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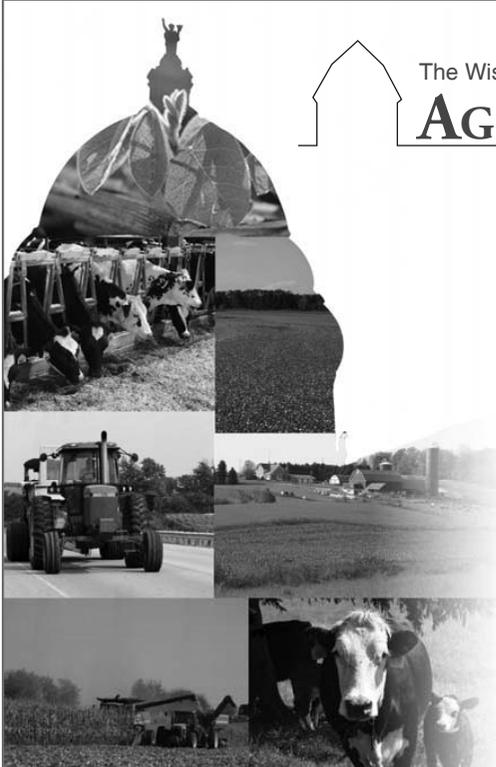

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Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

Save the Date – Ag Day at the Capitol



The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation invites you to attend
AG DAY AT THE CAPITOL
January 27, 2016
Monona Terrace Convention Center • Madison, WI

Early Registration Deadline: January 22
Cost: \$25 per person by registration deadline.
\$30 after deadline and at the door.

Schedule of Events:
11:00 a.m. Registration
11:30 a.m. Opening Program
11:45 a.m. Lunch
12:45 p.m. Legislative Briefing
3:00 p.m. Leave for Capitol Visits

Presented by:  **Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation**

Thank You to Our Sponsors:
  

For more information contact Becky Hibicki at bhibicki@wfbf.com.

Membership Incentives Announced

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.

The 'I'll Get Two' campaign is designed to encourage members to make a commitment to sign up at least two new Farm Bureau members by the end of **March 2016** by making a pledge.



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COUNTYnews

WAUSHARA COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

Arneson, Jarvis and Jones Serve as Waushara County Delegates



Glen Arneson, Paul Jarvis and Adams Jones served as delegates from Waushara County at the WFBF Annual Meeting.

Delegates at the 96th WFBF Annual Meeting at the Kalahari Resorts in Wisconsin Dells established new policy directives for the organization on December 7.

Farm Bureau delegates adopted the policies that will guide the legislative agenda for the state's largest general farm organization in 2016. Resolutions were submitted by delegates as part of a grass-roots policy development process.

Recognizing the need to increase funds to provide adequate roads and bridges in rural Wisconsin, delegates voted to consider a combination of gasoline taxes, vehicle registration fees, farm truck registration fees and environmental fees, as well as the establishment of local sales taxes, tolling and new vehicle taxes.

Delegates support the continuation of the state fuel tax exemption for agricultural purposes.

Delegates supported certified third-party audits of farms for animal care practices and land conservation practices to ensure market access and instill consumer confidence.

Delegates emphasized that third-party audit information collected becomes the sole proprietary property of the farmer and audit information should be released only as aggregated data.

In regards to labeling, delegates advised that the term 'milk' should not be used to label and describe food products that are derived from vegetative plants and trees.

Recognizing the importance of natural resources and the environment, delegates support farmer-led soil and water quality initiatives.

Delegates from the Wisconsin Farm Bureau's 61 county Farm Bureaus also voted to:

- Support classifying skid steers as agricultural equipment, as well as construction. We also support training and safety programs/certification for youth similar to All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) and Utility-Terrain Vehicle (UTV) Certification and Wisconsin Safe Operation of Tractor and Machinery Certification programs.
- Support maintaining the necropsy services and employing a state licensed veterinarian in the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory in Barron.
- Support using technology (i.e., UAVs and electronic trap monitors) in order to monitor wildlife abatement traps and to assess crop damage.
- Support the state's adverse possession law as it has historically existed.
- Oppose towns and counties imposing stricter requirements for nutrient management regulations than state standards without relevant scientific research.
- Propose that when engineering a road the state and local level of governments should install culverts to assist in transporting manure to reduce traffic on roads.
- Support the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection's procedures for testing and license renewal of the pesticide certification and training program.

On the federal level, delegates oppose the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed rule to shorten the permit certification timeline for pesticide applicator licensing and increase testing standards to make it more difficult for a farmer to obtain a pesticide applicator license.

This resolution will be forwarded to the American Farm Bureau Federation for consideration at its annual meeting next month.



District 5 Board Member Kevin Krentz led the district caucus session at the WFBF Annual Meeting.

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District Coordinator's Report



As I write this, it's less than 24 hours since I've returned from the WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference, which was held December 4-7 at the Kalahari Resorts in Wisconsin Dells.

As a District Coordinator, this is a highlight of my Farm Bureau year. It's a great opportunity to connect with old Farm Bureau friends I see only once a year, a time to meet new Farm Bureau members and a chance to see many dedicated county Farm Bureau members from the district being recognized for their service to our organization!

I want to share a few of these highlights with you:

- More than 95 of the 520 YFA members who attended the YFA Conference were from District 5.
- Fond du Lac County was recognized as the Top County YFA program in the state for the second year in a row.
- YFA members Michael Leahy, Lynn Dickman and Nate Zimdars competed in the YFA Discussion Meet.
- Nate Zimdars was named a Top Four Finalist in the Discussion Meet.
- Fond du Lac YFA members Chris and Kelly Pollack won the YFA Achievement Award.
- Marquette County YFA member Brad Kolpin was a Top Four Finalist in the Achievement Award.
- Ten members were recognized as part of the Producer Club, which recognizes members who sign at least five new members.

- Long-time membership worker Trayton Greenfield was recognized as the state's top membership worker; he signed 54 new members!
- Marquette County president Al Klapoetke was also recognized as a Top 10 membership worker.

As a District Coordinator I have the unique opportunity to work with members from the seven counties in District 5 (Adams, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Juneau, Marquette, Waushara and Winnebago). It's very rewarding to see so many members in our district get recognized on a state level. As 2015 ended and we ring in 2016, it's a great opportunity to not only reflect on these accomplishments, but also begin looking at what the district will accomplish in 2016!

Farm Bureau offers a variety of activities for members to promote agriculture within their county, whether it's through Ag in the Classroom, a beef promotion event, helping at the fair booth, a variety of YFA activities, attending Ag Day at the Capitol and getting involved in the legislative activities or our organization or attending the county annual meeting. The dedication from our members is what has allowed the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation to become the largest and most effective farm organization in the state!

Thank you for your support of our organization!

Becky Hibicki

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Waushara County YFA Members Attend YFA Conference



Waushara County President Paul Jarvis contemplated his next move during a game of giant Jenga.

More than 520 YFA members attended the WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference on December 4-6 at the Kalahari Resorts in Wisconsin Dells.

Waushara County Farm Bureau YFA members who attended were: Paul Jarvis, Joanna Knitter, Peter Jarvis, Erica Jarvis, Kyle Thom, Amy Blake, Adam Jones, Kristin Jones, Emily Treu, Joey Treu, Dan Sleik, Jon Deppe, Jesy Lyles, Ryan Deppe, Natalie Lehman, Grant Wandrey, Phil Putskey, Korey Peterson, Cory Biely, Clare Biely, Lynn Dickman, Ryan Nowak and Sam Nowak.



Waushara County Farm Bureau YFA chair Lynn Dickman competed in the Discussion Meet.



More than 20 YFA members from Waushara County attended the YFA Conference on December 4-6 at the Kalahari Resorts in Wisconsin Dells.

Registration Open for 2016 Ag Women's Summit



The sixth annual Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit is set for **March 4-5** at the Madison Marriot West in Middleton.

Registration for the premier women's event is now open and available online. Register by the **February 3** early bird deadline to save \$25 on the conference fee. The final registration deadline is **February 26**.

The summit will kick off with the announcement of the 2016 AgVocate of the Year. The award recognizes a Wisconsin ag woman who has gone above and beyond to tell the story of Wisconsin agriculture with those around her. Sponsoring the award is Wisconsin agriculture broadcaster Pam Jahnke, the Fabulous Farm Babe.

The event's opening session will include a multi-generation panel of women discussing important topics to women and the agriculture community, moderated by NBC15 news reporter, Amy Pflugshaupt.

Closing keynote speaker Jerry Apps will engage attendees through his story telling and share tips on how to capture personal farm family stories.

The Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit is an event planned by Badgerland Financial, Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation and the UW-Extension.

The agenda, registration details and hotel information are available at www.wiag-womenssummit.com.

County Farm Bureau Offers Scholarship

The Waushara County Farm Bureau is offering the Gordon Krentz Memorial Scholarship to a graduating high school senior.

The application deadline is **April 1**.

For more information, please contact District 5 Coordinator Becky Hibicki at 920.517.2445 or bhibicki@wfbf.com.



Upcoming Events

January

27 Ag Day at the Capitol, Monona Terrace Convention Center, Madison

February

26 Final Registration deadline for Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit

March

4-5 Ag Women's Summit, Middleton

April

1 Deadline for Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest

1 Deadline for Gordon Krentz Memorial Scholarship

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The 2016 Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest Is Here!



Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom offers an annual essay contest for fourth and fifth grade students. Each year the topic has specific lesson plans, activities and other resources that teachers and home school parents can use to teach about Wisconsin agriculture. The 2015-16 topic is "Tell us about making maple syrup in Wisconsin."

This year's contest will

(using common MS Word "word count" methods for counting words, numbers and abbreviations).

- Essays will be judged on content (25 points), grammar and spelling (15 points) and neatness (10 points).
- Essays must include: student's name, grade level, parent's name, teacher's name, school name and address, school phone number, teacher's email address and county on the back of the essay. Please do not identify the student on the front side.



be sponsored by InSight FS, We Energies and the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation.

Contest Rules:

- The essay contest is open to fourth and fifth grade students in public, private and home school programs. Students involved in 4-H, PALS and after school programs are also encouraged to participate.
- Essays must be handwritten in ink or be computer generated. They must be single-sided and fit on one sheet of paper.
- The essay must be between 100 to 300 words in length

Entry deadline - Postmarked by April 1, 2016 and sent to:

Bonnie Jarvis
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For more information, please contact Bonnie at 920.787.2675.

Waushara County UW Extension Report

By Ken Williams, ag agent, ken.williams@ces.uwex.edu

What's Your Farm's Future? Farm Transition and Estate Planning Workshops to be held in Stevens Point and Westfield on **February 12 and 19**.

The UW-Extension will host workshops in Stevens Point on February 12 and in Westfield on February 19 to provide information and ideas on farm succession and estate planning. The February 12 workshop will be at the Portage County Business Council meeting room, 5501 Vern Holmes Drive in Stevens Point. The February 19 workshop will be at the Westfield Village Hall, 124 East 3rd Street in Westfield.

The workshops will offer the same agenda and the programs will go from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. UW-Extension is partnering with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection's Farm Center and UW Center for Dairy Profitability to offer these programs.

What's Your Farm's Future? Farm Transition and Estate Planning will explore these issues and considerations for farm succession in today's high stakes climate. Topics covered include:

- Blueprint for Farm Succession: Where are you now, where do you want to be and how do you get there?
- Financial considerations for each generation: What can your farm actually support?
- Medicaid recovery: How this may affect your farm succession.
- Business entities and tax consequences when transferring assets.



Registration is \$20 per person and includes lunch, refreshments, speakers and workshop materials.

For more information or to register for the Stevens Point meeting, please contact the Portage County UW-Extension office by **February 5** at 715.346.1316; for the Westfield meeting on, please contact the Marquette County UW-Extension office by **February 12** at 608.297.3141.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2016

7:30 P.M. BRIGHTON ACRES
4057 Fisk Avenue • Oshkosh

TICKETS:
\$15 includes admission, food and beverage tickets.

For more information, please contact Charlie Knigge at 920.379.3934.

FEATURED BAND:



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