

# Door County Farm Bureau

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## Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

### YFA Discussion Meet Set

The YFA Discussion Meet gives young Farm Bureau members an opportunity to demonstrate speaking skills on agricultural-related topics. Contestants are judged on their problem-solving skills as they discuss timely topics with their colleagues.

**Date:** Tuesday, August 2

**Time:** Refreshments at 7 p.m.,  
Discussion Meet at 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Altona's Restaurant, 2306 Calumet Drive, New Holstein.

**Topic:** Today's food companies employ many tactics to gain a marketing edge. What is the purpose of food labels? How can Farm Bureau work to ensure that consumers understand the labels and have confidence in the safety and quality of their food?



For more information or if you are interested in participating or attending, please contact Carley Blado at [carleyblado@gmail.com](mailto:carleyblado@gmail.com) or 920.418.2226.

### Door County Fair Time is Just Around the Corner

It's Door County Fair time again and we are looking for volunteers to work a shift or any amount of time you are willing to volunteer.

We provide the food and you provide the smile for the customers.

For more information of if you want to volunteer, please contact a board member or Steven Baxter at 920.559.0939.

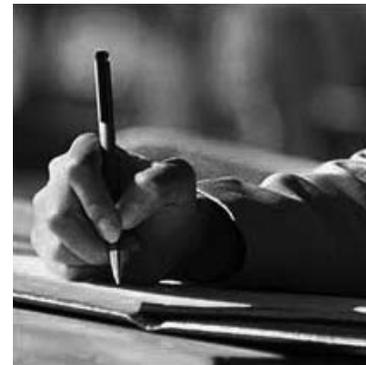
Thank you for everything that you do for our county!



### Rural Mutual Sponsors YFA members for Conference

The WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference will be held December 2-4, at the Kalahari Resorts and Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells.

Make plans to join other young farmer and agriculturist members for this exciting event including top-notch speakers, great entertainment, a unique networking opportunity and a weekend of family fun.



If you haven't attended this event before, Rural Mutual Insurance wants to sponsor you and a guest. Visit [www.wfbf.com](http://www.wfbf.com) for a sponsorship application, complete and send it in. You may apply as an individual or as a couple, but don't delay, only 50 double-occupancy rooms are available and the deadline to apply is **August 15**.

If you are a Farm Bureau member age 18-35 and are selected for sponsorship, Rural Mutual Insurance will pay the conference registration fee for you and a guest and two nights lodging at the Kalahari Resorts.

Registration fee includes registrant meals, workshop sessions and entertainment. If selected, you will be notified by **September 12**, and additional details regarding the conference will be mailed to you with a conference registration form that you will be required to complete.

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DOOR COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

## Door County Farm Bureau Members Attend District 6 YFA Social and Bus Tour



Several Door County Farm Bureau members joined Door County YFA chair Lauren Brey to tour different agricultural points of interest in District 6.

The members boarded the bus on April 8 for an exciting day of tours. First was the Eastern Wisconsin DHIC milk testing laboratory in Waldo. A local Dairy Herd Improvement (DHI) organization that has provided on farm management services since 1945. They continue to update systems to meet the changing needs of the modern dairy farm.



Staff analyze 80,000 samples per month for fat, protein, lactose, solids, milk urea nitrogen, beta-hydroxybutyrate and acetone and diagnostics for Johnes, Luekosis and milk pregnancy.

Second was LaClare Farms in Pipe. On December 15, 2012, LaClare Farms broke ground on their new facility located in Malone (Pipe). LaClare Farms is a vertically integrated agricultural enterprise of more than 500 milking goats, a creamery, a retail shoppee and café.

LaClare Farms makes more than 33 different varieties of goat, cow, and mixed milk cheeses and is home of LaClare Farms Evalon, which won the U.S. Cheese Championship in 2011 and other award winning cheeses.

Four of their five children have joined Larry and Clara Hedrich on the farm. It is an educational experience for the consumer where they can follow a raw product from its beginning to end.

Third was Robinway Dairy LLC, which is a multi-member corporation owned by Jay and Pam Binversie. Located outside of School Hill, this dairy is expanding their business while simultaneously taking strides in reducing their environmental footprint. With the care of 25 employees, 1,150 dairy cows are milked daily and 700 steers are raised on-site. About 1,400 acres of crop land is farmed annually with 600 irrigated acres.



Robinway teamed up with Livestock Water Recycling Systems to install the newest technology for converting manure to clean water. It is clean enough to drink, but more importantly, it will reduce trucks on the roads and the amount of well water being used in the dairy operations.

Thank you to those who attended the tours and thank you to Eastern Wisconsin DHIC, LaClare Farms and Robinway Dairy for hosting us.

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## Sheboygan County is Home to District Essay Contest Winner



For the fourth time in five years, Sheboygan County has had the District 6 essay contest winner.

There were 146 entries and the winner was Christopher Gallego from Sheridan Elementary School in Sheboygan.

Wisconsin fourth and fifth grade students were asked to write a 100- to 300-word essay with the theme, 'Tell us about producing maple syrup in Wisconsin.'

More than 3,000 Wisconsin students wrote essays for the competition sponsored by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation, Insight FS and We Energies.

Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom program provides teachers and K-12 students with an understanding of how their food is produced.

The program seeks to work within existing curricula to provide basic information on our nation's largest industry: agriculture.

Wisconsin's Ag in the Classroom program is carried out by a network of local educators, volunteers and representatives from agricultural organizations and businesses. The goal of the program is to help students gain a greater awareness of the role of agriculture in the economy and society, so that they may become citizens who support wise agricultural policies.

## Leopold Conservation Award Seeks Nominees

Sand County Foundation and Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation are accepting applications for the \$10,000 Leopold Conservation Award, which honors Wisconsin farmers who demonstrate exemplary stewardship and management of natural resources. Last year's winners were David and Leslie Meuer from Calumet County.

Applications are due by **August 5**. Finalists and the winner will be announced in late 2016. For complete application information, visit [www.leopoldconservationaward.org](http://www.leopoldconservationaward.org).

Given in honor of Aldo Leopold's land ethic, the Leopold Conservation Award recognizes extraordinary achievement in voluntary conservation on working lands, inspires other landowners through these examples and provides a visible forum where leaders from the agricultural community are recognized as conservation leaders outside of the industry.

In his influential book, *A Sand County Almanac* (1949), Leopold called for an ethical relationship between people and the land that they own and manage, which he called "an

evolutionary possibility and an ecological necessity."

The Leopold Conservation Award in Wisconsin is made possible through the generous support of Farm Credit, DuPont Pioneer, The Mosaic Company, The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation, American Transmission Company, Badgerland Financial, We Energies, Alliant Energy Foundation, Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation and the Wisconsin Corn Growers Association.

## Deb Reinhart is Named 2016 AgVocate of the Year



Deb Reinhart of New Holstein was recognized as a true promoter of agriculture, being named the 2016 AgVocate of the Year at the Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit held March 4 and 5 in Middleton.

More than 325 women were in attendance to celebrate their role in agriculture at the event that was sponsored by Badgerland Financial, Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation and UW-Extension.

Deb and her husband, David Geiser, of Golden Star Farms, have welcomed visitors to their 300-cow dairy farm and shared the story of agriculture with countless students and professionals since they started farming more than 40 years ago.

While the work on the farm keeps Deb busy, the role that she is most proud of is 'mentor,' including all of the students she has mentored during the years through college and tech school programs as well as the Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin Mentor program.

"We have to keep telling our story because the people that will tell it for us won't get it right, won't say it the way we want them to, and who knows better than us to tell our ag story. Farming is our way of life and we live on the land and support our local communities," Reinhart said upon receiving the award. "I'm humbled and honored to be your AgVocate and I thank you for lifting me up in this way."

Since 2013, the Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit has recognized an AgVocate of the Year. This award is given to a woman who actively and positively represents agriculture to both her peers and those outside of the agriculture community. She works to tell agriculture's story in a professional manner and is seen as a leader and voice for local and state issues and events.

Previous AgVocate award winners include: Daphne Holterman, Watertown; Laura Daniels, Cobb; Karyn Schauf, Barron; and Nodji VanWycken, Warrens.

## We're Growing Leaders.

### Be a member of the 2017 Leadership Institute



The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Leadership Institute develops strong and effective county Farm Bureau leaders of all ages and experience. As an Institute member you will participate in engaging and interactive sessions where you will develop your personal leadership skills, dive into your creative side, advocate for agriculture and learn more about Farm Bureau's grassroots policy development process.

Apply today at <http://bit.ly/WFBFIInstitute>. You won't regret this rewarding experience!

Applications are due August 15, 2016.



## Members Attend Ag Women's Summit

Several District 6 Farm Bureau members attended the Ag Women's Summit on March 4-5 in Madison.

The top-notch speakers and the networking opportunities make this conference like no other.

The general session started with a panel discussion on Women in Ag: Where We've Been and Where We're Heading. After lunch breakout session included OMG, GMOs, Working with Legislators, Eating and Feeding on the Go, just to name a few.

The entertainment included a casino night where the ladies had a chance to win big money.

Saturday morning started with a workout option, more breakout sessions and ended with Jerry Apps talking about the importance of writing your own story.



This conference is a great way to share time with other women in the ag community who share similar stories and experiences.

The Summit's planning committee invites women to save the date for the 2017 Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit on **March 10-11, 2017**, at the Madison Marriot West in Middleton.

For more information, visit [wiagwomenssummit.com](http://wiagwomenssummit.com).

## Register Now for the Wisconsin Ag Open

This year's Wisconsin Ag Open will be held on **September 12** at Christmas Mountain Village in Wisconsin Dells.

For more information, visit [wfbf.com/aboutwfbf/foundation/wisconsin-ag-open](http://wfbf.com/aboutwfbf/foundation/wisconsin-ag-open).



## We Want You! Apply by July 1

### Excellence in Agriculture



The Excellence in Agriculture Award judges participants on their involvement in agriculture, leadership ability, involvement and participation in Farm Bureau and other civic and service organizations. Applicants must have derived a majority of their income from a non-production agribusiness enterprise for the past three years.

### Achievement Award



The Achievement Award judges participants on their involvement in agriculture, leadership ability, involvement and participation in Farm Bureau and other civic and service organizations. Applicants must have derived a majority of their income from on farm production for the past three years.



Get your application here: [bit.ly/WIYFAContests](http://bit.ly/WIYFAContests) or contact District 6 YFA Chair Carley Blado at 920.418.2226 or [carleyblado@gmail.com](mailto:carleyblado@gmail.com).

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For complete details visit [wfbf.com/benefits-membership](http://wfbf.com/benefits-membership).

## Farm Bureau Starts With You By Steve Baxter

Every now and again you hear people talk about how Farm Bureau is a grassroots organization. What does that mean?

Well, it means that instead of having someone at the top decide what is important and how we should focus our efforts, it comes from the members.

Farm Bureau is an organization where you get to make the decisions and shape the organization. If you have a passion for any type of agriculture, Farm Bureau has a spot for you to help shape our organization. Our volunteers are what makes Farm Bureau so strong.

Do you have time or a talent to lend to your Door County Farm Bureau? We are need some volunteers to help in several areas. We have an open seat on the board of directors as well as volunteers to assist with Ag in the Classroom and the Young Farmers and Agriculturist committees.

A strong Door County Farm Bureau starts with you!

For more information or if you are interested in getting involved, please contact president Steve Baxter at 920.559.0939.

## Farm Bureau's Institute Graduates Talk Ag on Capitol Hill



**Brown County's Kim VandenAvond visited Capitol Hill.**

Farm Bureau leaders became lobbyists for a day while meeting with Wisconsin's congressional delegation in Washington, D.C., on April 13-14. The issues discussed were trade, immigration, wolves, food labeling and the farm economy.

Graduates of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation's Institute leadership course were joined on Capitol Hill by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Board of Directors.

The trip marked the completion of the Institute, a yearlong leadership training program available to Farm Bureau members.

While in Washington, Farm Bureau members met officials from the American Farm Bureau Federation and the U.S. Department of Agriculture where they discussed issues pertain-

ing to wetland conservation, telecommunication and broadband expansion, food safety and national preparedness for animal disease.

In addition to meeting with Senators Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin and their representatives in the U.S. House of Representatives, Farm Bureau members also received a tour of the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives' chambers thanks to House Speaker Paul Ryan.

Members of the ninth Institute Class who attended were: Hannah Barthels, Milton; Amanda Carlson, Hartland; Janet Clark, Rosendale; Jayne Dalton, Endeavor; Erin Daluge, Janesville; Will Litzer, Marathon; Kelsi Mayer, Monroe; Bill Mueller, Wausau; Sarah Sacker, Browntown; Taylor Schuetz, Brooklyn; Kim VandenAvond, Luxemburg; Brad Weber, Marshfield; and Randy Wokatsch, Marathon.

For more information about the Institute, visit [www.wfbf.com](http://www.wfbf.com) and search 'Institute.'

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## Save the Date: Harvest Dust-Off



Join us from 8 p.m. to midnight on **Saturday, November 12**, for a District YFA Harvest Dust-Off at Twin Fountains in Manitowoc featuring the band Spitfire Rodeo.

## Members Save More with New Grainger Agreement

Farm Bureau and Grainger announce an updated agreement that allows Wisconsin Farm Bureau members to enjoy more money-saving opportunities when they shop at Grainger. Farm Bureau members can save up to 30 percent on products purchased through Grainger, and they also receive free standard ground shipping on Grainger products, including orders placed in-store, by phone or online.

"Grainger is proud to support Wisconsin Farm Bureau members—the ones who get it done," said Scott Harte, senior corporate sales manager for Grainger. "These new money-saving opportunities help take the cost out of purchasing supplies, managing inventory and operating safely and sustainably."

All Wisconsin Farm Bureau members are eligible for Grainger benefits. Discounts cannot be applied to past purchases.

To be sure you get your Farm Bureau discount, always reference your Farm Bureau number and the account number 855922019 when ordering.

If you have questions or need assistance, please call 608.836.5575 or visit your local Farm Bureau office.

For more information, visit [www.fbadvantage.com/granger](http://www.fbadvantage.com/granger).

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## Upcoming Events

### July

- 1 Ag in the Classroom reports due
- 1 YFA Achievement Award/Excellence in Ag applications due

### August

- 2 District 6 Discussion Meet
- 3-7 Door County Fair
- 5 Leopold Conservation Award application due
- 15 Rural Mutual YFA Sponsorship forms due
- 15 WFBF Institute class applications due

### September

- 15 Door County Policy Development Meeting
- 30 Membership Year-End

### October

- 18 Door County Annual Meeting
- 31 WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference registrations due

### November

- 12 Harvest Dust-Off, Twin Fountains

### December

- 2-5 WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference