

AgrAbility of Wisconsin SUMMIT

Monday, March 16, 2015
Marshfield Clinic- Froehlke Auditorium
1000 North Oak Avenue, Marshfield, WI

9:00-9:30 – Registration

9:30 – Welcome

Hannah Gerbitz, AgrAbility Outreach Specialist
Zoey Brooks, Alice in Dairyland

10:00 – Easter Seals & AgrAbility Putting Assistive Technology to Work for YOU

Brian Luck, AgrAbility Co-Director & UW-Extension Precision Ag & Machinery Specialist
Keith Posselt, Wisconsin Farmer & Supporter of AgrAbility & Easter Seals

10:45 – Break

11:00 – Finances & Farm Transitions

Dr. Kevin Bernhardt, UW-Platteville professor, Wisconsin Center for Dairy Profitability

12:00 – Lunch, provided by National Farm Medicine Center

1:00 – Hot Topics in Ag

Karen Gefvert, Governmental Relations, Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

1:45 – Compensating without Compromising

Tanya Schaer, OTR, Ministry St. Joseph's Hospital

2:30 – Closing remarks from AgrAbility

Tanya Schaer, MA, OTR/L, is an occupational therapist at Ministry Saint Joseph's Hospital where she specializes in the treatment of disability in both the acute hospital setting as well as in the area of work hardening within Ministry's Performance Therapy Center. She primarily assists injured clients in the clinic setting, but also performs job site visits to educate workers and employers on injury risk and injury prevention. Tanya graduated with a Master of Arts degree from the College of St. Catherine in 2004 and has been employed with Ministry for 7 years.

Zoey Brooks is serving as the 67th Alice in Dairyland. As Wisconsin's agriculture ambassador, she is striving to educate audiences across Wisconsin about the \$88 billion economic impact and importance of our state's diverse agriculture industry in our daily lives. A native of Waupaca, she grew up as a member of the sixth generation on her family's dairy and grain farm.

Brian Luck is an assistant professor and extension specialist in the Biological Systems Engineering Department at UW-Madison. He is from Kentucky and received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering with an emphasis in Machine Systems Automation Engineering from the University of Kentucky. Brian attended Mississippi State University to pursue his Ph.D. in Agricultural and Biological Engineering.

Keith Posselt is a farmer from Hortonville, WI. He has been farming since age 13. Keith has been involved with AgrAbility since 1997 when he became a client. After going through the program, he stayed involved by being a part of the Farmer network, helping at various events, tv and radio promotions, brainstorming for the calf project, and attending workshops. Keith has now been through the AgrAbility program twice and continues to run a successful operation.

Dr. Kevin Bernhardt is a Professor of Agribusiness at UW-Platteville, UW-Extension Farm Management Specialist, and Director of the Pioneer Academic Center for Community Engagement (PACCE). Dr. Bernhardt is a recipient of the Underkofler Excellence in Teaching award, UW-Extension second mile award, National Extension award for excellence, and an Honorary State FFA honoree.

Karen Gefvert is the Director of Governmental Relations for the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation. Her lobbying responsibilities include all of the national affairs issues, working with the state legislature, the Governor's office and state agencies on issues affecting Wisconsin Farm Families. She joined the Farm Bureau in February, 2011.