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# AG DAY AT THE CAPITOL

## January 24, 2018

Monona Terrace Convention Center • Madison, WI

### Early Registration Deadline: January 18

**Cost: \$25** per person by registration deadline.  
**\$30** after deadline and at the door.

### Schedule of Events:

- 11:00 a.m. Registration
- 11:30 a.m. Opening Program
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch
- 12:45 p.m. Legislative Briefing
- 3:00 p.m. Leave for Capitol Visits

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## Ride the Bus to Ag Day at the Capitol

Join farmers and agriculturists from around Wisconsin for an important day in Madison. Learn more about state issues affecting agriculture and meet with your state legislators to speak up for agriculture. Don't want to drive yourself or worry about parking ... ride the bus!

### Bus schedule

- Depart
- 6:30 a.m. **Baldwin:** Park and Ride, south of McDonald's
- 7:05 a.m. **Menomonie:** Walmart parking lot, west side
- 7:45 a.m. **Eau Claire:** Walmart parking lot, off of Highway 53 and Golf Road
- 8:15 a.m. **Osseo:** Osseo Inn parking lot
- \*There will be a 15-minute break at the Tomah pickup.
- 9:40 a.m. **Tomah:** McDonald's by Greyhound pickup area

Arrive at Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center at about 11:15 a.m.

The bus will depart Madison to return home at 5:30 p.m.

The bus trip is limited to the first 40 people who register and pay. Reserve your spot today.

To reserve your seat, please contact District 9 Coordinator, Katie Mattison at 866.355.7349 or kmattison@wfbf.com. Please indicate which location you want to be picked up at.

**Registrations are limited so reserve your seat today.**



# COUNTYnews

DUNN COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION



## Highlights from the WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference



Dunn County Farm Bureau was well represented at the 98<sup>th</sup> WFBF Annual Meeting and Young Farmer and Agriculturist Conference. Pictured back row: (from left) Kay Gilbertson, Kevin Gilbertson, Jim Holte, Marv Prestrud, Jean Burger, Al Shannon, Matthew Kirkpatrick, Brian Douglas; middle row: (from left) Larry Schlough, Nick Perkovich, Kayla Pagenkopf, Mary Prestrud, Ashley Burger, Bristol Shannon, Heather Kirkpatrick, Carl Casper, Tony Christopherson; front row: (from left) Jerica Meyer, Tara Prochnow, Anne Kriskovich and Katie Mattison.

More than 1,100 Young Farmer and Agriculturist and Farm Bureau members converged on the Kalahari Resorts in Wisconsin Dells on December 1-4 for the YFA Conference, 98<sup>th</sup> WFBF Annual Meeting and 83<sup>rd</sup> Rural Mutual Insurance Company Annual Meeting. More than 500 of the total attendees were YFA members attending the YFA Conference.

Some of the best and brightest YFA members competed in a variety of contests, attendees had the opportunity to learn new things by attending breakout sessions and listening to excellent keynote speakers, members were recognized and awarded for their hard work



A large group of Young Farmer and Agriculturist members from District 9 enjoyed the YFA Conference.

and member delegates made their voices heard by setting policy that will guide the legislative agenda for the state's largest general farm organization during the next year.

Of the 1,100 plus members, more than 100 of those members were from District 9 including members from the Collegiate Farm Bureau at UW-River Falls. Some District 9 highlights include:

- Representing District 9 in the YFA Discussion Meet were: Laura Benitz, Pierce County; Isaac Christenson, Polk County; and Nathan Kringle, Barron County.
- Barron County Farm Bureau member and District 9 YFA Chair, Julie Wadzinski, was elected chair-elect and will serve as the 2019 WFBF YFA Chair.
- Members who signed five or more new members during the last membership year enjoyed being part of the Farm Bureau Proud Club (formerly known as Producer Club), where they received preferred seating for the Farm Bureau extravaganza, a special meal and a thank you gift. Farm Bureau Proud Club members from District 9 were: Kay Gilbertson, Jerica Meyer, Dale Quilling, Dean Bergseng, Peter Kimball, Jim Melin, Terry DuSell and Paul Hetke.
- WFBF District 9 Director, Jim Holte, was re-elected WFBF President.

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Jerica Meyer and her date Caleb, enjoyed being part of the Farm Bureau Proud Club.



Kay and Kevin Gilbertson enjoyed the perks of being part of the Farm Bureau Proud Club.



Ashley and Jean Burger took home the championship in the cornhole tournament.



Members wracked their brains as they tried their hand at the trivia contest on Saturday night.



Thank you to Sara Ausman for creating some awesome cookie art for Dunn County Farm Bureau's donation to the WFB Foundation silent auction!

### Find Your Name and Win

Members, look for your name in the image shown below and win \$10 to be put towards next year's membership dues. All you have to do is read your newsletter, search for the image and if your name appears, you have 30 days to contact Marv Prestrud at 715.418.1990 to let him know you have found your name. Good luck!

For Example:

## President's Message



Happy New Year Dunn County Farm Bureau members,

As a county Farm Bureau, we have much to look forward to in the coming months.

We kick off 2018 right away on **January 24** with Ag Day at the Capitol. This is a great time to network with farmers from across Wisconsin and a perfect time to get to know your legislators better. Our legislators look forward to this day every year and it is a great time to help inform them of policy that assists farmers in our state.

**March 20** is National Ag Day. A good time to promote the importance of agriculture to the foundations of our country. Important because of the production of food, fiber and energy. National Ag day is an important time to promote the wise use of our natural resources.

We are one of the largest stakeholders in protecting our environment and resources and need to promote the progress agriculture has made.

In April we are looking forward to the first IGNITE Conference, **April 5-6**, in Stevens Point.

An opportunity to Innovate, Grow, Network, get Informed, Trained and Engaged. An opportunity to develop and improve our leadership skills.

There are more opportunities and I would love to talk to you about them or you can catch up on them in future newsletters.

**Marv Prestrud**  
Dunn County Farm Bureau President

Stephen Brantner

## Farm Bureau Service to Agriculture Awarded



Dunn County Farm Bureau president Marv Prestrud and Dunn County Farm Bureau board member Carl Casper presented Geri Wolfe with the 2017 Dunn County Farm Bureau Service to Agriculture award for the work that she has done for agriculture and Dunn County Farm Bureau over the years.

She served as Dunn County Farm Bureau president for eight years, has served on the Dunn Electric Board for nine years and is active with her church.

**Congratulations Geri!**

## You Could Win a Gun for Signing Up New Farm Bureau Members

Agriculture is a major driver of Wisconsin's economy. We have a vested interest in helping to maintain a safe, affordable and abundant food supply. As a member of Farm Bureau, you help support programs and policies that ensure that farmers can continue to feed and clothe us, while helping keep Wisconsin's economy strong.

Farm Bureau is a membership organization that relies on membership dues as a primary source of revenue. By joining Farm Bureau, you become part of an organization that provides numerous member benefits while helping to support Wisconsin's #1 industry. YOU can get involved with membership and earn great rewards at the same time.

- For every NEW member you sign, you get \$20.
- For every two new members you sign, you will get an entry to win a gun.

If you have any questions, please contact WFBF District 9 Coordinator Katie Mattison at [kmattison@wfbf.com](mailto:kmattison@wfbf.com) or 715.418.0975.

2017-18  
DISTRICT 9

# 'AIM FOR 2'

## MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES

- **Prize:**  
Savage Axis II XP rifle w/scope (Winner has the choice between: .25-06; .30-06; 270; 243; 308; 7mm08)
- **Dates:**  
October 1, 2017 – July 31, 2018  
Drawing will be held at the District 9 Policy Development meeting on Wednesday, August 1.
- Members get **1 entry for every 2 new members** they sign up and **1 entry for every 2 past due members** renewed (a form must be completed and given to the District Coordinator to receive credit for the past due members).



## Do You Know Someone Who Should Be a Farm Bureau Member?



To the right is a membership application for Wisconsin Farm Bureau. The dues in Dunn County are \$55 per membership.

Below are a couple of quick hints for you as you go through the membership application. Membership applications can be found at [www.wfbf.com](http://www.wfbf.com) or by contacting District 9 Coordinator Katie Mattison at 715.418.0975 or [kmattison@wfbf.com](mailto:kmattison@wfbf.com).

1. Can my spouse and I share a membership? Yes. Each membership is one vote for the county Farm Bureau. If you and your spouse feel you can have a shared opinion on county happenings, then you can have a shared membership. If you'd rather have two votes, you would each have to buy a membership.
2. Why do you need my date of birth? Your birthday is used for the accidental death benefit that comes with your county Farm Bureau membership. It also helps us target our Young Farmer and Agriculturalist members so that we can be sure to include them in activities that are specific to them. We won't sell it to anyone, it helps us.
3. What is the Ag Newswire? Ag Newswire is produced by Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation each Friday and it is a summary of agriculture news for the past week.
4. How do I know what my membership type is? Dunn County Farm Bureaus have established that a **voting** member is someone engaged in agricultural purposes, actively engaged in the business of producing agricultural products, or owners of property where such business is conducted and that an **associate** member is other persons, partnerships, unincorporated associations and corporations interested in the philosophy and objectives of this association can be a member, but without the right to vote or serve as a director. Typically, associate members are those without direct ties to agriculture, but carry a Rural Mutual Insurance policy.
5. Who is the membership worker? At Farm Bureau, we like to reward those who help us grow our membership. So, if you are giving this membership newsletter to someone in hopes that they will also join, please write your name in the membership worker blank. We will send you \$20 for each new member who you sign up. It's

a great way to be rewarded for taking time out of your day to make the visits and help us grow our membership.

6. Where do I mail my application? You can drop it in the mail to WFBF, P.O. Box 5550, Madison, WI 53705, or you can drop it off at the Rural Mutual Insurance office in Balsam Lake.
7. When should I send in my payment, when is it due? Your membership starts on the day we receive your membership application and that will remain your renewal date. So, if you know that your cash is a little tight in the summer, but you could manage the renewal in September, send it in September. We'd be glad to have your membership anytime.

## Welcome to the Farm Bureau Family

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive WFBF's weekly email newsletter, Ag Newswire?  Yes

Would you like a Rural Mutual Insurance agent to contact you?  Yes

Membership Type:  Associate  Voting

County of Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Worker: \_\_\_\_\_

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## The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same



Greetings Farm Bureau members,

For those of you I have not met, let me introduce myself. I am Laurie Peterson, the new Rural Mutual Insurance District manager for what we consider to be the Northwest District of the state.

My territory consists of 18 counties and I have had the pleasure of working with WFBF members and District Coordinators in Districts 4, 8 and 9. Although I have met some of you and attended several annual meetings last fall, it was not physically possible for me to attend each of these meetings because of scheduling conflicts.

The meetings I did attend allowed me to meet with hard-working members who reside in each district and celebrate with them, their successes. It was evident at these meetings the impact that this organization has on individuals, communities and schools. I look forward to meeting even more of you in the years to come.

I started in this position on January 1 of 2016 and what a year of learning and growth it has been. Prior to becoming the district manager, I was a Rural Mutual Insurance agent for 10 years and had an office in Medford where I worked closely with the Taylor County Farm Bureau board.

I believed then and still believe that there is a great deal of value in the relationship between Rural Mutual Insurance and

WFBF. I took every opportunity to align myself and my agency to reinforce that strong relationship between the two organizations.

Although my position with the company has changed, my approach to the relationship we have with the WFBF remains the same.

With my first year in this position coming to a close, I believe I have a better understanding of the time required and the responsibilities. I believe as district manager, it is my responsibility to encourage our agents to continue their work helping each county to meet membership goals, but I want to see that taken to the next level.

Beyond signing members, if there is an opportunity for myself or an agent to volunteer at a dairy breakfast or work a shift at the food stand at the Dunn County Fair, please contact them or me. We will do our best to see if we cannot get you the help and support you need to continue the good work you do.

The agents and my contact information is published in each edition of the newsletter or contact District 9 Coordinator Katie Mattison. Together, we can make great things continue to happen.

### Laurie Peterson

Rural Mutual Insurance Company, District Manager



## Scholarships Available to High School Seniors



Dunn County Farm Bureau will be granting four \$250 scholarships for 2017-2018 high school seniors.

This scholarship is open to high school seniors in Dunn County with preference given to students from Dunn County Farm Bureau families.

This scholarship will be based on the student's past school and community activities.

A certificate of scholarship will be presented to winners this spring and the scholarship will be awarded after the student has completed one semester of college or vocational school and has

provided a transcript with at least a 2.0 grade point average.

The deadline to apply is **April 2**.

For more information, please contact Mary Prestrud, Dunn County Farm Bureau Promotion and Education chair at 715.418.1991.

An electronic version of the application can be found by visiting [wfbf.com/countyfarmbureaus/dunn](http://wfbf.com/countyfarmbureaus/dunn).



## 2019 Marks 100 Years for Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

By Carl Casper

2019 will be a special year to review our history and look forward to the future of our great organization.

The celebration will kick off at the 2018 WFBF Annual Meeting, **November 30-December 3**.

I was asked to be part of a planning committee for the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation Centennial celebration to commemorate WFBF's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

If you have some historical memorabilia to put on display or if you have any ideas that you want to see included to celebrate the occasion, please contact me at 715.235.3323. Thank you!



## Dunn County Farm Bureau Contacts:

President, Marv Prestrud	715.418.1990
Vice President, Kevin Gilbertson	715.879.5472
Secretary/Treasurer, Darryl Kovacik	715.643.5433
Promotion & Education Chair, Mary Prestrud	715.418.1991
YFA Chair, Jerica Meyer	715.225.6981

Director, John Ausman	715.879.5352
Director, Carl Casper	715.235.3323
Director, Tony Christopherson	715.271.8143
Director, Doug Clark	715.556.8888
Director, Brian Douglas	715.308.2249
Director, Tim Jackson	715.308.6295
Director, John Kovacik	715.643.5433
Director, Dale Quiling	715.225.4550
Director, Franklin Retz	715.643.2353

Dunn County Farm Bureau	877.457.8897
WFBF Board Director, Jim Holte	715.835.6708
District 9 YFA Rep., Julie Wadzinski	715.432.8740
District 9 Promotion and Education Chair, Kay Gilbertson	715.879.5472
District 9 Coordinator, Katie Mattison	866.355.7349
RMIC District Manager, Laurie Peterson	715.514.4477

## Save the Date: Appreciation Picnic

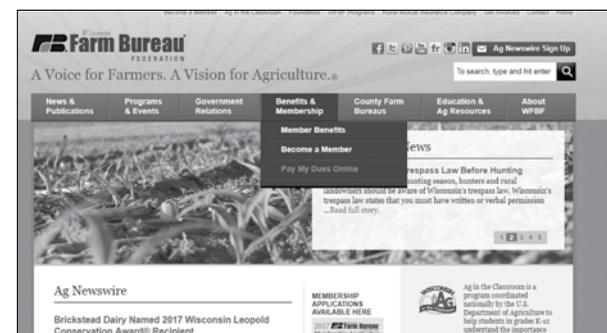
Dunn-Pierce-St. Croix County Farm Bureau Member Appreciation Picnic is scheduled for **Thursday, June 28**.

Dunn County Farm Bureau will be hosting but the location has yet to be decided. Please watch for further details.

## You Can Renew Your Farm Bureau Membership Online

Renewing your Farm Bureau dues is easy and convenient. All you need is your Farm Bureau member number. Don't know what yours is? Contact District 9 Coordinator, Katie Mattison, at [kmattison@wfbf.com](mailto:kmattison@wfbf.com) or 866.355.7349.

Visit [www.wfbf.com](http://www.wfbf.com) to renew your membership.



## Welcome New Members

Pam Entorf, Scott Gifford\*, Randy Grossbier\*, Brad Kamp, Justen Seipel and Steven Styler\*.

\*Denotes voting member.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Dunn County agriculture accounts for \$225.4 million, or 14.8 percent, of the county's total income. Every dollar of agricultural income generates an additional \$0.61 of county income.