

# Waushara County Farm Bureau

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## Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

## Waushara 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 or to request an application form, please contact District 5 Coordinator Becky Hibicki at [bhibicki@wbf.com](mailto:bhibicki@wbf.com) or 920.517.2445.



## Attend Ag Day at the Capitol

Join us for Ag Day at the Capitol on **March 8** 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**, \$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.



# Summit 2017

Save the Date!  
March 10-11, 2017  
Madison Marriott West, Middleton



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[WIAgWomensSummit.com](http://WIAgWomensSummit.com)

## AGRI-Wellness Outreach Program



Family Health/La Clinica AGRI-Wellness Outreach Program will travel directly to the farm to provide health screenings, health education and referrals, if they are needed.

The free services are available to any size farm of any commodity. The farmers, employees and their families can take advantage of the preventative services. Only a small number of outreach staff will be

traveling to each farm, so dates and times are flexible.

Two machines are required for the screenings, so access to electricity is necessary. The outreach staff is bilingual in English and Spanish.

For more information or if you are interested in the program, please contact Allie Walkush, AmeriCorps member at [allie@famhealth.com](mailto:allie@famhealth.com) or Lieah Wilder, outreach program manager at [lieah@famhealth.com](mailto:lieah@famhealth.com) or 920.787.5514.

## Ag in the Classroom Matching Grants Available

The Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Program is accepting applications for matching grants that will be awarded to groups that promote agricultural literacy.

Ag in the Classroom will award up to \$500 to groups sponsoring programs or projects that promote agricultural literacy. Projects considered for grants must be targeted to grades pre-K through 12 and should enhance student knowledge of the contribution made by agriculture.

Projects that use funds toward an ongoing, sustainable education effort will receive

preference over those that involve a one-time program.

Applicants must have a matching source for their project equal to the amount of the Ag in the Classroom grant. The application deadline for this grant is **March 1**.

For more information or to get an application, visit [www.wisagclassroom.org](http://www.wisagclassroom.org) under the 'Quick Links' or contact Ag in the Classroom coordinator Darlene Arneson at [darneson@wbf.com](mailto:darneson@wbf.com) or 608.828.5644.



# COUNTYnews

WAUSHARA COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

## YFA Members Celebrate a Successful YFA Conference



Waushara County YFA members who attended the YFA Conference in December at the Kalahari Resorts in Wisconsin Dells included: (L-R) Adam Jones, Lynn Dickman, Ryan Nowak, Trisha Verville, Phil Putskey and Grant Wandrey.



Lynn Dickman (left) received a certificate of participation in the YFA Excellence in Agriculture contest from District 5 YFA Committee member Amanda Knoch. Dickman was a top four finalist and competed during the YFA Conference.

## Delegates Set Policy for 2017 at WFBF Annual Meeting



Waushara County Farm Bureau members who served as delegates included: (L-R) Lynn Dickman, Paul Jarvis and Adam Jones.

Delegates at the WFBF Annual Meeting established new policy directives for the organization on December 5.

Farm Bureau delegates adopted the policies that

will guide the legislative agenda for the state's largest general farm organization in 2017. Resolutions were submitted by delegates as part of a grassroots policy development process.

Recognizing the importance of natural resources and the environment, delegates opposed any type of blanket regulation that would encompass the entire state because of the variations in karst types throughout Wisconsin. Regulations should be specific to the unique areas affected.

Delegates displayed frustration with the current federal Dairy Margin Protection Program. After considerable in-depth discussion, they concluded the need for an improved program leading up to the 2018 Farm Bill.

Delegates supported an increase in the overall appropriation for the broadband grant program. They supported improving and upgrading the strength and reliability of coverage to enable efficient use of technology in farming practices in rural areas.

Delegates supported disclosure of wolf incidents on farms in Wisconsin by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The public information should be located on the DNR website, establishing

warning areas when wolf packs are involved and providing instant email notification of all incidents.

In regards to livestock and animal welfare, delegates supported farmers in consultation with their veterinarians deciding and administering husbandry practices that are appropriate for their farm. They also supported more education for consumers on the merits of common animal husbandry practices. In addition, delegates supported the use of scientifically proven technologies for agricultural production practices.

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

- Support the state's livestock premise registration program.
- Support the state's fence law.
- Support a process by which atrazine restricted areas can be repealed.
- Support the inclusion of wild parsnip on the state's noxious weed list.
- Support funding for the Wisconsin Environmental Education Board.

On the federal level, delegates supported:

- Improving milk quality by lowering the somatic cell count limit to 400,000 cells per milliliter.
- The use of scientifically proven technologies for agricultural production practices.
- Farmers in consultation with their veterinarians deciding and administering husbandry practices that are appropriate for the farm.
- Requiring Congressional approval of any new federal regulation before final implementation.

The federal resolutions will be forwarded to the American Farm Bureau Federation for consideration at its annual convention next month.



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## District Director Report



District 5 Director Kevin Krentz led the district caucus meeting during the WFBF Annual Meeting.

Consumers want to feel comfortable where their food comes from and is the practice the best for the animals and the environment. A major part of engagement is listening to their questions. Listen and then share with them your passion for farming the way you do. Most consumers do not want you to change your farming practices, they simply want to under-

*Always have your elevator speech ready.*

Everyone has heard this saying, meaning always be ready to speak with someone on a topic. For farmers, it's about always be ready to engage someone about your farm and what you do.

stand why you do things differently than your grandfather did.

You may also have the opportunity to speak with elected officials. Many times, this will be a very short meeting. Stay on topic and share how particular policy affects your farm. This allows them to use your story to help persuade their colleagues as they develop the law.

I also want to encourage you to run for an office. Many local boards are perpetually short of hard working people who understand the infrastructure and environment around them. If that is not possible, invite them to your farm to help them understand what you do and what your farm means to your community.

Talking to the media or going to schools are other ways to engage consumers on a broader scale. This may be well planned or at short notice. Either way people need to feel your passion as you care for your cattle, your crops, the environment and the people that you feed.

There are many ways to engage the public. Whether you are talking to media, schools, individuals or government officials, Farm Bureau has the resources to help you be successful with your elevator speech.

Farm Bureau continues to work for you. Through WFBF Institute, Ag Day at the Capitol, leader trips to Washington, D.C., Young Farmer and Agriculturist programs and Ag in the Classroom programs, we continue to provide opportunities to our members so that you can share your stories and your passion for agriculture with people around you.

Remember, always be positive. With current low commodity prices that is tough. But remember tough times don't last, tough people do!

God bless and have a prosperous new year!

**Kevin Krentz**  
WFBF District 5 Director

## Estate Planning for Your Family and Farm Webinar

Estate Planning for Your Family and Farm webinar will be held on **Thursday, January 26**, at UW Extension offices around Wisconsin. The 2-hour webinar is the fifth in a series of webinars from UW Extension that will focus on farm succession topics and starts at 1 p.m.

Farm business owners looking to the future of their farms have many issues to consider. Succession planning includes planning for the owners generations later years; business planning to ensure the operation has financial capacity; developing the successor's management skills; and estate and tax planning.

Estate planning needs to happen whether or not there will be a business succession. This webinar is for the owner and successor generations to learn about estate planning tools and how to develop a plan with the help of estate planning professionals.

Bridget Finke, an attorney with Valley Crossing Law in Baldwin, will lead the webinar and topics include:

- Lifetime planning: powers of attorney for health care and finances, living wills and advanced directives.
- Choosing the estate planning vehicle that is right for your family: wills, trusts, transfer on death designations and other estate planning tools to consider.
- Tax consequences of death: estate taxes and stepped-up basis.
- How to get started with estate planning.

For more information and location of the webinar nearest you, please contact UW Extension Marquette County at 608.297.3136 or UW Extension Waushara County at 920.787.0416.



## Waushara County Farm Bureau YFA PIZZA AND BOWLING

Friday, February 25 • 7 p.m.

Christianos Pizza  
200 W. Main Street  
Wautoma, WI 54982

**Bowling to follow at:**  
Dogger's Bar and Lanes  
109 N. Scott Street  
Wautoma, WI 54982



## Details

Meet other YFA members from Waushara County and learn more about opportunities with the Farm Bureau.

Free pizza and bowling!



## To RSVP

For more information, please contact Lynn Dickman at 608.558.9713 or Paul Jarvis at 920.229.0637.

## AFB Foundation is Creating Foundation Outreach Team



You can help others learn what the AFB Foundation has to offer by presenting at regional and state events. Outreach team members will receive advance notice on grants and new materials, be featured in new resources, have opportunities to pilot new programs and influence the development of new resources.

For more information, visit [www.agfoundation.org/outreach-team](http://www.agfoundation.org/outreach-team).



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2017**

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

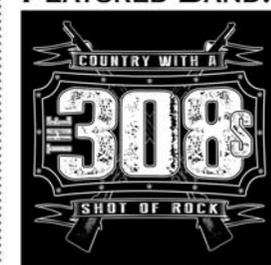


### TICKETS:

\$15 includes admission, food and beverage tickets.

For more information, please contact Jade Buchholz at 608.369.1044 or [j.buchholz@uwalumni.com](mailto:j.buchholz@uwalumni.com).

### FEATURED BAND:



**Hosted By: Winnebago County Farm Bureau YFA**

## There are Benefits to Your Farm Bureau Membership:

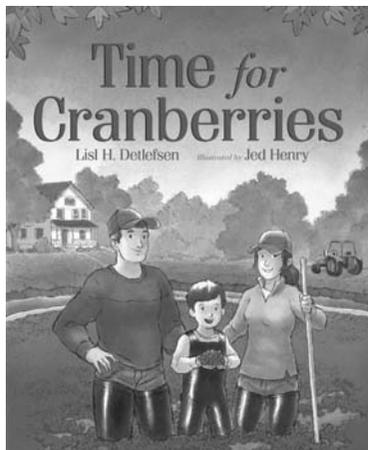
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  - Wyndham Hotel Group

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- AgriPlan Medical Reimbursement Program
  - Farm Bureau Bank
- Protection** .....
- \$500 Reward Protection Program
  - Accidental Death Policy

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

## Ag in the Classroom Announces Essay Contest and Book of the Year



Wisconsin fourth and fifth grade students are being encouraged to participate in the Wisconsin Ag in Classroom essay contest answering the statement, 'Tell us about cranberry production in Wisconsin during one of the four seasons.'

Essay submissions must be 100- to 300- words in length and

will be judged on content, grammar, spelling and neatness.

All contest rules, lesson plans and sample classroom activities are located at [wisagclassroom.org](http://wisagclassroom.org). Participating students and schools need to submit essays by **April 1**.

The essay contest coincides with the Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom 2017 Book of the Year, *Time for Cranberries* by Wisconsin author Lisl H. Detlefsen. The book and essay topic will allow students to learn about cranberries and the important role they play in agriculture.

One county winner will be selected and will be forwarded on to the district level. Each district winner will receive a classroom presentation in May for their homeroom or class.

A state winner will be selected from nine district winners in May by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation's Promotion and Education Committee. As a special treat for the state

winner this year, the author of the book will visit his or her classroom to do a special presentation.

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

Ag in the Classroom is designed to help students in kindergarten through high school to understand the importance of agriculture. It is coordinated by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and by a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

For essay contest information, rules or more about Ag in the Classroom, visit [www.wisagclassroom.org](http://www.wisagclassroom.org) or contact Ag in the Classroom coordinator Darlene Arneson at 608.828.5644 or [darneson@wfbf.com](mailto:darneson@wfbf.com)



## 2017 Private Pesticide Applicator Training Classes Offered

Private pesticide applicator training classes will be offered by the local UW Extension office.

Anyone who intends to purchase, mix, load, apply or direct the use of restricted use pesticides as a private applicator must be certified. Certification is good for five years.

There are two ways to become certified.

- Purchase and study the training manual and attend an all-day training class offered by the local UW Extension office. These classes consist of presentations followed by a written exam at the end of the day.
- Self-study and schedule time through the UW Extension office to take the exam on your own. Training manuals are

available at the local UW Extension office and must be purchased prior to exam day.

Please register at the UW Extension office where you will be taking the exam at least one week prior to the exam date.

- January 17:** Green Lake County
- February 2:** Waushara County
- February 7:** Green Lake County
- February 15:** Marquette County
- February 17:** Juneau County
- February 24:** Adams County
- March 21:** Waushara County
- March 24:** Adams County

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## Grant Money Available

Waushara County Land Conservation Department was awarded a grant to provide cost sharing to farmers who want to develop a nutrient management plan. Up to \$1,250 stipend per farm is available.

The program is called Nutrient Management Farmer Education and provides a short nutrient management informational class, assistance with soil sampling and development of a nutrient management plan that is custom to your farm.

Nutrient management allows farmers to apply the right source of nutrients at the right time, rate and place to meet crop needs and minimize nutrient losses from fields. Nutrient management plans account for all activities on the farm that could affect nutrient needs and losses during one crop rotation. It also accounts for soil type, slope, crop rotations and residual nutrients and includes manure and commercial fertilizers.

For more information and to sign up for the class, please contact Josh Saykally at 920.787.0443.

## Upcoming Events

### March

- 8 Ag Day at the Capitol
- 10-11 Ag Women's Summit, Middleton

### April

- 1 Waushara County Farm Bureau Scholarship application deadline
- 1 Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest deadline