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Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

Lunch and Learn with Wisconsin Farm Bureau



On the first and third Wednesday of each month, from noon to 12:30 p.m., join Wisconsin Farm Bureau members and staff for personal and professional development opportunities.

The first Wednesday of the month will offer topics ranging from advocacy to working with legislators and programs to engage consumers. The third Wednesday will feature tours of farms from Wisconsin's diverse agriculture industry.

Follow Wisconsin Farm Bureau on Facebook to stay up to date on webinar topics and information on how to register and request to be added to the WFBF Commodity Tour group on Facebook.

We can't wait to join you for lunch.

Wisconsin Farm Bureau is excited to announce a new Lunch and Learn series for members to learn not only more about Farm Bureau but to also build personal and professional development skills.

Ag in the Classroom Summer Classroom Training

Join us from 8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. on **Thursday, July 6**, for a day of learning about educational agricultural resources for all grade levels. We welcome classroom teachers, home school parents, 4-H and extension staff and others involved in agricultural literacy.

Registration materials can be found at www.wisagclassroom.org. The cost is \$20 which includes lunch, refreshments and materials.

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

Door County Members Attend Ag Women's Summit

Two women from Door County Farm Bureau attended the 7th Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit on March 10-11 in Madison.

The top-notch speakers and the networking opportunities make this conference like no other. The entertainment on Friday included a casino night where the ladies had a chance to win big and see Elvis.

Saturday morning began with a workout option, more breakout sessions. This conference is a great way to share time with other ag women who share similar stories and experiences.

Carrie Mess of Milford was named the 2017 AgVocate of the Year at the Ag Women's Summit. More than 250 women were in attendance to celebrate their role in agriculture at the event, hosted by Badgerland Financial, Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation and UW-Extension.



Carrie Mess, aka 'Dairy Carrie' was named the 2017 AgVocate of the Year.

Door County Fair Time is Just Around the Corner

It's fair time again, we are always looking for volunteers to work a shift or any amount of time you are willing to volunteer. We provide the food and you provide the smile to our customers.

If you are interested, please contact any board member. They can be found on our Facebook page, county web page at www.wfbf.com/Doorcounty or contact Steven Baxter at 920.559.0939. Thank you for everything that you do for our county.





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DOOR COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION



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Door County Farm Bureau Announces Scholarship Recipients

Derek Huber and Kayla Marchant are the recipients of Sheboygan County Farm Bureau's higher education scholarships.

Each year, Door County Farm Bureau awards two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors from Door County. Applicants must be pursuing post-secondary education including four-year universities, tech-

nical colleges or Farm and Industry Short Course. Applicants or their family also must be a Door County Farm Bureau members for at least one year prior to application.

For more information on the Door County Farm Bureau's scholarship program, please contact Steven Baxter at 920.559.0939.



Derek Huber, son of Paula Kinnard and Robert Huber received one of the Board of Directors' \$500 scholarship. Derek will graduate from Southern Door High School this June and plans to attend St. Norbert College in the fall to pursue a degree in Computer Science.



Kayla Marchant of Brussels, daughter of Mike and Chris Marchant, received the Board of Directors' second \$500 scholarship. Kayla will also graduate from Southern Door High School this June and plans to attend Carthage College in the fall to pursue a degree in Chemistry.



Sheboygan County is Home to District Essay Contest Winner



District Winner Trinity Halseth posed with teacher Mrs. Barber and District 6 Coordinator Becky Salm.

Wisconsin fourth and fifth grade students were asked to write a 100- to 300-word essay with the theme, 'Tell us about cranberry production in Wisconsin during one of the four seasons.' A total of 2,818 Wisconsin students wrote essays for the competition sponsored by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation, Insight FS and We Energies.

Trinity's essay

For the fifth time in six years Sheboygan County has had the District 6 winner in the essay contest reported coordinator Liz Gartman. There were 132 entries and the winner was Trinity Halseth from Random Lake Elementary School in Sheboygan.

Cranberries Year Round

In 2004, the cranberry was named our official state fruit. Today, Wisconsin grows approximately 60% of the nation's supply of cranberries. We could be known as the cranberry state.

Cranberries grow on low trailing vines in sunken beds called bogs. The plants are perennial, meaning they survive year after year. The oldest can grow over 100 years old. Cranberries love sandy soil. The cranberry takes a long time to grow, at least 16 months.

You can see that while the berries are ripening, the buds for next year's crop are already growing on the vine, so farmers have to take care of two seasons worth of cranberries at one time.

Water is one of the most precious resources for cranberry farmers. A 2,000-acre farm uses only 130 acres to grow cranberries, the rest is a series of reservoirs and watersheds, which run naturally along the farm and will borrow the water during the growing season and put it back in when finished with it. Twice a year the farmers flood the bogs, first in December for winter production. This is when the plants grow dormant and their blanket of water insulates the vines from harsh winter frost. In the spring the bogs are drained and the cranberries pink flowers bloom.

Today many farms hire bees to pollinate the fields. By mid-June the fruit begins to grow. The berries start out green then turn white around August and finally red in the fall. The funny thing about cranberries is they do not really sweeten as they ripen like most fruit. They are a naturally tart fruit whether they are red or white.

In conclusion cranberries are lots of work. They need lots of care and love to grow big and strong all year.

Washington, D.C., Trip a Perfect End to WFBF Leadership Institute

By Lauren Brey, Institute Class X participant & Door Co. YFA Chair

After a year of leadership development training through the Farm Bureau Institute, I had the opportunity to use skills I developed through a capstone trip to Washington D.C. with my fellow Class X participants, the WFBF board, and some staff.

Our week in D.C. kicked off at the Farm Bureau Advocacy Conference with Farm Bureau members from 38 different states. American Farm Bureau Federation staff gave updates on hot topics including the 2018 Farm Bill, immigration and tax reform. There were also sessions to help attendees learn more about the legislative process and how to build relationships with our elected representatives. One surprise highlight was a visit from EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, who told the crowd at the conference that President Trump's executive order repealing the Waters of the U.S. rule would bring certainty in water regulation.

My favorite part of the trip was the day we spent on Capitol Hill visiting our legislators. It was truly rewarding to sit in the office of Rep. Mike Gallagher with fellow Farm Bureau members and speak to him directly about our concerns regarding immigration, trade policy, dairy product labeling, and more.

As a group, we met with Senators Tammy Baldwin and Ron Johnson to share our thoughts on these same issues that are affecting us on our farms and ask for their support.

The trip concluded with time for sightseeing, including a trip to Mount Vernon, nighttime bus tour of the monuments (with a stop at the White House), and a tour of the U.S. Capitol. I

took some time to visit the Library of Congress, Supreme Court, Botanic Garden and Smithsonian Museum of American History.

It was an action-packed trip, and it definitely was the "cherry on top" of the Institute class.

The Institute was an extremely rewarding experience both personally and professionally.

If you are looking for a fun way to meet more Farm Bureau members, develop as a leader and learn more about what value Farm Bureau brings to agriculture, I highly recommend applying to a future class.



Lauren Brey, Institute Class X participant, speaks with Representative Mike Gallagher at the Capitol.

Rural Mutual Insurance Announces Dividend Program

Rural Mutual Insurance Company, premier insurance provider for Wisconsin families, businesses and farms, announces a new dividend program that enables the company to use its financial success to reward farm policyholders for their loyalty to Rural Mutual and commitment to Wisconsin agriculture.

The Rural Mutual Farm Dividend Program is the first of its kind in the area and will return up to 5 percent of farm policyholders' annual earned premium.

Starting in 2017, Rural Mutual farm policyholders may qualify for the dividend program if their farm policy has been in force with Rural Mutual for more than one year and is in effect at the end of the year for which the dividend is declared.

Dividend calculations will be based on the financial results of Rural Mutual Insurance Company and its farm product over a three-year period.

If dividends are earned, a check will be mailed or delivered by your Rural Mutual agent shortly after the farm policy renews in the subsequent calendar year.

Dividends are not guaranteed and are authorized solely at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

To learn more about Rural Mutual Insurance Company's Farm Dividend Program, please contact your local Rural Mutual agent or visit www.ruralins.com/farm-dividend.



YFA Members We Want You! APPLY BY JULY 10

The **Excellence in Agriculture Award** judges participants on their involvement in agriculture, leadership ability, involvement and participation in Farm Bureau and other civic and service organizations. Applicants must have derived a majority of their income from a non-production agribusiness enterprise for the past three years.

The **Achievement Award** judges participants on their involvement in agriculture, leadership ability, involvement and participation in Farm Bureau and other civic and service organizations. Applicants must have derived a majority of their income from on farm production for the past three years.

Get your application at: bit.ly/WIYFAContests.

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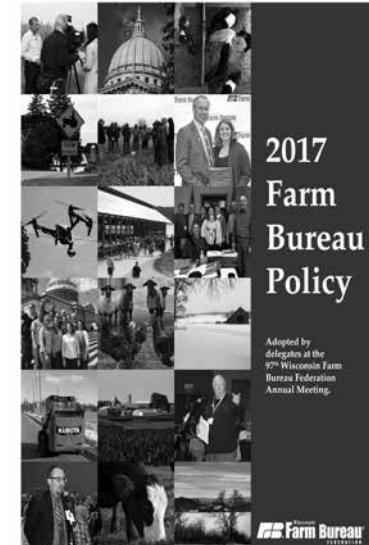
Farm Bureau Starts with You

Every now and again you hear people talk about Farm Bureau as a grassroots organization. What exactly does that mean?

Well, it means that instead of having someone at the top decide what is important and how we should focus our efforts, it comes from the members. Farm Bureau is an organization where you get to make the decisions and shape the organization. If you have a passion for any type of agriculture, Farm Bureau has a spot for you to help shape our organization. Our volunteers are what makes Farm Bureau so strong.

Do you have time or a talent to lend to your Door County Farm Bureau? We are currently looking for volunteers to help out in several areas. We have an open seat on the board of directors as well as we are looking to find volunteers to assist with Ag in the Classroom and the Young Farmers and Agriculturist committees. A strong Door County Farm Bureau starts with you.

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact president Steve Baxter at 920.559.0939.



Be a part of the 2018 Institute Class

Discover more about Farm Bureau

Personal Growth & Development

Connect with Legislators

Improve Public Speaking Skills

Network with other Farm Bureau members

Apply Today! Applications due August 15 > <http://bit.ly/WFBInstitute>

There are Benefits to Your Farm Bureau Membership:

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- AgriPlan Medical Reimbursement Program
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- Case IH
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Communication

- AgriVisor
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- 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.

Leopold Conservation Award Seeks Nominees

Sand County Foundation and Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation are accepting applications for the \$10,000 Leopold Conservation Award, which honors Wisconsin farmers who demonstrate exemplary stewardship and management of natural resources. Last year's winners was Brooks Farms from Waupaca County. Applications are due by **August 4**. Finalists and the winner will be announced in late 2017. For complete application information, visit www.leopoldconservationaward.org.

Given in honor of Aldo Leopold's land ethic, the Leopold Conservation Award recognizes extraordinary achievement in voluntary conservation on working lands, inspires other landowners through these examples and provides a visible forum where leaders from the agricultural community are recognized as conservation leaders outside of the industry. 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 Farm Credit, DuPont Pioneer, The Mosaic Company, The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation, American Transmission Company, Badgerland Financial, We Energies, Alliant Energy Foundation, Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation and the Wisconsin Corn Growers Association.

Upcoming Events

July

- 1 Ag in the Classroom reports due
- 10 YFA Achievement Award/Excellence in Ag applications due
- 11-13 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days, Kewaunee

August

- 2-6 Door County Fair
- 5 Applications are due for Leopold Conservation Award
- 8 District 6 Discussion Meet
- 15 Rural Mutual YFA sponsorship forms due
- 15 WFBF Leadership Institute Class applications due

September

- 18 Door County Policy Development Meeting
- 30 Membership year-end

October

- 17 Door County Farm Bureau annual meeting
- 31 WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference registrations due

December

- 1-4 WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference

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Discussion Meet Date Set

The Discussion Meet gives young members a chance to demonstrate their speaking skills on agricultural-related topics. Contestants are judged on their problem-solving skills as they discuss timely topics with their colleagues.

Date: Tuesday, August 8

Time: 7 p.m. - Refreshments 7:30 p.m. - Discussion Meet

Location: Rural Mutual Office, 109 S. 4th Street, St. Nazianz

Topic: 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?

If you are interested in participating or attending this fun event, please contact Carley Blado at carleyblado@gmail.com or 920.418.2226.



DID YOU KNOW?

More and more Door County farmers sell directly to consumers from roadside stands, farmers' markets, auctions and pick your own operations, with 85 farms generating \$1,402,000 in local food sales.

