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Harvest Dust Off Does Just That

About 115 YFA members attended the second annual Harvest Dust Off at Twin Fountains in Manitowoc on November 12. Spitfire Rodeo provided the music.

Thank you to sponsors Badgerland Financial and Greenstone Farm Credit Services.



County YFAs chairs planned a great event for November for all of the YFAs in District 6.



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District Membership Incentives

Do you know a friend who might be interested in joining Farm Bureau? Feel good about helping your organization grow and get a chance to win some great prizes, too.



Sign up a voting member before **April 1, 2017**, and receive a chance to win either a \$75 Fleet Farm gift card, a \$50 gas card or one of five, \$10 Culver's gift cards. One new entry for every new member between now and **March 31, 2017**.

Also, for each voting member you sign up before **May 1, 2017**, you will receive an entry for the grand prize of \$300 towards Green Bay Packer tickets.

Drawings will be held at the first county Farm Bureau board meeting in the district after each deadline.

Thank You to Sheboygan County Fair Workers

Thank you to those who worked to make the Sheboygan County Fair food stand a success. Without your help, we couldn't do it.

Volunteers cut cream puff shells, filled cream puff shells with whipped cream, served sandwiches, beverages and desserts, cleaned tables, trays and dishes and collected money.

Organizers are looking forward to working even more volunteers next year.





COUNTYnews

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

Sheboygan County Farm Bureau Celebrates Success at Annual Meeting

There were about 70 members and guests that attended the Sheboygan County Farm Bureau annual meeting. The guest speaker was attorney George Twohig, who shared the importance of family farms to Wisconsin. Congressman Glen Grothman was presented with the Friend of Farm Bureau award.

The county passed five state resolutions and one federal resolution that were presented to the WFBF Policy Development Committee for consideration:

State

1. We oppose current fence law. The party that deems the fence is necessary is responsible for all building costs and maintenance.
General Government: Fences

2. We support further education of the merits of common animal husbandry practices for both the buyer and the consumer.
Education: Ag education

3. We support a process by which atrazine restricted areas can be repealed.
Natural Resources: Ag chemicals

4. Be it resolved that the Wisconsin Department of Education should notify school districts that local school boards have the right to opt out of common core in their school district at any time.
Education: Elementary and secondary

5. We support moving the Highway 23 project forward.
Transportation: Highways

Federal

1. We oppose the new EPA guidelines on the restricted use of atrazine.



Congressman Glen Grothman received the Friend of Farm Bureau award at the Sheboygan County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting.



Attorney George Twohig spoke to the members about the importance of family farms to Wisconsin.

YFA Co-Chair Attends Washington DC YFA Fly-In

By Nick Entringer

I had the privilege this past June to attend the 2016 YFA Washington, D.C., Fly-In. This trip was an amazing experience for several reasons. I had never been to Washington, D.C., I am relatively new to Farm Bureau and I was in the company of outstanding YFA members from throughout Wisconsin. I can honestly say I have a new understanding of how our nation's capital works.

Unlike many of my childhood friends who were in band, scouts or 4-H programs, I had never been to Washington, D.C. My understanding of Washington, D.C., was what I had been taught in history or civics classes. Our nation's prized monuments were only images in movies or as seen on the evening news.

This event provided me with the opportunity to experience Arlington National Cemetery and the gravity of what our armed forces have sacrificed for us. We were able to take in the enormity of the Washington Monument, the stoic posture of Lincoln and the memorials in between. To see these magnificent structures in person leaves you with a new appreciation for the history and sacrifice of our country and the contributions by so many individuals.

Being relatively new to Farm Bureau, I am still working on my understanding of our organization and how to communicate what we do with others within and outside of the agricultural industry. The fly-in provided attendees the opportunity to visit the national Farm Bureau Federation office where we could see what the organization is working on. Other meetings and destinations included the

U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Embassy of New Zealand. Most importantly, and probably most influentially, were the meetings with our congressional leaders Senator Ron Johnson, and Senator Tammy Baldwin.

Meeting with these individuals on Capitol Hill and experiencing the process of Washington has been a major influence on how I view our government and the people we elect to represent us. I was able to take away a new appreciation for Farm Bureau and the voice that it gives agriculturalists across the country.

It is important to voice your opinion and to let your local, state and national leaders know how regulations affect your everyday life and farm. They are there for you so let them know what you think.

Lastly, I am very fortunate to have traveled with an excellent group of YFA members from across Wisconsin. It was a pleasure to have met other agriculturists with varying backgrounds. We shared our perspectives and experiences with each other and with our representatives. For the work that was accomplished, equal amounts of laughter ensued.



Nick Entringer posed after meeting with representatives.

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From Your President-Year in Review



Sheboygan County Farm Bureau was represented at the 2015 WFBF Annual Meeting by five delegates and several other board members.

I attended several Sunday afternoon breakout sessions including one dealing with county fair food stands and how other counties operate their fair food stand and dealing

with the threat of terrorism attacks against American agriculture, which was led by two members of the FBI.

Several of the resolutions that passed at the Sheboygan County Farm Bureau annual meeting were included in the 2016 Farm Bureau policy. During the policy development session, Sheboygan County introduced a resolution to delete adding a fuel tax to fuel used by farmers to work the land.

This was part of a larger resolution that was designed to

increase revenue for highway funding. Our resolution passed so adding a tax to off road fuel used in agriculture is not part of our policy.

I attended the Council of Presidents meeting in January. Topics included a presentation about World Dairy Expo by general manager Scott Bentley, making committees work led by WFBF director of leadership Wendy Kannel and protecting the reputation of Farm Bureau by senior counselor at MorganMyers Judy Rupnow.

The guest speaker was Craig Culver, founder and chair of Culver's restaurants.

Then my wife and I attended Ag Day at the Capitol. We talked to legislators about pending legislation on high capacity wells, allowing temporary piping to be laid in road right-of-ways for pumping manure, a three-year fee holiday for the Ag Chemical Cleanup Program because it has plenty of funds, and updates needed to be made to the Implements of Husbandry Law. We also discussed the deficit for the state transportation fund.

In March, Sheboygan, Manitowoc and Calumet counties held

an implements of husbandry meeting for township officials to explain the options available and the process for issuing permits for overweight IOHs. WFBF's senior director of governmental relations Rob Richard led the meeting, which about 50 attended.

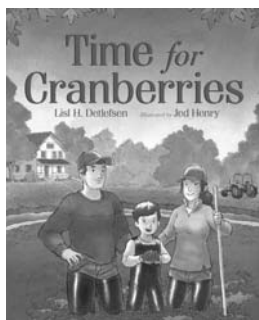
The weather was excellent during the Sheboygan County Fair, which allowed a successful Farm Bureau food stand. Our total sales increased from last year and we made more than \$1,000 more profit compared with last year.

Thank you to those who worked at the Sheboygan County Fair food stand. This is our major fundraising project and without your help it would not happen.

Thank you to those who continue to renew their Farm Bureau memberships year after year. If anyone wants to become more involved in Farm Bureau we have open positions on the board of directors or you can join the woman's committee or volunteer to help with one of the many projects. Members like you keep our organization strong.

Mark Ramel
Sheboygan County President

Ag in the Classroom Announces Essay Topic and Book of the Year



The 2017 Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Book of the Year and essay contest comes from the heart and soul of cranberry country. Written by Wisconsin native Lisl H. Detlefsen, *Time for Cranberries* teaches students about the state's cranberry industry by highlighting the process, technology and traditions involved.

"It is quite an honor to have *Time for Cranberries* chosen to be Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom's Book of the Year," said Detlefsen. "Ag in the Classroom does an excellent job educating students about agriculture, and I am thrilled to have the opportunity to share the story of cranberry farming with students in my home state."

This year's essay contest topic, "Tell us about cranberry production in Wisconsin during one of the four seasons" is linked with the book. Accompanying lessons aligned to state standards and Wisconsin educational resources are available within an educator's guide for teachers, students and volunteers to use in promoting and preparing essays.

Essay submissions must be 100- to 300-words in length and will be judged on content, grammar, spelling and neat-

ness. Participating students and schools need to submit essays by **April 1** to the Calumet Farm Bureau essay coordinator Anne Huebner. A list of county essay coordinators, contest rules, lesson plans and sample classroom activities are located at wisagclassroom.org.

A state winner will be selected from nine district winners in May by the WFBF Promotion and Education Committee. Each district winner will receive a classroom presentation for their homeroom or class. This year, Lisl H. Detlefsen will present to the winning essay writer's classroom.

"This book is a real passion project for me because it was inspired by my family's life on our cranberry marsh," Detlefsen said. "Cranberry harvest is such an interesting and beautiful process, and the book is a virtual field trip for readers who might not have the chance to see it in person."

The essay contest is sponsored by Insight FS, We Energies and the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation. Last year, more than 3,000 students participated in the contest.

For information, contact Ag in the Classroom coordinator Darlene Arneson at darneson@wfbf.com or 608.828.5644.



Plan to Attend Ag Day at the Capitol

Join us for Ag Day at the Capitol on **March 8, 2017**, at the Monona Terrace Convention Center in Madison.

Schedule of events

11 a.m. - Registration
11:30 a.m. - Opening program
11:45 a.m. - Lunch
12:45 p.m. - Legislative briefings
3 p.m. - Leave for the Capitol visits

Early registration deadline is **March 1, 2017**, \$25 per person; \$30 after deadline and at the door. Don't miss the opportunity to speak with your local legislators about issues affecting you and your farm.



Year End: Welcome New Members

Please welcome the following individuals/businesses to the Farm Bureau family: Jonathan Arnhoelter, Catherine Austin, Chad Blanke, Angela Bright, Kurt Bulitz, Mark Bush, Christopher Chevrier, Matthew Dahlem, Kevin Dahm, Carl Demmin, Jennifer Dyke, Robert Ecker, Daniel Fenner, Kenjay Fiedler, Mary Fyke, Derek Gabsch, Anthony Gartman, Ryan Gartman, Gina Graham, Pamela Greger, Amy Gross, Jeffrey Gumieny, Austin Gumieny, Paul Habeck, Kyle Hahn, Daniel Hahn, Molly Hengst, Courtney Hess, Steven Hilke, Nicole Holthaus, Dennis Huibregtse, Keith Jawort, Roger Jensema, Jeremie Jensema, Cheryl Jeske, Brian Johnson, Jacob Johnson, Grant Johnson, Christopher Koene, Mike Kummer, Donald Liebe, Life Point Counselling LLC, Matthew Lueck, Matthew Lukich, Justin Lunde, Estrello Marcus, Donald McCabe, Shannon McCabe, Mark Meyer, Karen Myer, Joel Pipkorn, Max Prange, Willie Prazak, Janel Radetski, Scott Reineking, Jason Sauermilch, Peter Scheuerman, Jeremy Schmidt, Raymond Schuessler, Janet Sepstead, Matt Sewell, Allen Shannon, Emily Smith, Brody Stapel, Kenneth Swanson, Dennis Tebeest, James Tendolle, Jarrod Teunissen, Kenneth Thein, Thomas Thomas, Gerard Trimberger, Michael Van Driest, Gabino Vazquez, V B Builders LLC, Kyle Weiland, Daniel Wittgreve, Steve Woitaszewski, Russell Zimmermann and Alison Zirtzlaff.

Sheboygan County Farm Bureau ended the year with a gain of one new voting members and six new associate members. Thank you to the membership workers who encouraged those to become Farm Bureau members.

Upcoming Events

January

20 FFA Farm Forum early registrations due

February

4 FFA Farm Forum final registration
18 YFA Green Bay Gamblers game
17 FFA Farm Forum

March

7 Council of Presidents
8 Ag Day at the Capitol
10-11 Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit
15 White-Reinhardt mini-grant applications due

April

1 Ag in the Classroom essays due

District 6 Discussion Meet Participants Advance to State Contest



The District 6 Discussion Meet was on August 2 at Altona's Supper Club in New Holstein.

We had three qualified contestants

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.

The contestants were Sean Vandenheiden, Calumet County; Mandi Ramsburg, Brown County; and John Lyons, Manitowoc County.

All three contestants were selected and will compete at the YFA Conference.

This year's district topic was **Today's food companies employ many tactics to gain a marketing edge. What is the purpose**

If you see any of the contestants, wish them the best of luck as they move on to the state competition.

Promotion and Education Committee Playbook Available Online

The WFBF Promotion and Education Committee was busy collecting plays that happen at the local level.

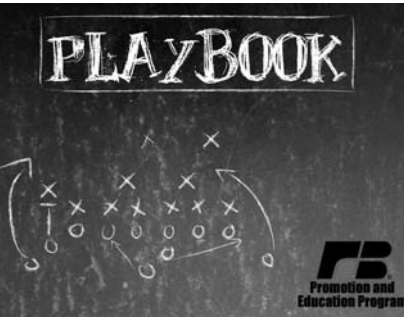
They compiled the plays and put them together in a 'Playbook.' The purpose of the 'Playbook' is to provide counties with ideas and resources for planning county activities and events.

Throughout the 'Playbook,' you will find

activities and events for all ages, time frames and budgets.

Updates to the 'Playbook' will be made quarterly. If you have events that you want included, submit a play submission sheet.

To check out the 'Playbook,' visit wfbf.com/programsevents/promotion-and-education/playbook.



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Sheboygan County Young Farmer and Agriculturist

Pizza Sale *First come, first serve. Order your pizzas now before they run out!*

Back by popular demand, Sheboygan County Young Farmer and Agriculturist members will be selling pizzas! They are made fresh with the finest ingredients from local cheese and supply companies. Order extra to keep on hand for a fast meal, snack or unexpected guests. Please return order form by February 10.

This copy is for your records
Combo _____ Sausage _____ Pepperoni _____ Cheese _____ Supreme _____
Total # of pizzas ordered _____ Total Due \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Sheboygan County Farm Bureau YFA. Thank you for supporting Sheboygan County agriculture! For more information, contact YFA chair Nick Entringer at nick.entringer@gmail.com or 920.980.1664.

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Farm Bureau Copy – Detach and mail this portion with check to:
Sheboygan County Farm Bureau YFA, Nick Entringer, N7116 Cherry Road, Glenbeulah, WI 53023-1225.

| Quantity | Pizza | Price/Pizza | Total Price |
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| | 12" Combo (Cheese, Sausage & Pepperoni) | \$5.50 | |
| | 12" Sausage | \$5.50 | |
| | 12" Pepperoni | \$5.50 | |
| | 12" Cheese | \$5.50 | |

Order any 4 pizzas of the above for \$20!

Also offering a supreme pizza for \$7 (Order three supreme pizzas for \$20).
The supreme pizza includes: pepperoni, sausage, onions and mushrooms.
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Grand Total _____

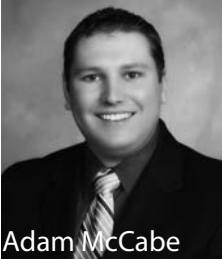
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Thank You to Rural Mutual Agents



Thank you to Rural Mutual Insurance agents who signed up new members.

Matt Lueck signed 31 new members and Adam McCabe signed 22 new members.



The Sheboygan County Farm Bureau awards the agents with an incentive of \$5 for each new member signed after they sign 20 members.

Thank you for your dedication to the Farm Bureau.

District YFA Green Bay Gamblers Game Planned



The YFA Gamblers outing will be on **Saturday, February 18, 2017**, on Green Bay Cheese night. Puck drops at 7:05 p.m.

Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$13 for children, 14 and younger. Join us afterwards for pizza and social at the Green Bay Distillery in Ashwaubenon.

To purchase tickets, please contact YFA chair Kristin Birschbach at 920.418.1762 or Carley Blado at 920.418.2226.

