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Plan to Attend the Adams County Fair

The Adams County Fair is **July 20-24** and the Adams County Farm Bureau will once again have an ice cream booth. Please come and support the Farm Bureau and buy a great tasting ice cream cone.

Proceeds from the ice cream booth help fund a variety of Ag in the Classroom, ag education and Young Farmer and Agriculturist activities throughout the year.

The committee also is looking for volunteers, even if for a few hours. Any and all help is greatly appreciated. If you are unable to scoop, you can collect money and make change.

The ice cream booth hours will be 1 to 10 p.m., daily. Shifts are usually two or three hours long.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Kay Olson-Martz at kolsonmartz@gmail.com or 608.572.1429. Thank you.



Ag in the Classroom Update

I want to give a shout out of thanks to Barb Morgan and Kris Bougie for their dedication and help with the Ag in the Classroom program this year. I couldn't have done it without these two and the program would not have been as successful. We make a great team.

I also want to thank the teachers for allowing us to come into your

classroom's each month and thank you to the students for 100 percent participation in the essay contest. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Kay Olson-Martz
Adams County Farm Bureau President

Ag in the Classroom Essay Awards Day, continued



Mrs. Heather Grabarski's fifth grade class at Adams-Friendship.



Roche-a-Cri, fourth grade honorable mentions were (L-R) Emily Erickson and Eric Simmons.



Roche-a-Cri, fourth grade (L-R) Megan Schultz, Tia Waller and Hannah Oleson.



Mrs. Michele Crispell's fourth grade class at Roche-a-Cri.



Roche-a-Cri, fifth grade honorable mention Michelle Cychol.



Roche-a-Cri, Mrs. Kelsey Hall's fifth grade. Winners were Makenna Kniparth, third; Coltan Wikman, second; and Blake Hagen, first.



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Ag in the Classroom Celebrates Essay Awards Day

All of the fifth graders in the Adams-Friendship School District and the fourth graders in Grand Marsh Elementary and Roche-A-Cri Elementary wrote essays using this year's county essay theme 'Dairying in Wisconsin.' During the year they studied and learned about dairy.

The county had some well-written essays and in some cases, it was



Grand Marsh, fourth grade (L-R) Nick Eckdahl, third; Kevin LaChapelle, second; and Oscar Estrada, first.



Grand Marsh, fourth grade honorable mentions (L-R) Robbie Lochner, Lea Olson, Alexis Dano and Arianna Dahl.



Grand Marsh, fourth grade class with their teacher Mrs. Dana Johnson.



Adams-Friendship, fifth grade class (L-R) Kira Thurber, third; Kaylee Reichoff, second; and Jaden Peters, first.



Adams-Friendship, fifth grade class.



Adams-Friendship, fifth grade class (L-R) Emily Schanen, first; Sadie Jefferson, second; and Molly Wycocky, third.



Mr. Gerald Reiffers' fifth grade class at Adams-Friendship.



Adams-Friendship, fifth grade class (L-R) Natalie Johnson, second; Lucie Bitsy, first; and Emma Carlson, third, not present.



Ms. Jennifer Hazard's class at Adams-Friendship.



Adams-Friendship, fifth grade class (L-R) Dustin Joslin, second; Kasey Cavanaugh, third; and Austin Amell, first.



Mrs. Mary Fowler's fifth grade class at Adams-Friendship.



Adams-Friendship, fifth grade class (L-R) Ethan Pare, third; Clayton Waski, first; and Maia Harmeyer, second.

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President's Report



The Forest District Zoning proposal was defeated at the June 1 county board meeting. For now, the ten townships in Adams County Zoning will not have a zoning change.

Also, one other added note, at the end of the meeting it was clarified that the fight is not over. The board said that they can bring it back again at any time.

We need to stay vigilant so that they can't approve this proposal. If you are unfamiliar with the proposed county forest district zoning in the county, please contact me or visit the county Facebook page. Updates on the status of the

proposal are posted regularly.

I want to thank those who worked hard to help defeat this zoning. Remember, we are only as strong as our membership is.

'Wishing you enough.'

Kay Olson-Martz

Adams County Farm Bureau President

District Director's Report



We are moving into a very important presidential cycle. The U.S. has major issues that need to be addressed in the coming years. An overreaching Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), a vacant Supreme Court Judge seat, border security and two major trade deals.

Producing food requires natural resources. We must protect our soil, air and water qualities. The EPA is moving in a direction trying to control much

more land every time it rains. Farmers have been tilling the soil and applying nutrients for hundreds of years.

During those years, farmers continue to lower their carbon footprint per pound of protein and per pound of energy produced. Timing of farming practices are critical and we must have an EPA that will not require a permit for everything that a farmer does. There are much more realistic approaches of protecting our vital resources.

Immigration also is an important part of U.S. history. Many of our descendants came to America looking for a better life for their family. They were hard-working people with many talents. They helped build and protect America. The next administration must protect our borders from the many threats. It also is important to build a comprehensive immigration system that works for this country.

The next President also must address the ability and the profitability of moving products around the world. Trade is a major source of income for farmers, and the U.S. has a reputation of quality and consistent products. There has been discussion of candidates wiping out trade deals when they get into office. Neglecting a current trade deal will take us out of any future negotiations.

If we also look at potential income, we must look at projected population growth. China eliminated their one-child rule. Asia has a projected population of five billion and Africa, four billion in the next 40 years. While America and Europe are considered aging markets. Another major trade deal is on the horizon. The countries involved in the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) represent 11 percent of the global population and 38 percent of the global gross domestic product. Having global countries buy U.S. products is a major way to improve our economy.

This presidential campaign is important in many ways. The next administration could affect us many years past their office. It is critical that we vote for a candidate who is visionary and will give us the ability to guide America into the future. We have a very interesting road ahead.

God bless and have a safe growing season!

Kevin Krentz
WFBF District 5 Board Director

District 5 Discussion Meet

The District 5 Discussion Meet will be at 7 p.m. on **Monday, August 29**, at Christianos Pizza in Green Lake. The cost for the meal is \$12.

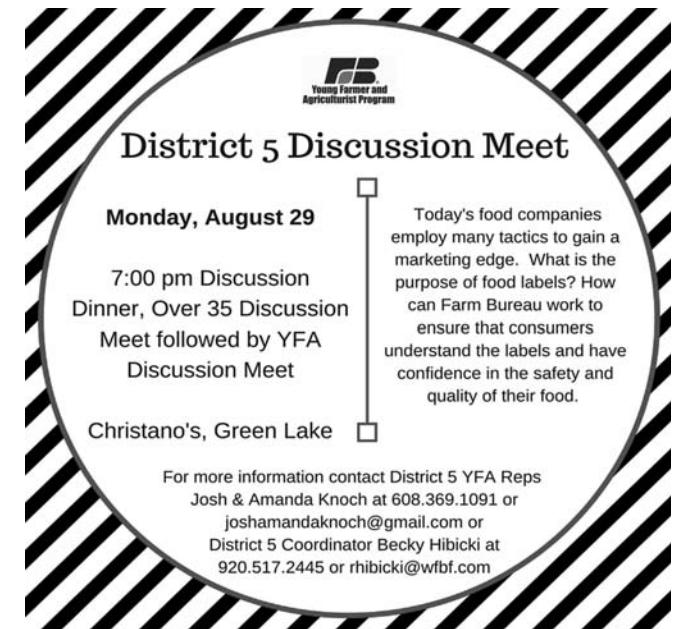
For more information, please contact District YFA Chair Amanda Knoch at 608.369.1091 or District Coordinator Becky Hibicki at 920.517.2445.

WFBF YFA Discussion Meet Questions and Topics

Please Note: All 2016 District Discussion Meet contests will use and discuss Topic Question #5.

1. American agriculture depends on a foreign-born labor force. How would you draft a national immigration policy?
2. How can we ensure that farmers and ranchers, not government agencies, are driving the management of natural resources?
3. How can we as farmers and ranchers maintain 'ownership' of our intellectual and proprietary information? Big data, unmanned aerial vehicles, unauthorized videos.
4. The nation's tax policy has become increasingly complicated and cumbersome. What should a balanced and beneficial tax policy look like for agriculture?

5. 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?



District 5 YFA Picnic and Canoeing

Attention YFA members!



When: Sunday, August 28

Time: Noon picnic lunch with
canoeing to follow

Where: Mecan River Outfitters, W720 State Road 23, Princeton, WI 54968

Plan to attend. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about opportunities in Farm Bureau, network with other YFA members and have some summer fun!

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

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Farm Bureau Receives \$2,500 Grant



Farm Bureau board member Dick Huber received the Monsanto America's Farmers Grow Communities grant, which he awarded to the Adams County Farm Bureau.



In 2016, America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, awarded more than \$3 million to help make a positive impact in farm communities across the country. Grow Communities offers farmers a chance to win a \$2,500 donation to direct toward their favorite community nonprofit organization. Thank you Dick for your long-time support of the Adams County Farm Bureau.

Adams County Reaches its New Voting Membership Goal

Congratulations to Adams County Farm Bureau for reaching the new voting goal of 20 members by the March 30 early bird membership incentive deadline.

The county was one of 33 counties that reached the new voting goal and will receive \$1,000. Congratulations to Kay Olson-Martz who signed at least five new voting members and will be recognized in the Farm Bureau Proud membership group.

September 30 is the WFBF membership year end and during the summer volunteers will be working to encourage members to renew their Farm Bureau membership. Adams County needs 255 paid voting memberships and 343 total members by the membership year end. Renew your membership today.

For more information on Farm Bureau membership benefits, please visit wfbf.com/benefits-membership/member-benefits.

2016 Farm Bureau
Membership Application



Upcoming Events

July

21-24 Adams County Fair

August

29 District 5 Discussion Meet, Christianos Pizza, Green Lake

September

23 Adams County Annual Meeting, Old Farmers' Antique Club Fall Harvest Festival, 6:30 p.m.

Save the Date – County Annual Meeting

The Adams County Farm Bureau annual meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on **Friday, September 23**, at the Old Farmer's Antique Club Fall Harvest Festival.



Watch your mail for more details.

Board Member Profile



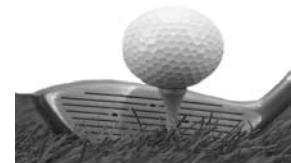
Eric Wallendal was elected to the Adams County Farm Bureau board during last year's annual meeting.

Eric and his family operate Wallendal Supply, Inc., near Grand Marsh. The Wallendal family has 3,200 acres of potatoes and other vegetable crops.

Last year, Eric and his wife Megan attended the WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference and they are looking forward to getting more involved in the Farm Bureau organization. Welcome Eric.

Register For the Wisconsin Ag Open

The Wisconsin Ag Open is on **Monday, September 12** at Christmas Mountain Village in Wisconsin Dells.



For more information, visit wfbf.com/about-wfbf/foundation/wisconsin-ag-open.

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