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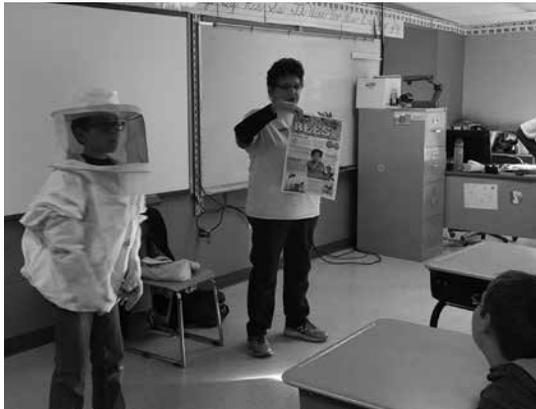
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Adams County Ag in the Classroom Activity Update



Adams County Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom volunteers started the 2017-2018 year on October 19 by attending fourth and fifth grade classrooms at Grand Marsh Elementary and Roche-A-Cri Elementary schools. This year, the county is focusing on the honey bee. The county is always looking for more help with Ag in the Classroom. If you are interested in helping, please contact Kay Olson-Martz at 608.572.1429.

Voss Hired as UW-Extension Ag Educator



Alana Voss is UW-Extension agricultural educator for Adams and Juneau counties.

Alana grew up in the Mauston area and earned a bachelor's degree in animal science with an emphasis in dairy and agriculture business with an emphasis in marketing and communications from the UW-Platteville.

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2017-2018 Adams County Board of Directors



Members of the Adams County board of directors: (from left) Jeff Huber, Ethan Olson, Richard Grabarski, Dick Huber, Kay Olson-Martz, Lynda Bula, Eric Wallendal. Not pictured: Gary Bula and Joe Seis.

YFA Members Gather for Picnic and Canoeing



On July 30, 20 District 5 Young Farmer and Agriculturist members met at Mecan River Outfitters in Princeton for a picnic and canoeing. The YFA program offers social events for YFA members to connect and network. If you are interested in getting involved in the YFA program or have ideas for YFA events and programs, please contact District 5 Coordinator Becky Hibicki at 920.517.2445.



COUNTYnews

ADAMS COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION



Adams County Farm Bureau Celebrates Success during Annual Meeting



More than 50 members attended the Adams County annual meeting on October 19 at Connell's Cedar Shack in Adams. Members voted on board of directors, delegates to the WFBF Annual Meeting and resolutions.



President Kay Olson-Martz presided over the Adams County annual meeting.



Members of the Adams-Friendship FFA Chapter gave an update of their chapter's current programs and activities.



District 5 Coordinator Becky Hibicki (left) presented Kay Olson-Martz with her membership award vest. Kay signed 12 new voting members this year and will be recognized as a top 10 membership worker at the WFBF Annual Meeting.

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YFA Members Compete in Discussion Meet

The District 5 Discussion Meet was on August 23 at the Goose Blind Restaurant in Green Lake.

Seven members competed in the contest and discussed the question: **Formation of family farm corporations is common practice. How can Farm Bureau work to ensure that the public's positive perception of the family farm is not lost?**



(from left) Derek Pluim, Natasha Paris and Jenny Leahy qualified to represent District 5 at the WFBF Discussion Meet in December.

Congratulations to Natasha Paris, Jenny Leahy and Derek Pluim who qualified to represent the county at the Discussion Meet, which will be held at the WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference in December at the Kalahari Resorts in Wisconsin Dells.

Congratulations to Discussion Meet participants!



Seven members competed in the District YFA Discussion Meet held on August 23.

President's Report



We made our voting and total membership goals this year. The state set a goal of 20 new members each year. We are already starting to work on this year's new voting goal. If you know of someone who wants to be a member, contact a board member and we will help you sign that person up. You do get rewards for signing up at least five new voting members. This past year everyone who signed a new member received \$20 per member signed. That is quite a reward for signing up members. Let's work on our membership starting now.

We congratulate all of you who helped sign new members or have shown the benefits a Farm Bureau membership has to offer. We also thank everyone who paid his or her dues on time.

We want to encourage members to become more involved and challenge each of you to sign up one new member in this coming year.

Our Ag in the Classroom committee has been active with the youth in the county. We sponsored several events such as Youth Leadership Activities and Ag Day on the Farm. We sponsored our 4-H and FFA youth in the Adams County Fair and the Adams County Livestock Show.

We also distributed Ag in the Classroom materials to our elementary schools. We helped the students at the Roche-A-Cri Elementary School produce their morning news program, which will be viewed by students throughout Wisconsin and on our local Cable 4 television station. Each week the students will do Agriculture Commercials. Each year we continue to add to the program.

We helped write matching grants for a greenhouse at Roche-A-Cri School. We put seven Worm Farms in the school

and we taught about vermiculture and vermicomposting. We taught about conifers and Earth Day with second and third grade students.

The Young Farmers and Agriculturist (YFA) committee was active at the Adams County Fair and in the ice cream stand and Farm Day. The YFA committee enjoyed joining other YFA members in our district at a bowling and pizza party.

Several YFA members plan on attending the WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference. They also helped with several of the other Farm Bureau events throughout the year. They were very instrumental in building the addition onto our ice cream stand at the Fair.

I am proud of our accomplishments this past year, and look forward to another great Farm Bureau year.

Kay Olson-Martz
Adams County Farm Bureau President

District Director Report



I want to thank everyone who is a Farm Bureau member, and thank the volunteers who help make our organization great! Farm Bureau is the largest general farm organization only because of the volunteer leaders.

Whether your passion is education, advocacy, policy, membership, organizing, or fund raising, Farm Bureau has a place for you; however, it goes far beyond that.

It also is about friends, family and personal development. That is what make me proud to be a part of this organization. Great things happen when

great people come together.

Agriculturists are some of the most adaptive people on earth. We continue to raise crops and livestock in an ever-changing environment. Whether that is Mother Nature, fiscal, social or regulatory changes around us. We control what we can, and thank God for the rest.

We are a small percentage of the population in the U.S., but Farm Bureau volunteers work hard to control what we can. We advocate and fight for fair regulation. As the general population moves further away from its agricultural roots, it

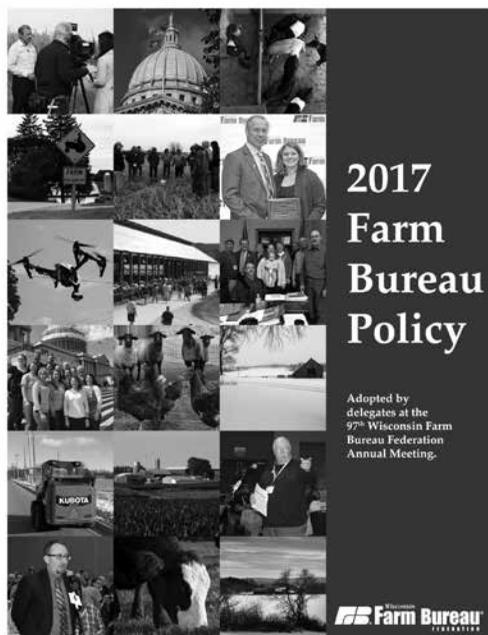
is important to continue to build trust through transparency.

I want to thank the many members who continue to engage consumers and answer their questions.

Farmers in general do not work for recognition, but do work worthy of recognition. You make this organization a success. We celebrate last year's accomplishments and I look forward to another successful year!

Kevin Krentz
WFBF District 5 Board Director

Grassroots in Action: Farm Bureau Approves Resolutions



Local

1. We support stricter penalties for anyone convicted of irrigation pivot equipment thefts.

State

2. All salvage yards should be required to document photo ID for anyone selling scrap material and report any suspicious items.
3. We oppose any fundamental changes to the state's current cooperative law.
4. When a processor terminates multiple producers at one time, the processor should be required to report the names of the producers to DATCP.
5. We support the enforcement of current legislative law to enforce the Department of Natural Resources by any current state statutes to pay crop damage costs for farm fencing at 100% of costs for any double fencing order to any agriculture cervid farm affected by the wild deer population determined to have Chronic Wasting Disease within five miles of their respective farm.

Federal

6. Over the road truckers should be exempt from e-logging requirements when transporting perishable agricultural products.

The following members were elected to serve as county delegates to the WFBF Annual Meeting in December: Kay Olson-Martz, Earl Martz, Jeff Huber.

The following resolutions were approved at the Adams County annual meeting on October 19. The resolutions will be reviewed by the WFBF Policy Development Committee.

WFBF Annual Meeting AND YFA Conference
December 1-4, 2017

Kalahari Resorts and Conference Center, Wisconsin Dells
98th Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting
83rd Rural Mutual Insurance Company Annual Meeting
Young Farmer and Agriculturist Conference

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Agenda Preview

Friday, December 1

First-timers' Orientation Session
YFA Welcome Dinner
District YFA Meetings
Reception Featuring Vegas Casino Night

Saturday, December 2

Discussion Meet Contestant Orientation
Discussion Meet Quarterfinals I
Excellence in Ag Practice Session
Discussion Meet Quarterfinals II
YFA Buffet Brunch and General Session
Featuring Michele Payn

WFBF Annual Meeting Begins

Excellence in Ag Presentations
Achievement Award Interviews
Discussion Meet Semifinals
Trade Show and Silent Auction
YFA Workshops and Learning Labs
Farm Bureau Reception
Farm Bureau Proud Banquet Featuring Scott Novotny
Fun'd the Foundation Trivia Contest
Cornhole Tournament (open to all ages)

Sunday, December 3

Morning Devotional
Collegiate Farm Bureau Discussion Meet Final
Resolutions Processing
YFA Discussion Meet Final
Buffet Brunch and General Session Featuring Chris Koch
WFBF YFA Conference Ends

Trade Show
Workshops
Silent Auction and Trade Show End
Farm Bureau Awards Banquet and Program
Reception and Live Music by The Memories

Monday, December 4

Rural Mutual Insurance Company Annual Meeting
Breakfast and General Session
District Caucuses
Resolutions and Business Meeting

There are Benefits to Your Farm Bureau Membership:

Financial <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AgriPlan Medical Reimbursement Program • Farm Bureau Bank 	Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AgriVisor • The Country Today 	Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ScriptSave® Prescription Drug Savings Card • Life Line (NEW)
Supplies and Products <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case IH • Caterpillar • FS-GROWMARK Patronage • Grainger • John Deere's GreenFleet™ Loyalty Rewards Program (NEW) • Office Depot 	Insurance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Mutual Insurance Company • Farm Bureau Financial Services 	Travel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAA • AVIS Car Rental Discount Program • Budget (NEW) • Choice Hotels International, Inc. • Wyndham Hotel Group
Protection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500 Reward Protection Program • Accidental Death Policy 		

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

District Coordinator Report

"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless."

As the District 5 Coordinator, I have the unique opportunity to attend each county's monthly board meetings, and to work one-on-one with board members and volunteers. It is rewarding seeing volunteers develop their leadership skills. The volunteers in District 5 are truly 'priceless.' We have talented volunteers who have helped the district accomplish great things.

I want to highlight some of the exciting happenings in the District 5 this year:

- In February, more than 40 members attended the 4th annual District 5 Leaders Meeting in Fond du Lac.
- In March, more than 50 members attended Ag Day at the Capitol.
- Seven YFA members competed in the District YFA Discussion Meet in Green Lake. Fond du Lac County YFA members Derek Plum and Jenny Leahy and Green Lake YFA member Natasha Paris advanced to the WFBF Discussion Meet.
- Marquette County members Aaron Wachholz and Jordan Bittelman competed in the YFA Achievement Award contest.
- Six members participated in the YFA Excellence in Agriculture contest: Sara Bertram, Fond du Lac County; Jenny Leahy, Fond du Lac County; Natasha Paris, Green Lake County; Amanda Sandmire, Winnebago County; Amanda Zuehls-Kuchar, Marquette County; and Lynn Dickman, Waushara County. Congratulations to Lynn

Dickman who was named a top four finalist. She will compete in the contest held at the YFA Conference.

- Four members are completing the 2017 WFBF Leadership Institute: Pete Badtke, Green Lake County; Reuben Hopp, Fond du Lac County; and Adam Jones and Paul Jarvis, Waushara County.
- Four members were selected for the 2018 WFBF Leadership Institute program: Nate Zimdars, Fond du Lac County; Jeff Huber, Adams County; Amanda Sandmire, Winnebago County; and Amanda Zuehls-Kuchar, Marquette County.
- Three counties (Adams, Fond du Lac and Juneau) made their new voting member goal by the March 30 early bird deadline.
- Six counties made a total and voting gain in membership including Adams County, Fond du Lac County, Juneau County, Green Lake County, Waushara County and Winnebago County.

I want to thank Marquette County members Josh and Amanda Knoch for representing the district the last three years on the WFBF YFA Committee. Their term will end this year. I also want to congratulate Sally Turpin from Juneau County who was appointed as the district representative on the committee.

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Ag in the Classroom Offers Ag Today Readers



Agriculture is everywhere! From the time we wake up in the morning until we end our day at night, we have encountered agriculture

through the food we eat, the clothes we wear and the fuel we use for transportation.

Ag Today is a great reading supplement for third to fifth grade elementary students to learn about agriculture.

The six issues touch on the six themes of the National Agricultural Literacy Outcomes that can be integrated into science, social studies and language arts curriculum.

Each reader provides real-world connections to STEM and makes learning relevant for students in becoming agriculturally literate.

Ag Today readers come in a set with one educator guide and 25 student guides. They are \$5 per packet. To order, please contact Darlene Arneson at 608.828.5644.

The readers may be downloaded for from www.agclassroom.org/student/agtoday.cfm.

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Huber Selected for WFBF Leadership Institute



Adams County Farm Bureau member Jeff Huber, is one of fifteen emerging agricultural leaders that have been selected to participate in the Farm Bureau Leadership Institute. The year-long 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. 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," said

Wendy Kannel, Director of Training and Leadership Development for Wisconsin Farm Bureau.

Other members of the 2018 Farm Bureau Leadership Institute class are: Savannah Brown, Black River Falls; Neil Christianson, Shawano; Andrew Dal Santo, Platteville; Pam Debele, Brookfield; Scott Eastwood, Sun Prairie; Rob Klussendorf, Medford; Corey Kuchta, Coleman; Jamie Marx, Wausau; Erica Olson, Black River Falls; Kayla Pagenkopf, Elk Mound; Jennifer Riederer, Reedsville; Amanda Sandmire, Omro; Nate Zimdars, Ripon; Amanda Zuehls-Kuchar, Montello.

The Leadership Institute consists of five multi-day sessions which provide hands-on learning on agriculture issues, leadership development and speaking skills, interaction with Farm Bureau and government leaders and staff at the state and national levels and networking with other participants. The class capstone event will be a trip, with the WFBF Board of Directors, to Washington, D.C., in June 2019.

Farm Bureau members interested in applying for the 2019 Leadership Institute class may contact Wendy Kannel at 608.828.5719 or wkannel@wfbf.com.

Fun'd the Foundation



REGISTER EARLY!

Gather six of your closest, or smartest, friends for a Farm Bureau trivia contest on Saturday, December 2, following the Farm Bureau Proud Banquet during the WFBF Annual Meeting.

• \$10 per person or \$60 per team. • Three (15 minute) rounds of 25 questions.