

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Alfalfa Quality to be Monitored, Results Made Available**

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The Manitowoc County Forage Council, in cooperation with Manitowoc County UW-Extension, will again report forage quality changes during spring growth.

Three farms will be utilized for this demonstration.

Plant height, maturity stage and predicted relative feed value will be reported twice weekly. Farmers and agri-business representatives can call a dedicated phone line (683-4654) at the Manitowoc County UW-Extension office, 24 hours a day, to access the latest forage quality results. Results will also be reported on the UW-Extension website at [www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/manitowoc/](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/manitowoc/) and all Manitowoc County Forage Council members with email will be sent electronic results twice weekly. The first alfalfa quality results will be measured on Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> and should be available by Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.

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### **Manitowoc County Ag Alumni Association Awards Scholarships**

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The Manitowoc County UW-Agriculture Alumni Association awarded several scholarships to students pursuing agriculture-related degrees at University of Wisconsin-River Falls, -Platteville, -Madison, -Green Bay or -Stevens Point.

The following individuals received \$500 scholarships to help defray the cost of their four-year degree program, which will begin in the fall of 2004.

- Mitchell Brey currently attending Lincoln High School and will be attending UW-Madison (Biochemistry)
- Eric Haupt currently attending Valders High School and will be attending UW-River Falls (Dairy Science)
- Sarah Hillmann currently attending Reedsville High School and will be attending UW-Platteville (Agriculture Business)
- Kevin Schmidt currently attending Mishicot High School and will be attending UW-River Falls (Horticulture)

Scholarship money is received from individuals, businesses and organizations throughout Manitowoc County. Scholarship donors of \$100 or more for 2004 include: (The number in parenthesis indicates the number of consecutive years they have been a \$100-plus donor.) St. Nazianz Milling (23), Valders Co-op (19), Land O'Lakes Inc. (17), Manitowoc County Holstein Breeders Association (15), Manitowoc County Dairy Promotion Committee (15), GreenStone Farm Credit Services (11), Manitowoc County DHIA (7), Investors Community Bank (7), CP Feeds (4), Lakeshore Farm Management (2), First National Bank (1), and Denmark State Bank (1).

The new slate of officers is: Kevin Habeck, President; Todd Borgwardt, Vice President; Joe Debilzen, Secretary-Treasurer; Steve Hoffman, Gary Princl and Todd Cavanaugh, Directors. Special thanks to Kenny Walsh and Sandy Sickinger for their years of service on the Manitowoc County UW-Ag Alumni Board.

Scott Gunderson, Manitowoc County UW-Extension Dairy Agent, serves as the advisor to the UW-Ag Alumni Association.

### **Farm Progress Days Scholarship Awarded**

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The Manitowoc County Farm Progress Days Scholarship Committee is please to announce that Eric Haupt, from Valders High School, will receive the Manitowoc County Farm Progress Days Donald R. Peterson Scholarship for 2004.

The \$1000 scholarship is awarded to a graduating high school senior from Manitowoc County who is planning to attend UW-Madison, UW-Platteville, UW-River Falls or UW-Stevens Point to pursue a career in the agricultural life sciences or the natural resources area. Eric has been accepted at UW-River Fall.

The Scholarship Committee wishes to thank all of those who applied for this year's award and encourage future applicants. Scholarship forms are available at the beginning of each year from high school counselors or the Manitowoc County UW-Extension office.

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