholarship, open to all of the girls attending the event. There were seven outstanding applicants this year, with the recipient being Shannon Dwyer from West Bend. Dwyer will be transferring to UW-Madison as a junior in dairy science. The four AWA members who judged the scholarships commented that she will be an excellent addition to AWA due to her ambition, experiences and ability to promote agriculture.

*Molly Florent is senior dairy science and ag journalism major from Marengo, Ill.*



## AWA Inc. President's Report

Jenny Spoke

A big thank you goes out to everyone who supported AWA Day 2006 - the marketing committee, attendees, silent and live auction donors and winners. We had the best attendance at a non-anniversary AWA Day that I can remember, surpassing all of our goals! Many alumni and guests answered our call to support AWA through these challenging times. I would like to remind you again of the purpose of AWA; as listed in the constitution, "The purpose of this society is to serve as a vehicle to aid women in agriculture in achieving such aims as they hold desirable." It is my hope that this organization continues to prepare women to become the people they want to be. As our industry and our world are continually changing we must be diligent in evaluating which aims we hold desirable and how we can best achieve them.

We need to listen to and learn from the active members which aims are desirable for them and future generations of women in agriculture. There is still time to sign up for a committee. Just contact me at [jaspoke@hotmail.com](mailto:jaspoke@hotmail.com) or one of the committee chairs. A diverse mix of alumni and actives serving together on committees will lead AWA to new levels of achievement.

I also need to thank the corporation board of directors for their time and leadership this past year, especially Barbara George, Tammy Booth and Susan Crane who have fulfilled their terms on the corporation board. Tammy will be rejoining the corporation board in a new role as education committee co-chair. Please help me welcome Wendy Clark and Mary Hasheider to the board as they were elected to serve as vice president and director-at-large respectively at AWA Day. I look forward to working with them, the rest of the board and the entire membership of AWA in the coming year.

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# AWA Welcomes New Two Members

This spring the theme for our joining class has been quality! AWA fortunate to have these two new members who have already contributed a significant amount to the organization. We are looking forward to a promising future!



*Suzie Benoit, Liz Seitz, Lindsey Worden, Rachel Herschleb and Shauna Carter outside the AWA house following the initiation ceremony*

Our first new member is Rachael Herschleb, a freshman majoring in genetics from Deforest. Her big sister is Shauna Carter. Liz Seitz is the other half of the spring 2006 joining class. She is also a freshman, majoring in dairy science, from Odenton, MD. Her big sister is Suzie Benoit.

Rachael and Liz completed the joining process with flying colors. The girls completed all of their interviews, participated in formal interviews with a few of the older members, and had the chance to do some sisterly bonding during a scavenger hunt on CALS campus with their big sisters.

They have already participated in several activities, including stuffing bags for the Madison Kids Expo to promote Breakfast on the Farm, which was also a great opportunity to get to know some of the other members. Additionally, they attended AWA Day and various other service projects. Both are planning on running for an office for the upcoming school year.

Rachael and Liz have already shown great commitment to the organization.. I am sure they will make wonderful contributions to AWA in the future!

*Lindsey Worden, a junior majoring in dairy science and ag journalism from Cassville, N.Y., serves as the AWA membership officer.*

## Actives Honor Outstanding Class Members

Danyel Hosto, Kelsi Hendrickson, Andrea Klahn, and Laurie Volkman were selected by the AWA membership as outstanding members of their respective classes.



*Danyel Hosto, Kelsi Hendrickson, Andrea Klahn and Laurie Volkman*

**Hosto** is a freshman majoring in dairy science from Juda. She served as a donations co-chair for Breakfast on the Farm and received the "Git R Done" award from her AWA joining class.

**Hendrickson** is a sophomore majoring in dairy science and ag journalism from Belleville. She is currently the fundraising officer. Hendrickson has served as the publicity and fundraising co-chair for Breakfast on the Farm.

**Klahn** is a junior majoring in life science communications from Lodi. Klahn has served as the food and general co-chair for the Breakfast on the Farm. She also has been active in AWA through Competitive Edge, AWA Day, homecoming activities, and service projects.

**Volkman** is a senior majoring in dairy science and life science communications from Black Creek. She has served in the house manager and AWA wear officer positions. Volkman was a petting zoo co-chair for Breakfast on the Farm and has participated in AWA Day, homecoming, fundraising, scholarship, Competitive Edge and sister bonding.

# Congratulations to the AWA Graduates of Spring 2006



**Amanda Levzow**, of Pardeeville, will graduate with degrees in agricultural education and history. Following graduation, Levzow plans to continue her education at UW-Platteville to receive her second teaching license in social studies education. In the future, she wants to achieve her goal of being a high school teacher in an agricultural or social studies classroom as well as being an FFA advisor. Levzow's favorite memory from college is this year's AWA Formal, because "it was a blast." Her advice for underclassmen is to take advantage of all the opportunities available to you during your four years at UW-Madison.



**Katie Knapp** is graduating with a degree in rehabilitation psychology. Knapp will begin her work towards obtaining her Master's degree in occupational therapy from UW-Madison in the fall. In the future, she hopes to be an occupational therapist in rural America for children while working for a therapeutic horseback riding center in her spare time. Although Knapp of Lancaster has way too many memories to pick a favorite, she advises underclassman to not be afraid to do something different for a semester or summer. She states, "The things you learn about yourself may surprise you."



**Laurie Volkman** will graduate with majors in dairy science and life science communications. Volkman of Black Creek, plans to work as a dairy nutritionist or consultant. Her long-term career goal is to possibly expand the family farm with her brother. Volkman's favorite college memory is the night a bunch of girls made snowmen at the AWA and Bacock houses. She advises underclassmen to be active in school, because "you'll only regret the things you didn't do."



**Beth Porior**, of Oconto Falls, is receiving a degree in agricultural education. She plans to work for the National FFA Organization in Washington D.C. this summer and hopes to find a full-time position this fall as an agricultural teacher and FFA advisor. In the future, Porior would like to earn a Master's degree in youth development and become a county 4-H Extension agent. Porior's favorite college memory is competing with her AWA sisters at homecoming events and CALS Olympics. She advises the underclassmen to take advantage of the great academic, leadership and social opportunities that CALS has to offer. Porior says, "Spend time with your AWA sisters. They will truly be the closest friends that you have ever known. Study hard, but remember 50 percent of what you learn in college will happen between Thursday and Sunday."



**Laurie Rieden** is graduating with a degree in dairy science. Rieden of Mount Calvary hopes to work in dairy nutrition. In the future, Rieden wants to go back to school for a Master's degree or a Veterinary Medicine Degree. Rieden's favorite AWA memory is participating in the Governor's Egg Hunt. She advises underclassman to be active in college but focus on why you are really here. She adds, "Don't forget to have fun."



**Susan Orth**, of Fennimore, will graduate with majors in animal science and agricultural journalism. Orth plans to graduate from school next December and is excited to find a career in the agricultural industry. Her ultimate goal is to be an asset to the agriculture

industry. She hopes to earn a challenging career in ag promotion, marketing, and communications. Her favorite AWA memory occurred while working on the AWA homecoming float her sophomore year. While working on the float with Crystal McNett, Katie Knapp, and Orth suddenly decided they wanted to ride on the float. There was one problem though; they needed formal gowns. "Around 10 p.m., we left campus and drove home to southwest Wisconsin to get our old prom dresses. Not only was our road trip a blast, but we had fun acting like movie stars on the float the next day!" explained Orth. She hopes underclassmen get involved in school and take advantage of every opportunity. Orth says to "meet both actives and alumni; they will become your sisters, teammates, best friends, role models, mentors, and colleagues."



**Crystal McNett**, of Belmont, will graduate with degrees in dairy science and agricultural journalism. Following graduation, McNett plans to move to Brookfield to work for Bader Rutter & Associates. McNett's goals are to hold a career that she is proud of and to always be involved in agriculture. Her favorite AWA college memory is this year's formal. McNett advises underclassmen to "have fun while you're here; it goes fast."



**Erin Paul** plans to graduate with a degree in animal science. While Paul of Milton is currently deciding her plans following graduation, Her goal is to work with training the behavior of animals. Paul's favorite AWA memory is hanging out with girls of all different ages and experiences. She advises the underclassmen to be involved in clubs and all of college life.



**Nicole Hosto**, of Juda, will graduate with majors in dairy science and life science communications. Following school, Hosto plans to work as an agricultural marketing assistant for the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection in Madison. In the future, Hosto would like to stay involved with dairy programs and youth events that benefit agriculture. Her favorite AWA memory is getting to know so many talented people through college that she may not have met otherwise. Hosto advises underclassmen to be involved and to maintain the balance between class and college. She explains, "Most of the important things I learned during college didn't come from a classroom, but from activities and work experience."



**Devon Frei**, of Janesville, will graduate with a degree in animals science and life science communications. Following graduation in December, Frei hopes to find a job as a laboratory technician. Her ultimate goal in life is to be happy in wherever her life takes her. Frei's favorite memory is having the chance to just spend time getting to know and goof around with all of my AWA sisters while doing nothing else but hanging out at the house. Frei's advice to underclassmen is "to do what makes you happy. Life's too short to spend it doing otherwise."



**Molly Florent** will graduate with degrees in dairy science and agricultural journalism. Florent of Marengo, Ill. plans to be an Advantage Program consultant for Alta Genetics following graduation. In this role, she will work with herds in southeastern Wisconsin, northern parts of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. Florent plans to relocate to Lansing, Mich. in early August. (continued on page 6)



# Catching Up With AWA Alumni

**Laurie Winkelman**  
**Columbus, Ohio**  
**Graduated: 2003**

Greetings AWA! It seems like just yesterday I was serving as house manager and cleaning up the flood in the basement during my senior year...that was such a mess!

After graduating in spring 2003 with majors in dairy science and agricultural journalism, I moved to Ohio and started graduate school at Ohio State University. My research dealt with the growth hormone function in the liver of transition dairy cows. I successfully defended my thesis in December 2005 to close the efforts on my Master's degree. Luckily, my job search was easy, as I had already started my full time job in October 2005. During the week of World Dairy Expo, I began working as the dairy program specialist at Ohio State.

As a dairy program specialist, I work with dairy Extension programs, as well as dairy youth program development. When I started my job, I did not have any official dairy judging coaching responsibilities. However, by the end of November, I had been asked to coach both the Ohio 4-H and the Ohio State dairy judging teams. The task of coaching both teams is sure to be a very challenging, but rewarding experience that I am looking forward to. My first official duties as coach will be to teach the Dairy Cattle Evaluation course during spring quarter 2006. So far there are 30 kids in the class, which is more than what I anticipated would enroll in the course! I hope I can pass on the dairy judging knowledge I gained as a Badger successfully to the Buckeyes.

Outside of work, I am an avid runner and gym rat. In October 2004, I completed my first marathon in Columbus,

Ohio, with a time of three hours, 49 minutes. One week after World Dairy Expo 2005, I ran my second marathon and shaved three minutes off my time. However, I still have six minutes to go before I reach my goal of qualifying for the Boston Marathon. Outside of running, I do some freelance graphic design work, and I also still contribute articles to *Hoard's Dairyman*.

As for a social life, I still enjoy some barley hops every now and then, but definitely not as often as I did during my last two years at Madison. I still have a passion for the Brown Swiss cows on my home farm in Watertown, but I definitely do not get to see and work with them as often I'd like. However, under the careful guise of my sister and parents, everything is well cared for!

If I could offer any advice to prepare yourself for the working world, it would be to know how to handle financing and investing. Even though money doesn't make the world go 'round, it certainly helps. While saving money wasn't a problem for me, knowing what to do with it certainly was. Thanks to fellow AWA alum Mary Knigge, I was directed to a fantastic book that really helped me make financial goals and plans. I definitely recommend grabbing a copy of the book "Smart Women Finish Rich" by David Bach - it's never too early to start thinking about the future!

At the end of February, I attended the ADSA-SAD 'meeting' in Madison with the Buckeye Dairy Club. Things have



definitely not changed with that meeting, and I had a blast seeing the AWA girls run the show at the Sheraton. Being back in Madison made me miss the city that I called home for four years. Hopefully someday I'll make my way back to the Badger State! But until then, if you ever visit Ohio and would like a tour of the city, let me know and I'll be happy to show you around. (winkelman.6@osu.edu). Take care, and go BUCKS, oops, I mean, GO BADGERS!

**Julie (Engel) Wendler**  
**Owen**  
**Graduated: 1992**

I remember it like it was yesterday. Cheryl Luedtke and I left the comfort of our dorm to search out the AWA house 17 years ago. My first trip over to the "white house" was for an informational meeting about AWA. It was at this meeting I met some of the greatest friends I could have ever found.

I joined AWA as a freshman my first semester in college. I lived in the blue and white houses my sophomore and junior years. That was back in the day when we had to be our own cooks and shoppers. My job was always to make the vegetables! That shows you how much of a cook I was. AWA provided for me a smaller world of people and interests, just as the College of Ag had done for me academically. While in AWA I learned a lot about people! I can't honestly remember all the positions I held in AWA anymore (well, except social director and that was because I had a great mentor, Zimmy) but I can tell you about all the true friends I found there.

To this day I still keep in touch with many of them and I always look for (continued on page 5)



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ward to WALSA's Fire Up as a chance to re-live our past! Like drinking too much rum from a coffee cup at house auction, or calling down to Erickson's to see if they had any chocolate chips for a late night batch of cookie dough, or the great advice we all gleaned from Dr. Fancy at the kitchen table! But truly I think I joined AWA because of some of the people I looked up to on the dairy judging team. People like Diane Deaton and Lisa Mullen were right there to make sure I knew what AWA was about. I thank all the friends I made while in AWA and all the other people I met along the way. When I graduated with my degree in dairy science I had the pleasure of not looking for a job! I was lucky enough to be accepted into the School of Veterinary Medicine. It was in vet school I met Jim Wendler, who is my husband and colleague in the practice we work at.

We had the tougher mission in 1996 to look for two jobs. I like to think that it was my smooth talking (oral reasons) and social skills (AWA!!) that turned a one-person position into a two-person job. So my husband and I landed in the city of Owen to practice large animal medicine. The sign outside the town we live in states 550 Friendly People! We have made the Owen and Withee area home now for the last nine years. We have a daughter Jennifer, who is four, and a son Robbie, who is nearly two.

We are involved in our community through the Jaycees and our churches. We still enjoy getting "home" for games and World Dairy Expo when we can.....and I look forward to the day when I can send my daughter to live at AWA and have all the opportunities I did there.

Keep up the tradition everyone! If anyone needs advice or would like to spend time at a busy large animal practice, please feel free to contact us at [jwendler@charter.net](mailto:jwendler@charter.net).

## *AWA Summer Picnic Planned July 29*

Save the date! The AWA Summer Picnic will be held Saturday, July 29 at Firemen's Park in DeForest. The 11-acre park's amenities include two lighted softball fields, horseshoe pits, basketball hoops and playground equipment.

Join your fellow AWA sisters, both actives and alumni, for an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship, starting at noon. Please be sure to invite your family and friends, too! Cost is \$5 per person.

AWA will provide hamburgers, brats and hotdogs, along with all the fixings. There will also be soda, milk and water available. Please bring your favorite snack, side dish or dessert to share. AWA will also rent one of the softball fields, so bring your gear! Hopefully, we can get a softball or kickball game going! Feel free to bring other games or activities.

Watch your mail or the list serv for registration information. If you are interested in helping with this event, contact Katy Katzman at 262-473-5097 or [katzman@idc-net.com](mailto:katzman@idc-net.com).

## *AWA Expands Communication With a Listserv*

At the AWA Corporation Board meeting, the idea of a mass email system, such as a listserv, that would bridge the gap between actives and alumni was brought up for discussion. As the chair of this ad-hoc committee, I investigated different ways this could be done. I discovered a Google group. Now, many of you are probably wondering what it is and why we have it for our organization. Google group was created to improve communication among women in agriculture and AWA. We have this group so that if someone has a piece of information that would benefit the organization as a whole, she doesn't have to figure out if they are sending it to the right person who will see to it that it is passed on to the entire organization. Information such as job positions and internships for the actives would be something this group should be used for. Another would be to solicit donations for Breakfast on the Farm or even different fundraisers. The actives could use it to send out fundraiser brochures or AWA wear order forms. Also, you won't be bombarded with emails because it will compile the posted messages from that day and send it in one email.

Right now, the AWA Google group is under construction and the exact details are not worked out such as listserv management and censorship. At this point, I would like to give everyone the option of joining this group. If you feel that you would no longer like to be a part of it once you have joined, then all you would have to do is email the manager. For now I am trying to keep it all up to date. If you have not received a message saying that you have been invited to join [awa-madison@google-groups.com](mailto:awa-madison@google-groups.com), please send me an email at [sarahkuffel@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahkuffel@hotmail.com) stating what email you would like messages to be sent to. Soon there will be a link on the AWA website that will get you to the group so you will be able to view members and archived messages among other things. Also on the website will be a link to subscribe to the group and all of this will be password protected on the website. I hope everyone will find this beneficial to our organization. If there are any questions, feel free to email me at my address listed above.

*Sarah Kuffel is a senior majoring in dairy science from Stevens Point.*



(continued from page 3) In the future, she would like to work in a management position with an A.I. company. Florent's favorite college memories are all the nights she went out with her AWA friends. She advises underclassmen to be passionate and proactive with everything they do.



**Christine Lepple**, of Beaver Dam, will graduate with a degree in agricultural journalism. Upon graduating, she will join Bader Rutter & Associates in Brookfield as an assistant account executive on the Merial Animal Health account in Brookfield. Lepple has a long-term goal of owning a public relations and marketing firm with a wide range of entrepreneur cliental within the agricultural industry from food to producer commodity groups and organizations. She plans to develop marketing communication pieces for cliental including print, broadcast and public relations campaigns. Her favorite college memory is being involved on the UW-Madison NAMA Marketing Team. Lepple advises underclassmen to challenge themselves. She says, "Believe in yourself. If you are determined, the result will be yours."



**Bobbi Schumacher** of Rubicon will graduate with degrees in agriculture and biology education. She plans to teach in central Illinois near Champagne. This summer, Schumacher is getting married and then moving to Illinois while her husband pursues his Ph.D. in plant breeding and plant genetics at the University of Illinois. She plans to move back to Wisconsin in five to 10 years as she and her husband start a family. Schumacher hopes to teach high school agriculture or biology. Her favorite college memory is going out with Marie Stafford and Melissa Hase after a pajama party with the AWA ladies. Johnson Street was under construction at the time, and they "borrowed" some construction equipment for their own use. Schumacher advises underclassmen to stay active, get involved early, and

get practical experience in your chosen field to have fun with it. She explains, "Make as many connections as you can. They will help you get a job in the end."



**Rhonda Braun** is graduating with a degree in textile and apparel design. Braun of Cato will be attending the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City to receive an Associate's degree in fashion design. In the future, Braun's goal is to be happy with whatever path she chooses. She advises the underclassmen, "If you don't love what you are doing, you're doing the wrong thing."



**Jeanna Burggraf** of Lancaster will receive a degree in dairy science. Following graduation, Burggraf plans to temporarily move home and work. In the future, she would like to work with farmers to help them better their operations. Burggraf's favorite college memory is trying to fit four girls in a single bed and talking for hours. She encourages underclassmen to not be afraid to take a step out of the comfort zone. She explains, "You never know; you might find something you like or are even good at. Just remember it is better to be hated for who you are than to be loved for who you're not."



**Sarah Kuffel** of Stevens Point will graduate with a degree in dairy science. She plans to pursue a career in nutrition specializing in calves and heifers. Kuffel's long-term goal is to own and operate a dairy farm. Her favorite AWA memory is Senior Rec and Breakfast on the Farm. She advises the underclassmen "to take life by the horns!" "Be active and don't be afraid to try something new."

## *AWA Members Compete in National Meat Evaluation Contest*

The UW-Madison Meat Animal Evaluation Team competed at the national competition, which was hosted by Oklahoma State University, March 29-31. The team consisted of Shauna Carter, Ginger James, Dan Laufenberg, Ryan Procter, Jason Russell, and Robert Van Wyhe. They were coached by Ron Russell and Bernie O'Rourke.

The team evaluated beef, sheep and swine in market, breeding and carcass divisions. The market division included making carcass estimates, pricing, performance, and feeder calf pricing. The breeding division included: ranking classes and answering questions, as well as keep/cull classes. The carcass division included: making estimates of carcass measurements, pricing, ranking classes and questions. The team also participated in a communications division where they were given a current topic to develop a presentation. Awards were presented for each division and in each species. The team placed fifth in the market division. Carter placed third in the sheep division and the team also placed third in this division. Overall the team placed eighth.

This year, Carter of Bangor was also named as the Beef Master Stockman at the Wisconsin Livestock Breeders

Association annual meeting. To earn this award, she completed an in-depth application about her project and completed an interview at the district show. Carter represented the north-west district at the state competition.



*Carter, center, stands with fellow recipients of the Master Stockman.*

Carter is the daughter of Damian and Barbara Carter. She is a sophomore majoring in animal science, with hopes of attending veterinary school for large animal medicine. She continues to raise and show a select group of Charolais and crossbred cattle. She also is active in Saddle & Sirloin and the current 4-H livestock extension intern.

*Shauna Carter is a sophomore majoring in animal science from Bangor.*



## Members to Gain Experience Through Internships

**Alane Uhe** is a junior majoring in dairy science. Uhe is an intern for International Protein Sires in Rock Springs. Her duties will be locating, linearizing and picturing young sire daughters in Wisconsin and California.

**Chrissy Wendorf** is a sophomore majoring in dairy science and ag journalism. She is an intern for the UW Dairy Extension in Madison. Wendorf will coordinate Badger Dairy Camp, area animal science days, state fair, and dairy breed events.

**Kelsi Hendrickson** is a sophomore majoring in dairy science and ag journalism interning with *Agri-View* in Madison. She will assist with editorial and sale duties.

**Buffy Sacia** is a junior majoring in animal science and ag journalism. She will be an intern at Schreiber Farms in Plainview, MN, working with draft horses and other livestock.

**Emily Winther**, a junior, is interning for Town and Country Veterinary Clinic in Winona, MN. She will perform veterinary technician duties specializing in equine reproduction.

**Eliza Ulness** is a junior majoring in dairy science interning for East Central Select Sires in Waupan. She will work on company newsletters, testimonial, and communications.

**Andrea Klahn** is a junior majoring in life science communications. She is an intern for the Sierra Club in Alaska, working with the "Wild Lands for Wild Salmon" campaign.

**Nicole Schmidt** is a sophomore majoring in ag journalism. She is an intern for *Agri-View* expanding political agriculture coverage.

**Lindsey Worden** is a junior majoring in dairy science and ag journalism. She is an intern for the Holstein Association in Brattleboro, VT, coordinating activities for National Junior Holstein Convention and other projects.

**Ashley Huibregtse** is a junior majoring in education and communications. She is a CowParade intern representing 4-H, FFA and agriculture across Wisconsin.

**Ashley Yager** is a junior majoring in dairy science and life science communications. She is an intern with the Wisconsin Holstein Association in Baraboo, coordinating projects and shows.

**Lea McCullough** is a junior majoring in dairy science and ag journalism, interning with ABS Global in DeForest. She is working in progeny promotions, traveling to locate bull daughters.

**Katie Pfeiffer** is a junior interning in UW-Madison research at Franbrook Farm in New Glarus. She will be a herdsman participating in animal care and farm operation.

**Rachael Herschleb** is a freshman genetics major interning at the UW-Madison Arlington Research Farm. Her major project is working with crop genetics.

**Sarah Galdi** is a sophomore majoring in dairy science. She is an intern at ABS Global of DeForest, working in company communications.

**Shauna Carter** is a junior majoring in animal science. She is an intern at the Leon Valley Vet Service in Leon, helping with clinic duties and traveling with the veterinarian.

**Susan Orth** is a senior majoring in animal science and ag journalism. She is an intern at Bader Rutter & Associates in Brookfield performing client services and public relations duties.

**Haley Mell** is a junior majoring in dairy science. She is interning at MIATCO (Mid-American International Agri-Trade Council) and is responsible for recruiting companies to participate in MIATCO activities and services.



## Active President's Report

**Devon Frei**

Thank you God for happy hearts,  
For rain and sunny weather  
Thank you God for the food we  
eat  
And that we are together

As another school year comes to a close, we do truly have a lot to be thankful for.

As a new joining class begins their AWA careers, we can be thankful for their desire to join, for their active involvement, and for the new ideas they'll bring to the organization.

As this year's officer team hands over their positions, and as a new active officer team gets ready for the next year, we can be thankful for their continued desire to take the reins and lead the organization.

As another senior class graduates and starts a new chapter of their lives, we can be thankful for their involvement and the time they have given to the organization. We can be thankful to have gotten to know them and become their friends and AWA sisters.

To those newest members, to the new officer team, and to the graduating seniors. Good luck and thank you!

## AWA Sisters Just Want to Have Fun at Formal

Thirty-two actives and their dates packed up their dresses and dancing shoes and headed to southwest Wisconsin for AWA Formal on March 25. After a successful day with Competitive Edge, the girls deserved a night of fun! The Don Q Inn in Dodgeville was decorated to the max and complete with SWAHT DJ's for the evening's festivities.



*Devon Frei, Laurie Rieden, Laurie Volkman, Sarah Kuffel and Christine Lepple enjoy AWA Formal.*

A dinner of baked chicken and mashed potatoes, with all of the trimmings, including ice cream for dessert started at 6:00 p.m. at the Log Inn, which is attached to the Don Q Inn by a fun underground tunnel. The tables were trimmed with red and white roses and candy for guests to enjoy throughout the evening.

After a social hour, the dance started and the theme, "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" definitely fit the description of what was going on. AWA celebrities were named from "Most Likely to Fall Off of a SWAHT Speaker" to "AWA Einstein." The evening continued with dancing and checking on NCAA scores and the following morning, everyone enjoyed the trip back to Madison with breakfast and sunny skies. Overall, all of the girls definitely had fun.

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# Calendar of Events *Breakfast Draws Large Crowds*

## May

4: CALS Senior Party

5: Last Day of Classes

7 - 12: Spring Semester Final Exams

## July

29: AWA Summer Picnic in DeForest

The 11th Annual AWA Breakfast on the Farm attracted more than 900 people on Sunday, April 23 at the West Madison Agricultural Research Station. A hearty breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, applesauce, juice, milk and ice cream was served during the four-hour event that featured live entertainment, a petting zoo, and local celebrities.



*Bobbi Schumacher flips pancakes at Breakfast on the Farm.*

and worked with youth in the educational display.

AWA members, including 14 chairwomen, served food, parked cars,

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*Have a safe  
and  
enjoyable summer!*



*Bob Williams, Katie Knapp, Bucky and Beth Porior work to make eggs on the skillet.*

Breakfast on the Farm is not only a way to educate the public and promote agriculture, but it is AWA's opportunity to give back to the community. This year, all leftover food items were donated to Second Harvest, a local food bank.



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