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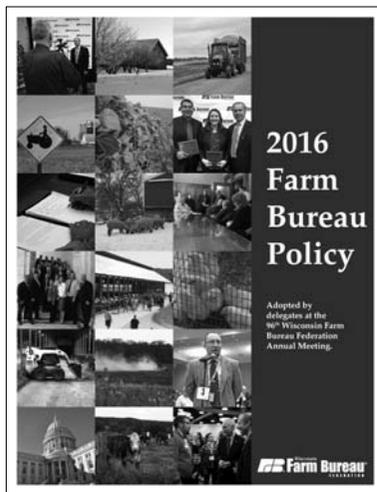

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Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

Grassroots in Action: Waushara County Farm Bureau Approve Resolutions



Farm Bureau Proud

The following resolutions were approved at the Waushara County Farm Bureau

annual meeting on October 12. The resolutions will be reviewed by the WFBF Policy Development Committee.

The following members were elected to serve as delegates to the WFBF Annual Meeting in December: Paul Jarvis, Adams Jones and Lynn Dickman.

2016 Waushara County Resolutions:

1. We support a collaborate effort with industry partners in development of best farming practices. *Livestock – Animal Welfare*
2. We support a precise and straight forward process backed by science for the replacement of chemical prohibition. *Natural Resources and the Environment: Ag Chemicals*
3. We support the availability and expansion of all technology in rural areas that makes internet access more affordable and accessible. *Energy – Telecommunications*

YFA Members Gather for Picnic

On August 28, more than 15 Young Farmer and Agriculturist members from District 5 met at Mekan River Outfitters in Princeton for a picnic and canoeing.

The YFA program offers many social events for YFA members to connect and network.

If you are interested in getting involved in the YFA program or have ideas for future YFA events and programs, please contact District 5 YFA Representative Amanda Knoch at 608.369.1091.



Tradition

WFBF Annual Meeting & YFA Conference
December 2-5, 2016



COUNTYnews

WAUSHARA COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

Dickman Appointed to Farm Bureau's Promotion and Education Committee

Katie Roth of Lafayette County, Lynn Dickman of Waushara County and Kay Gilbertson of Dunn County were appointed to the WFBF Promotion and Education Committee by the Board of Directors. Their terms begin at the WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference on December 2-5 in Wisconsin Dells.

"These Farm Bureau members are among the best and brightest leaders in Wisconsin agriculture," Wisconsin Farm Bureau President Jim Holte said.

Lynn Dickman is a research agronomist at Heartland Farms, Inc., a nearly 8,000-acre farm growing potatoes specifically for potato chips near Hancock. She earned a master's degree in horticulture from UW-Madison in June 2016. She also earned a bachelor's degree in dairy science from UW-Madison.

Lynn grew up on a dairy farm in Argyle and was active in 4-H and FFA. She is the Waushara County Farm Bureau YFA chair, president of the Tri-County FFA Alumni, a member of the Stevens Point Curling Club and City Band and a board member for Meals on Wheels. Lynn was a member of WFBF Institute Class VIII.

The Promotion and Education Committee, which replaced the Women Committee in 2015, is a group of nine leaders who represent the nine Wisconsin Farm Bureau districts. Committee

members develop, implement and promote projects and programs which build awareness and understanding of agriculture and provide leadership development for the agricultural community.

The committee's chair Rosalie Geiger of Reedsville is on the WFBF Board of Directors as the program's representative. The Promotion and Education Program is funded by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation.

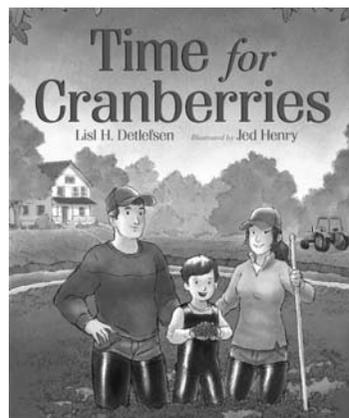
For more information about the WFBF Promotion and Education Program or committee, please contact 800.261.3276 or visit www.wfbf.com.



Farm Bureau allows me to connect with farmers and agriculturists to understand their challenges and triumphs in agriculture, a subject that we all share great passion for!

Lynn Dickman
Waushara County YFA member

Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest Deadline is April 1



Wisconsin fourth and fifth grade students are encouraged to participate in the 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. Contest rules, lesson plans and sample classroom activities are at

wisagclassroom.org. Participating students and schools need to submit essays by **April 1**.

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

One county winner will be selected and will be forwarded to the district level. Each district winner will receive a classroom presenta-

tion 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 understand the importance of agriculture. It is coordinated by the WFBF in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and with a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

For essay contest information and rules, and more about Ag in the Classroom, visit www.wisagclassroom.org.



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District Director's Report



Greetings! As you may know Farm Bureau may mean something different to many different people.

It is my goal to have Wisconsin Farm Bureau positioned to help members and county Farm Bureaus be successful in the many different areas.

Our governmental relations team is dedicated to carrying out the policy of our members. We have to credit our grassroots policy development process in creating a comprehensive ag policy. Our governmental relations department also is critical in helping connect members with their legislatures. Having legislatures hear how particular laws may affect farmers is crucial.

The public relations team produces the communications with our members and helps promote agriculture with consumers. This includes the *Rural Route*, the county newsletters, *Ag Newswire* and social media posts and blogs.

I encourage everyone to include their email on the membership form. Having members email addresses helps in timely communications and in the efficiencies of the organization.

The member relations department is our biggest. They continue to look for benefit programs that will help Farm Bureau members. These include Polaris, GM, hotel discounts and many

others. I encourage you to look at www.wfbf.com for more info.

A major part of the member relations team is the county service program including the district coordinators. They accomplish the administrative tasks of counties, bringing a higher level of professionalism to the organization and allowing the county to focus on other goals.

The member relations department also includes other programs. Along with helping administer the promotions and education committee and Young Farmer and Agriculturist program, they also develop one of the premier leadership programs in the country, the leadership Institute.

Along with many other people on staff, Farm Bureau continues to help put our members on a path to success. The Board of Directors continue to look for efficiencies and opportunities in the organization along with taking on challenges as they arise.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone who dedicates their time to this organization. Farm Bureau would not be what it is without the many volunteer leaders. As we look back on our successes we also need to note there are many challenges ahead.

I look forward to working with you to create another successful Farm Bureau year next year.

Kevin Krentz
WFBF District 5 Board Director

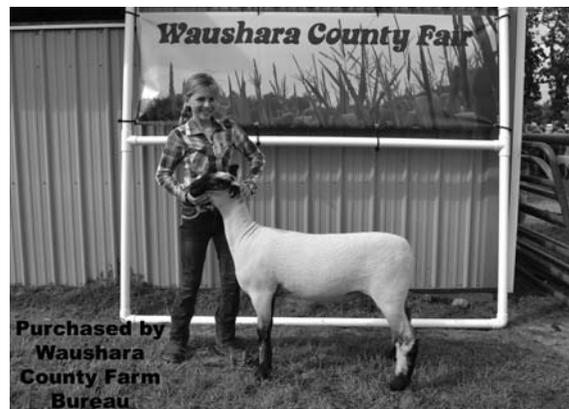
Waushara County Farm Bureau Supports Junior Livestock Auction



This year, dairy showman sponsorships were new to the auction. Waushara County Farm Bureau sponsored (L-R) Miranda Ewald, senior dairy showman; Mielke Farms sponsored Christopher Gunst, beginner dairy showman; Poy Sippi Registered Holsteins sponsored Jacob Sattler, senior dairy showman; Meadowview Farms sponsored Katrina Hoesley, intermediate dairy showman; Pine Breeze Dairy sponsored Cathryn Gunst, beginner dairy showman; and Sorenson Jersey Farm sponsored Brytni Ewald, intermediate dairy showman. The sponsors received a cheese basket and a metal dairy picture print for their sponsorship of these 4-H youth.



Waushara County Farm Bureau purchased Brytni Ewald's swine and donated it to the Waushara County Food Pantry in Wautoma.



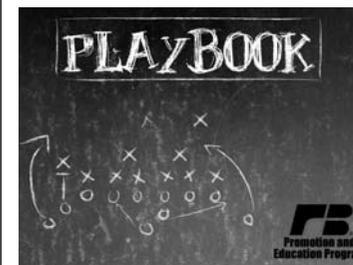
Waushara County Farm Bureau purchased Jady Rosenow's lamb and it was resold to Equity Livestock Market at Lomira.

Welcome New Waushara County Farm Bureau Members

Charles Austin, John Bartel, Jon Bartels, David Bednarek, Tena Cox, Valeria Dudei, Jack Edwards, Dean Erickson, Terry Farago, Russell Geise, Christopher Hansen, Justin Inda, Dale Johannes, Ryan Juday, James Kankowski, Charles Kass, Jeremy Kubasta, Jeff Levenhagen, Jessica Lyles, Judith Maple, Steven Maples, Erica Pupp, Jess Robinson, Thomas Rosenow, Melodi Simos, Thomas Stea, Kevin Wagner, Laurie Walter, Patricia Waid and Judith Wilson.

Welcome to Farm Bureau

County Promotion and Education Committee Members Tour Heartland Farms



The District 5 Promotion and Education Committee meeting was on October 29 at Heartland Farms near Hancock.

WFBF Director of Member Relations Deb Raemisch updated members on the new 'Playbook' resource. The purpose of the 'Playbook' is to provide counties with

ideas and resources for planning county activities and events. It includes activities and events for all ages, time frames and budgets in the following categories:

- Ag in the Classroom
- Consumer Outreach
- Education and Ag Promotion
- Fundraising
- Member Development
- Policy and Development Implementation

After the meeting, members toured Heartland Farms, which is a fifth generation irrigated potato and vegetable farm operating in five Wisconsin counties. The farm consists of approximately 21,000 irrigated acres.



There are Benefits to Your Farm Bureau Membership:

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 - FS-GROWMARK Patronage
 - Grainger
 - Polaris
 - Office Depot

- Communication**
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 - Farm Bureau Financial Services
- Travel**
- AAA
 - AVIS Car Rental Discount Program
 - Choice Hotels International, Inc.
 - Wyndham Hotel Group

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

For complete details visit wfbf.com/benefits-membership.

Waushara Board Members Selected for 2017 WFBF Institute

Waushara County Farm Bureau board members Paul Jarvis and Adam Jones were two of 15 emerging agricultural leaders that were selected to participate in the WFBF Institute. The year-long leadership training program's mission is to develop strong and effective agricultural leaders.

"Today's farmers and agriculturists must take the lead to be advocates for their farms and agribusinesses," said Farm Bureau Director of Training and Leadership Development Wendy Kannel. "The Institute gives participants the skills and confidence necessary to lead the future of farming and agriculture in their county Farm Bureau, local community and beyond."

Members of the 2017 Institute class include: Peter Badtke, Ripon; Sean Beres, Waukesha; Shane Goplin, Osseo; Jack Herricks, Cashton; Tina Holst, Chilton; Reuben Hopp, Waupun; Paul Jarvis, Wautoma; Adams Jones, Wautoma; James Juedes, Ringle; Hallie Metcalf, Janesville; Carmen Montgomery, Argyle; Cassie Olson, Black River Falls; Julie Orth, Lancaster; Heidi Pettis, Clintonville; Jessica Stemper, Manitowoc; and Becky Wellnitz, Brodhead.

The Institute consists of five multi-day sessions that provide hands-on learning on issues important to agriculture, development of leadership and speaking skills, interaction with Farm Bureau and governmental leaders and staff at the state and national levels and networking with other participants.

The first session begins in January and focuses on public speaking, etiquette, emotional intelligence and personality types.

Subsequent sessions focus on media and advocacy training, running effective meetings, the structure and function of Farm Bureau, being a creative leader, the workings of local and state government and future national and international ag issues.

The class capstone event is a trip with the WFBF Board of Directors to Washington, D.C., in April of 2018.

For more information or if you are a Farm Bureau member who is interested in applying for the 2018 Institute class, please contact Wendy Kannel at wkannel@wfbf.com or 608.828.5719.

American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture Focusses on Ag Literacy



Agricultural literacy is knowledge: "We believe everyone should have an understanding of where their food comes from."

The Foundation has taken steps to define 'agriculturally literate.' An agriculturally literate person understands the relationship between agriculture and environment, food, fiber and energy, animals, lifestyle, the economy and technology. These are the AFBFA's Pillars of ag literacy.

Agricultural literacy can be cultivated in any person, no matter the age or experience. Helping others understand the important role agriculture plays in their everyday lives is our goal. We work towards this by being a credible source for agricultural literacy information. Our materials and programs are designed not only to reflect reliable information, but also to meet today's standards of learning.

AFBFA has continued efforts to produce outstanding educational materials, create accurate resources and provide opportunities to tell the story. They are working toward making more of their materials free to educators and volunteers.

Thank you for wanting to get involved in helping others learn more about where their food comes from, how farmers and

ranchers steward the land, how agriculture is everywhere, and how farmers and ranchers feed the world. These are crucial pieces in creating ag literacy.



Here are some ideas:

- **Volunteer:** In a school, summer camp, fair or after school program. Use any of the ag literacy resources including My American Farm, Food and Science Day Camp or select an ag book to help make your presentations effective.
- **Tell your story:** Blog, post, tweet! Share information with the others who may not have a farm background so they can understand what you are doing on a farm.
- **Promote ag literacy:** Help spread the word about ag literacy and the AFBFA's resources by talking to teachers, volunteers, posting about them online or displaying banners at a fair.
- **Contact:** A local Farm Bureau or Ag in the Classroom coordinator to see if they have volunteer opportunities.
- **Stay connected:** Sign up for the AFBFA newsletter to get the latest information on programs.

For more information or to access resources, visit www.agfoundation.org.

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District YFA Report

By Amanda Knoch, District 5 YFA Committee Member



I hope that everyone had a great harvest so far and that the harvesting only gets better.

I wanted to give everyone an update on what has been going on in District 5 for our county YFA program.

We had a successful Discussion Meet at Christianos in Green

Lake with five participants. Three of the participants will represent the District during the WFBF Discussion Meet in December including: Sally Turpin, Juneau County; and Lauren Krentz and Jenny Leahy, both from Fond du Lac County. District 5 hosted a canoeing trip in Marquette County that 15 people from throughout the district attended.

The WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference is on December 2-5 at the Kalahari Resorts in Wisconsin Dells. This is a great opportunity for the YFA members from Winnebago County to meet with other young farmers and attend workshops and events to bring back to their farms and vocations in the county.

Thank you for your support and kindness throughout the year. I am looking forward to another great year. Remember if you ate today, thank a farmer.

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