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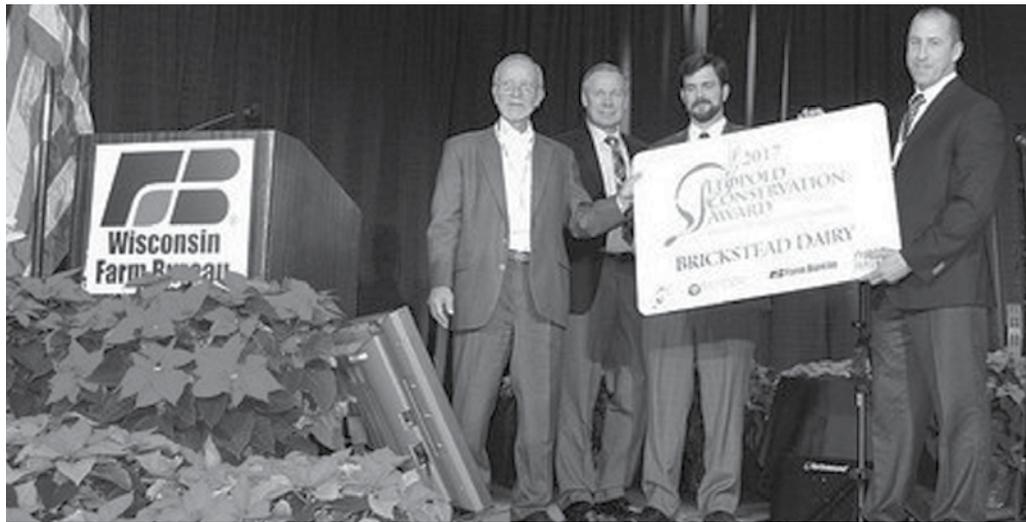


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Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

Brickstead Dairy Named 2017 Wisconsin Leopold Conservation Award® Recipient



WFBF President Jim Holte along with representatives from the Sand County Foundation presented Dan Brick from Brickstead Dairy with the Aldo Leopold Conservation Award.

Sand County Foundation, Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board and the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association were proud to announce Brickstead Dairy as the recipient of Wisconsin's Leopold Conservation Award®.

The award honors Wisconsin landowner achievement in voluntary stewardship and management of natural resources. The award was presented on December 3 at the WFBF Annual Meeting in Wisconsin Dells. The Brick family was presented with a crystal depicting Aldo Leopold and \$10,000.

Established in 1848, Brickstead Dairy has been a family affair for five generations. Since partnering with his father in the 1990s, Dan Brick has expanded the dairy to include 900 cows.

While the size of the dairy has changed, conservation remains at the heart of this family business and the pulse that keeps the farm running.

During the past few years, Dan has committed to 'plant into green.' Instead of conventionally tilling and planting into a brown field, he plants into a living cover crop such as wheat or winter rye. By planting into cover crops, Dan ensures the ground is continuously covered to help the soil and its nutrients stay on the field rather than the local waterways.

Dan has played a significant role in promoting conservation practices in his area. Acknowledging the impact agriculture has had on Green Bay, he is committed to helping promote practices that minimize impacts on the bay. He enjoys sharing

his experiences with fellow farmers in the area, as well those who are not familiar with agriculture. Dan has taken advantage of many media opportunities through his participation on Fox Demo Farms to share lessons he has learned in transitioning to a more conservation-focused farm.

"Many farmers are taking a lead role in promoting conservation practices and their efforts should be praised," said Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation President Jim Holte. "Congratulations to Dan for being recognized for his outstanding land stewardship. Brickstead Dairy is a shining example of a farm doing the right thing for the generations to follow."

Given in honor of renowned conservationist Aldo Leopold, the Leopold Conservation Award recognizes extraordinary achievement in voluntary conservation. It inspires other landowners through these examples and provides a visible forum where farmers, ranchers and other private landowners are recognized as conservation leaders.

In his influential 1949 book, "A Sand County Almanac," Leopold called for an ethical relationship between people and the land they own and manage, which he called "an evolutionary possibility and an ecological necessity."

The Leopold Conservation Award in Wisconsin is made possible through the generous support of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board, Compeer Financial, Wisconsin Soybean Council, American Transmission Company, WE Energies, USDA NRCS and Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association.



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BROWN COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

Brown County Farm Bureau Members Attend WFBF Annual Meeting

250 delegates at the 98th WFBF Annual Meeting in Wisconsin Dells established new policy directives for the organization. Farm Bureau delegates adopted the policies that will guide the legislative agenda for the state's largest general farm organization in 2018. Resolutions were submitted by delegates as part of a grassroots policy development process.

Delegates held discussion on various dairy policy items. They supported milk processors giving farms 60 days notice before any changes to premium structure or required fees and giving 90 days notice before termination of service. They also supported Wisconsin's Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection to define clear and concise rules and regulations for automated milking installations and programs that emphasize manufacturing and marketing strategies.

Delegates supported a \$0.05 per gallon tax on agricultural dyed fuel to be used only for town road improvements and maintenance. Regarding nutrient management, they supported increased nitrogen levels for nutrient management planning due to higher yields and the ability of hybrids to better use these nutrients and efforts to assist agriculture to understand its role regarding nutrient management for surface water and groundwater.

They supported the need to continue the reasonable scientifically-based best management practices for the protection of groundwater resources in high risk areas such as Karst areas. Delegates supported increased trade deals that benefit Wisconsin and U.S. agriculture.

Regarding marketing initiatives, delegates opposed using misleading food labels for a marketing campaign. They supported changing fat percentage labelling on bottled milk from '2% Fat' to '98% Fat Free', '1% Fat to 99% Fat Free', etc., and use of the non-GMO label only on products that have a GMO alternative.

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



YFA members posed for a photo at the District Meeting during the YFA Conference.

- Legislation that allows wineries and craft brewers to have equivalent operating hours as taverns and restaurants.
- Allowing tasting rooms to sample wines and ciders made by other producers.
- Managed grazing as an approved method of stream bank management and managed wetland areas.
- In a time of disaster or emergency, any fees, permits or hold times should be waived to aid people with bridges and creek crossings.
- Allowing stream bank damage following a storm to be returned to pre-storm locations.
- Controlling predatory wildlife populations.
- A tax incentive for selling and renting land to beginning/young farmers.
- Mandatory rural traffic safety curriculum in driver's education classes.

On the federal level, delegates supported:

- Fair regional pricing within the Price Loss Coverage and Agriculture Risk Coverage program.
- Over the road truckers should be exempt from e-logging requirements when transporting livestock or perishable agricultural products.

The federal resolutions were forwarded to the American Farm Bureau Federation for consideration at its annual meeting in January.



New YFA Chair Ashley Claussen won big during the casino night.



Brown County Farm Bureau donated a family game night basket to the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation.



(from left) Kevin Ress, Nicole Nohl, Phil Ullmer, Kathy Duescher, Stan Kaczmarek, Kim Tauscher and Ray Tauscher; not in the photo: Ray Diederich.

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Results of State Board Elections



Jim Holte was re-elected to a sixth, one-year term as the President of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation and Rural Mutual Insurance Company.

Holte raises beef cattle and grows corn, soybeans and alfalfa on 460 acres of land near Elk Mound in Dunn County.

Holte was first elected to the WFBF Board of Directors in 1995 to represent District 9 on the board. District 9 represents the Superior Shores, Barron, Chippewa, Dunn, Pierce, Polk, Rusk, Sawyer and St. Croix County Farm Bureaus.

Don Radtke of Merrill in Marathon County was re-elected to a one-year term as Vice president. He represents District 8 (Clark, Lincoln, Marathon, Portage, Price, Taylor and Wood counties).

Arch Morton Jr., a crop farmer from Janesville in Rock County, was re-elected to a three-year term on the Board representing District 2 (Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Green Rock and Sauk counties).

Joe Bragger of Independence in Buffalo County was re-elected to a three-year term on the Board representing District 4 (Buffalo, Trempealeau, Lacrosse, Jackson, Monroe and Eau Claire Counties counties).

Rosie Lisowe of Chilton in Calumet County was re-elected to a three-year term on the Board representing District 6 (Brown, Calumet, Door, Kewaunee, Manitowoc and Sheboygan counties).

Nine of the 11 members of the WFBF Board of Directors are farmers elected in each of Farm Bureau's nine districts. These nine individuals also make up the Board of Directors for the Rural Mutual Insurance Company.

Rounding out the WFBF's Board are the chairs of WFBF's

Young Farmer and Agriculturist Committee and WFBF's Women's Committee, both of which serve a one-year term on the Board.

Andrea Brossard of Burnett in Dodge County was elected to a one-year term as the representative from the Promotion and Education Committee on the Board. She succeeds Rosalie Geiger from Manitowoc County.

Brian Preder of Weyauwega in Waupaca County was elected to a one-year term as chair of the Young Farmer and Agriculturist Committee and will serve as the representative on the Board. He succeeds Derek Husmoen of Trempealeau County as YFA Chair.

Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation Board Directors who were not up for re-election are: Dave Daniels of Union Grove in Kenosha County, Richard Gorder of Mineral Point in Iowa County; Kevin Krentz of Berlin in Waushara County; Adam Kuczer of Pulaski in Oconto County.

Welcome John and Megan Lyons, District 6 YFA Chairs



His background in farming includes conventional dairy, organic grass-fed dairy, cheese making and other value-added farm products.

In his free time, he enjoys transforming things like milk into yogurt and cheese, and barley into malt and beer; and determining ways to integrate his information technology knowledge into the farm.

While Megan grew up in the country surrounded by corn fields, she only has been living on farms for the past nine years.

John and Megan have been married for nine years, and they help manage and attend to the day-to-day operations of John's family farm.

John is a fourth-generation farmer who is in the process of transitioning into an ownership role on his family's Century Farm, which specializes in raising calves for beef, cash cropping and providing custom harvesting services for neighboring farms.

Outside of farming, Megan just completed her Ph.D. in clinical psychology and is working to address the mental health needs of those in northeast Wisconsin.

Her passions in farming include caring for the animals; coming up with innovative ways to streamline and balance the interconnected workings of the various aspects of the farm; and managing the homestead garden.

Brown County Members Attend Ag Day at the Capitol



Stan Kaczmarek and Kathy Duescher posed for a picture at Monona Terrace before walking to the Capitol to discuss agricultural issues with their legislators.

to learn more about issues affecting Wisconsin agriculture and meet with their state legislators.

Governor Scott Walker signed an executive

Ag Day at the Capitol was held January 24 at the Monona Terrace in Madison. This event is the largest gathering of farmers from across the state representing a variety of farm groups

order at Ag Day at the Capitol that will support rural economic development. "We want more reasons for our children to stay in our communities," Governor Scott Walker.

Topics for discussion included implementation of hemp legislation, CAFO transfer from DNR to DATCP, high capacity well permitting process, wetland legislation and NR 151 targeted performance standards.

"Ag Day at the Capitol is an opportunity for farmers to build a relationship with their elected officials and talk about how decisions made in the Capitol affect Wisconsin agriculture," said Jim Holte, Wisconsin Farm Bureau President. "It is imperative that we, as farmers, take time to talk with our legislators and visiting them at the Capitol allows us to do that in a powerful way."

Brown County Farm Bureau Membership Incentives

Don't miss your chance to get your membership rewards.

District 6 Farm Bureau membership volunteers will have the opportunity to win some great prizes during the 2017-2018 membership year.

A Night Out on Farm Bureau

For each new or past due voting member you sign up before **April 1**, your name will be placed into a county drawing. A form must be completed and given to District 6 Coordinator Becky Salm to receive credit for the past due members.



At each county Farm Bureau meeting after the deadline, we will draw for:

- A \$50 gift card to the restaurant of your choice.

A Day Off the Farm

For each new or past due voting member you sign up before **September 28**, your name will be placed into a district drawing. A form must be completed and given to the District 6 Coordinator Beck Salm to receive credit for the past due members.



At the first Farm Bureau meeting after the deadline, we will draw for:

- A \$300 cash prize.

Upcoming Events

February

24 District YFA Gambler's hockey game

March

1 Ag in the Classroom Matching Grant Applications due
10 District 6 Promotion and Education event
20 National Ag Day
30 Early bird membership cut-off

April

1 Ag in the Classroom essays due to county essay coordinators
5-6 IGNITE Conference, Stevens Point
20 District 6 YFA and Promotion and Education Bus Tour

District 6 Young Farmer and Agriculturist Bus Tour Planned

Join us for a fun day in District 6!

Board the bus at 9 a.m. and let us do the driving to three, fun filled agricultural stops throughout the District.



First stop is to **Briess Malt and Ingredient Company**. Briess is North America's leading supplier of specialty malts to American craft beer and artisan distilling, and is the largest producer of malted milk for beverage, confection and ice cream applications.

Briess malt ingredients also are used by food manufacturers throughout North America in a wide-range of baked goods.

Briess operates malthouses in Manitowoc, Chilton and Waterloo. At Manitowoc, raw barley grown for Briess in a premium barley growing region of Wyoming is received by rail, cleaned, graded and stored before shipping to one of the three malting operations.

The Manitowoc malthouse is the largest Briess malthouse, producing premium quality base malt and kilned specialty malts. Briess has been family owned since 1876.



Second stop is to **Lake Orchard Farm Retreat** in Sheboygan. An amazing story of sixth-generation farm owners, Mary and Nate operate the farm with Mary's parents, Warren and Joan.

Mary and Nate renovated the former chicken hatchery into a Bed and Breakfast, which opened in 2009. In 2014, they started Lake Orchard Farm Aquaponics, harvesting their first lettuce and fish in late 2015. In 2017, Lake Orchard Farm's event barn opened for weddings on site.

Lunch will be provided.

Our final stop is **3 Sheeps Brewing Company**, a brewery in Sheboygan that takes a scientific approach to crafting unique yet approachable beers. They are explorers. They're meticulously well researched. They're balanced. They're trustworthy, but with a penchant for pushing people's boundaries. They brew beers that nobody else is brewing, in ways that nobody else is brewing them,



with ingredients that others are afraid to use.

And here's the kicker: every single beer they brew, no matter how extreme the ingredients or processes may be, is approachable and balanced. Because they believe the best beer you can drink is one you enjoy.

Your ticket includes a tour of the new brewery and an in-depth breakdown of the brewing process, four sample pours (including one straight from one of the wooden barrels), 3 Sheeps glass to take home and your ticket is redeemable for a beer at one of our local participating bars or restaurants.

Seating is limited. To reserve your space, please contact District 6 Coordinator Becky Salm at bsalm@wfbf.com or 920.253.5303. Seats must be reserved by **April 13**.

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Brown County Farm Bureau Offers College Scholarship

The Brown County Farm Bureau will award one, \$500 scholarship to a student pursuing an agriculture-related degree.

Eligible applicants must be taking post high school agriculture-related training or long- or short-course within the University of Wisconsin System or Wisconsin Technical College System. This includes the study of genetics, landscape, architecture, biochemistry, bacteriology, food industry, horticulture, environmental sciences, agriculture journalism and other agriculture-related fields of study.

Candidates for the scholarship must be a Brown County resident or student at a Brown County school, and they must be enrolled or planning to enter their first year of college at the time of application. Candidates need not be a Farm Bureau member.

To obtain a scholarship application, please contact District 6 Coordinator Becky Salm at bsalm@wfbf.com or 866.355.7345. Applications are due on **April 1**.

Plan to Attend: IGNITE Conference

Plan to attend the 2018 IGNITE Conference at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Stevens Point on **April 5-6**. Innovate, Grow, Network, Inform, Train, Engage or IGNITE is a information, training and fun-filled member engagement meeting for county Farm Bureau members.

The purpose is the strengthen leaders and Farm Bureaus by providing programs, resources and skills to carry out the mission of county Farm Bureaus. More than 20 workshops following training tracks including: governance and organization, building Farm Bureau, communicating for agriculture and Farm Bureau and policy, issues and advocacy.



RB **District 6 Spring Summit**
 LaClare Family Creamery
 W2994 County Road HH,
 Malone, WI 53049
 Saturday, March 10 • 10 a.m.

10-10:30 a.m.	Congressman Glen Grothman, Legislation Update from Washington, D.C.
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Alexandria Berg, Opioid Initiative Coordinator under Drug Free Communities of Fond du Lac County
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Tour LaClare Farms/Family Creamery
12:30-1:30 p.m.	Buffet lunch
1:30-2:45 p.m.	Wine-Beer-Cheese pairings
2:45-3 p.m.	Wrap-up discussion, question and answer

RSVP by **March 3**. Make your reservation with payment of \$25 per person to: www.laclarefamilycreamery.com, shop on-line tab, events: Farm Bureau Spring Summit or call 920.670.0051 and reserve your spot and pay by phone or send a check payable to LaClare Family Creamery, W2994 County Road HH, Malone, WI 53049; Attn.: Clara Hedrich

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