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Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

Scholarship Applications Available

The Door County Farm Bureau is accepting applications for two, \$500 scholarships that will be awarded to two graduating high school seniors from Door County.

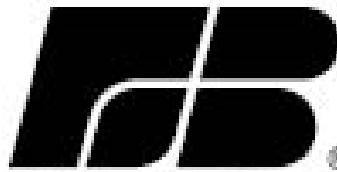


Applicants planning to pursue post-secondary education enrolling in any major or program, with preference given to those students intending to enroll in an agriculture or an agricultural-related field, are encouraged to apply. The applicant or applicant's family must prove paid membership of the Door County Farm Bureau for at least one year prior to applying. Scholarship recipients will be selected based on their involvement in 4-H or FFA, community and school activities.

The applicant must submit two letters of recommendation and a copy of his or her high school transcript. Completed applications must be postmarked by **April 1**, and sent to: Door County Farm Bureau Scholarship, c/o Becky Salm, P.O. Box 5550, Madison, WI 53705.

The final selection and awarding of the scholarships will be made by the Door County Farm Bureau scholarship selection committee. The scholarship funds will be paid directly to the school in two equal disbursements after the recipient shows proof of completion of the first and second semesters.

For more information, or to receive a copy of the application, please contact Becky Salm at bsalm@wfbf.com or 866.355.7345.



District 6 and 7 YFA Night with the Green Bay Gamblers



Green Bay Gamblers vs. Madison Capitols

Saturday, February 24 • 7:05 p.m.

Resch Center
1901 S. Oneida Street
Green Bay, WI 54304

RSVP by February 17. Discounted tickets will be \$16 each. In order to access this special offer, please visit www.ticketstaronline.com and enter code WFBF in the promo code box in the upper right hand corner of the home page. From there you will be able to select the game and then select your seat. The promo code will expire on February 17.

We will meet after the game for free pizza and soda at the D2 Stadium District Sports Pub.

For more information, please contact Lauren Brey, Door County YFA chair, at 920.262.0797 to find out what is coming next in Door County.





COUNTYnews

DOOR COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

Door County Farm Bureau Members Attend WFBF Annual Meeting



Door County Farm Bureau delegates Nick Weldon and Steve Baxter attended the WFBF Annual Meeting.

About 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:

- 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 AFBF for consideration at its Annual Convention in January.

Plan to Participate in the Wisconsin Ag Open Golf

Hosted by the WFB Foundation, the 2018 Wisconsin Ag Open will be held on **Monday, September 10**, at Christmas Mountain Village in Wisconsin Dells.

All proceeds from the golf outing will support the WFB Foundation education and leadership programs such as Ag in the Classroom, 4-H, FFA, WFBF Leadership Institute and Young

Farmer and Agriculturist activities.

Registration is \$125 and includes 18 holes of golf with cart, box lunch, appetizers, contests and door prizes. Sponsorships are available ranging from \$50 to \$1,500.

For information, contact Darlene Arneson at 608.828.5644 or darneson@wfbf.com.



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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.

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.

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.

Ag in the Classroom Offers Matching Grants

Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom in conjunction with the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation offers matching grants of up to \$500 to groups sponsoring programs or projects that promote agricultural literacy.

Grants will be awarded in amounts up to \$500 to applicants that secure or provide equal matching funds for the proposed project.

Grants may be awarded for less than the full amount requested, based upon the discretion of the judges and the funds available.

The budget section of the application provides space for detailing the amount requested and how it will be used. An example of a recent grant recipient includes: **Hydroponics in the Classroom**; Nicholas Mees-Merrill Middle

School, Oshkosh; Students can learn about hydroponics through maintenance, weekly measurements, pH readings, nutrient requirements as they grow lettuce, green beans, tomatoes and other crops.

The grant will be used for purchasing additional equipment.

For more information or a copy of the matching grant form, please visit www.wfbf.com or contact Ag in the Classroom Coordinator Darlene Arneson at darneson@wfbf.com or 608. 828.5644



Door 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

- 16-17 FFA Farm Forum
- 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

There are Benefits to Your Farm Bureau Membership:

Financial

- AgriPlan Medical Reimbursement Program
- Farm Bureau Bank

Supplies and Products

- John Deere's GreenFleet™ Loyalty Rewards Program (NEW)
- Case IH
- Caterpillar
- FS-GROWMARK Patronage
- Grainger
- Office Depot

Communication

- AgriVisor
- The Country Today

Insurance

- Rural Mutual Insurance Company
- Farm Bureau Financial Services

Protection

- \$500 Reward Protection Program
- Accidental Death Policy

Health

- ScriptSave® Prescription Drug Savings Card
- Life Line (NEW)

Travel

- AAA
- AVIS Car Rental Discount Program
- Budget (NEW)
- Choice Hotels International, Inc.
- Wyndham Hotel Group

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

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.

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



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.



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**.

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.



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District Promotion and Education Spring Event

The Promotion and Education spring event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on **Saturday, March 10**, at the LaClare Family Creamery, W2994 County Road HH in Malone.



The day will include a speaker on rural opioid usage, farm value-added tour, lunch and wine and cheese pairing.

Please watch for a postcard to hit your mailbox with the details for how to register.



WFBF Seeks Rural Route Photos

Wisconsin Farm Bureau members live and work in some of the most beautiful places. In Rural Route, WFBF wants to highlight those sights.

Please email your photos (high resolution jpgs, 4x6 inches at 300 dpi) to lsiekmann@wfbf.com.

