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Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

Plan to Attend the Policy Development Meeting

When: Thursday, August 3
Where: 11:30 a.m. - Tee Away Golf Course, 1401 E. 11th Street N., Ladysmith
 or
 7:30 p.m. - Stout Ale House Banquet Center, 1501 N. Broadway Street, #1500, Menomonie

Your Voice Matters
 Wisconsin Farm Bureau is a grassroots organization that works on behalf of farm

families and individuals who support agriculture. That means that we need to hear what is important to you. Please plan to attend one of these important meetings and let your voice be heard. The District 9 YFA Discussion Meet will precede the policy Development meeting at the Stout Ale House starting at 6:30 p.m.

For directions, questions or to RSVP, contact District 9 Coordinator Katie Mattison at kmattison@wfbf.com or 866.355.7349.

DISTRICT 9 FARM BUREAU



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District 9 Discussion Meet

Date:
Thursday, August 3

Time:
6:00 p.m. light hors d'oeuvres
6:30 p.m. Discussion Meet
7:30 p.m. Policy Development Meeting

Location:
Stout Ale House
1501 N Broadway Street
Menomonie

Question to be discussed:
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?



For more information contact District YFA Representative Julie Wadzinski at 715.432.8740 or julie.wadzinski@gmail.com or District 9 Coordinator Katie Mattison at 715.418.0975 or kmattison@wfbf.com



COUNTYnews

DUNN COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION



Elk Mound Student is Ag in the Classroom Essay Winner



Caroline Gabert was the Dunn County winner of the Ag in the Classroom essay contest. Pictured with Caroline is the Elk Mound Middle School Principal Chris Hahn, Dunn County Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom chair Kay Gilbertson and fifth grade teacher Erin Foiles.

Caroline Gabert, a fifth-grade student from Elk Mound, is the Dunn County winner of the Agriculture in the Classroom essay contest. Caroline is the daughter of Erica Gabert. Mrs. Foiles is her fifth-grade teacher at Elk Mound Middle School.

Wisconsin fourth and fifth grade students were asked to write a 100- to 300-word essay with the theme 'Tell us about cranberry production during one of the four seasons in Wisconsin.'

Over 170 Dunn County students wrote essays for the competition sponsored by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation, Insight FS and We Energies.

Caroline's winning essay

Winter Cranberries

Err! It's winter in Wisconsin and the cranberries are safely covered from the cold snow. Cranberries were first commercially harvested in Wisconsin in 1860, and cranberry growing is still going strong. 60% of the nation's entire supply of cranberries are grown in Wisconsin. So, how are cranberries protected during the winter months?

In the winter, cranberry vines have to be covered with a layer of water. This eventually freezes over into a layer of ice which protects the cranberry vines. If you don't, the cranberry vine will die.

Plant dormancy is when the cranberries are safely under a layer of ice to protect them from the cold and are not sprouting new buds. This also ensures that the cranberry vines don't "wake up" too early and then die when frost comes. This is why people who harvest and grow cranberries have to watch the weather. Cranberries take 3-5 years for the vines to fully grow and produce berries. Cranberries are also filled with a small pocket of air so they can float.

There are many ways that this tart, bright red fruit can be eaten. Such as a sauce, in a pie, as raisins, in cookies, as juice and so much more. They can also be used as decorations. Cranberries are most often eaten around the holidays.

A way for finding and sorting the best cranberries from the bad, rotten cranberries is by using the bounce method. This method was started by a man who dumped his cranberries down the stairs of his barn! Only the ripest cranberries made it all the way down the stairs.

Cranberries have been harvested and used for medicines, dyes, and much more by the Native Americans living in Wisconsin, and these small tart fruits are still enjoyed by many today.

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24th Annual Dunn County Dairy Promotion Breakfast in the Books

The 24th annual Dunn County Dairy Breakfast was held May 20 at Prestrud Dairy LLC. There were 1,300 plus attendees who came for waffles, sausage, milk, deep fried cheese curds, string cheese, ice cream, pudding and maple syrup.

Governor Scott Walker also visited. He was in a lot of photos and helped serve sausage for a while. He also presented the annual scholarship.

There was a petting zoo with goats, llamas, burros, puppies, chickens and more. There also were many displays including antique tractors, quilts, barn quilts and commercial displays. There were educational displays by UW Extension, Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board and others. The Wisconsin Potato and Vegetable Growers also sent the Spudmobile.

The event was a great kickoff to the dairy breakfast season and promoting America's Dairyland.



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 summer greetings,

Our growing season got off to a slow and cool start this year. As always, we in agriculture look forward with optimism for a good growing season.

Our thoughts and prayers go to those in Barron County and surrounding counties who were affected by the storms in May. Much work has been done with much more to do, with hopes of reaching some sort of normal for the victims.

Congratulations to the students who earned scholarships this year. Rachel Hedlund and Sam Retz from Boyceville, Kelci Brion from Durand, Emma Kraft from Menomonie and Paul Boesl from Prairie Farm each received scholarships.

We wish them well in their future education endeavors.

My family was honored to host the Dunn County Dairy Breakfast this year. My thanks to those who

worked to make it successful. You did really good.

Preparations are being made for the food stand at the Dunn County Fair. As always volunteers are needed. Please contact Cindy Quilling to volunteer.

Marv Prestrud
President Dunn County Farm Bureau

Dunn County Farm Bureau Selects Scholarship Recipients

Five Dunn County students received \$250 scholarships from Dunn County Farm Bureau.

The applicants were asked to complete an application that included their future educa-

tion plans, community and school activities and teacher recommendations.

Best of luck in your endeavors.

Congratulations!



Samuel Retz graduated from Boyceville High School. He is the son of Frank and Julie Retz. He plans to attend Bethany Lutheran College in the fall to earn a bachelor's degree in biology. He also wants to earn a master's degree. Sam was active in FFA, wrestling, track, drama and band.



Rachel Helland graduated from Boyceville High School. She is the daughter of Kelly and Diane Helland. She plans to major in nursing and wants to study abroad. Rachel is involved in her church, was a special education teacher's assistant, on the yearbook committee, attended the Spanish class trip to Spain and participated in advanced art class.

Rachel Helland graduated from Boyceville High School. She is the daughter of Kelly and Diane Helland. She plans to major in nursing and



Emma Kraft graduated from Menomonie High School. She is the daughter of Kris and Karla Kraft. She will attend UW-Platteville to begin her generals and decide which agriculture field she wants to continue in. Emma is involved in FFA and she served as president.



Kelci Brion graduated from Durand High School. She is the daughter of Curt and Lisa Brion. She will attend UW-River Falls for business. Kelci is involved in volleyball, basketball, softball, pep club, D-club, FFA and community events and activities.



Paul Boesl graduated from Prairie Farm High School. He is the son of Mike and Lori Boesl. He plans to attend Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College to finish the ag power program, which he is enrolled in as a youth option student. Paul is an active volunteer for the Prairie Farm and Ridgeland Tractor Pulls as part of the track maintenance crew. He also was involved in football, baseball, the ice fishing team and FFA.

Lunch and Learn with Wisconsin Farm Bureau



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.

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 a webinar on topics ranging from advocacy to working with legislators and Farm Bureau programs to engaging consumers. The third Wednesday of each month will feature a tour 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.

Little Britches Showmanship at the Dunn County Fair

What: Little Britches Showmanship

Who: 4-8-year-old area youth interested in showing animals

When: Sunday, July 30, at 11 a.m.

Line-up begins at 10:45 a.m.

Where: Dunn County Fair, Dunn County Recreation Park, Menomonie



The Dunn County Fair wants to invite area youth, ages 4 to 8 years old, to participate in the Little Britches Showmanship exhibition.

These young individuals are invited to show calves (dairy or beef) born after March 1, 2017, and before the fair, or individuals may show a goat or lamb born after January 1, 2017, and before the fair.

You may borrow an animal that was shown during the Junior Fair or animals may be brought to the Recreation Park the Sunday morning of the Little Britches show. All animals will be released at the same time as other livestock entries: Sunday at 5 p.m.

After a walk around the show ring and an interview, young showmen will receive participant ribbons and prizes. There is no entry fee.

The Dunn County Farm Bureau will take photos of exhibitors, but bring your camera to get more great photos.

For more information or questions, please call UW-Extension office at 715.232.1636 or visit <http://dunn.uwex.edu>.

Fun at the Dunn County Fair Farm Bureau Food Stand

By Cindy Bourget

Summer is here ... finally. This season seems to be the definition of busy. We are working to make sure we take advantage of the wonderful weather—in both our businesses and our families. And to be honest, those things happen together most of the time.

It's wonderful seeing families work and learn together as they make sure gardens grow, harvests are bountiful and the fair calf (or three) gets taught to lead. Summer also is a time of planning and preparation for our families as we save for the less bountiful months, and it is no different for the Dunn County Farm Bureau.

As we prepare, we are in need of help. The food stand will be open **July 26 -30** at the Dunn County Fair and we need members to help work at the stand.

We are able to prepare for our year in just these five days, and like during harvest, we need all hands-on deck. Shifts are three hours, and are a great way to get to know fellow members as well as the community.

To sign up for a shift, please call me at 715.235.2213. I look forward to hearing from you.



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- Office Depot

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- 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.

4-H Members Helps Promote June Dairy Month

By Bailey Gilbertson, Elk Meadow 4-H Club member and daughter of Farm Bureau members Kevin and Kay Gilbertson

On June 7, members of the Elk Mound community enjoyed free ice cream treats to celebrate June dairy month at the Elk Mound Lion's Park. The ice cream treats were handed out by the Elk Meadow 4-H club.

4-H members answered dairy questions and other inquiries about their 4-H projects. The dairy promotion featured a display entitled 'rethink your drink,' which portrays the amount of sugar in popular beverages. The display also included great

information about dairy that the community could take home with them.

The 4-H youth interacted with the Elk Mound community by leading them in making butter with whipping cream and also helped them to make milk fireworks.

Thank you Dunn County Farm Bureau for sponsoring this great dairy promotion.



Krista and Sara Ausman enjoyed ice cream with their families.



4-H members included: (from left) Jack Emberson, Jaylen Emberson, Bailey Gilbertson, Brandon Gilbertson, Kaleb Gilbertson, Ashley Quilling, Emily Quilling and Josh Quilling; adult leaders Gwen Quilling and Kay Gilbertson attended to offer guidance to the community.

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Save the Date: Dunn County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Date Set

When: Tuesday, September 26

Where: Dean & Sue's Bar and Grill

Time: 6:30 p.m. - Social hour

7:30 p.m. - Dinner followed by the business meeting

Cost: \$5 per person; all new members are FREE

Come and celebrate with Dunn County Farm Bureau, network and discuss current policy at the Dunn County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting. Later this summer, watch your mail for more details and your formal invitation.

Member Benefit of the Month

Have you used any of your Farm Bureau member benefits lately?

A long-standing Farm Bureau member benefit is the \$500 Reward Protection Program.

The reward is paid to a qualifying individual who provides information that leads to the arrest and conviction of any person who commits the crime(s) of arson, theft or criminal damage to a Farm Bureau member's property where the reward sign is posted. There are \$500 Reward signs as well as windows-adhesive decals available.

The \$500 Reward signs or window stickers are available by contacting your WFBF District 9 Coordinator Katie Mattison at 866.355.7349 or kmattison@wfbf.com or can be ordered at no cost directly from the WFBF office in Madison.

Welcome Dunn County Members!

Connie Beranek*, Jairen Carter, Doug Dahl, Jeremiah Fredrickson*, David Hetke, Heather Kirkpatrick*, Shaun Peper, Michael Rasmussen*, Phillip Stoeklen and Aaron Vasey*.

*Denote voting membership.



* **WANTED:** *

First Time Attendees

Join us for the 2017 Wisconsin Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Agriculturists Conference, December 1-3 at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

Never attended the Young Farmer and Agriculturist Conference? Now is your chance to experience this conference for FREE! You will network, learn and have fun with engaging speakers, educational workshops, contests and more.

If you are a first-time attendee, Rural Mutual Insurance will pay the conference registration fee for you and a guest and two nights lodging at the Kalahari Resort. Registration fee includes registrant meals, workshop sessions and entertainment. **BUT HURRY!** This sponsorship is limited to 50 individuals/couples! Complete the short application by August 15 at <http://bit.ly/YFARuralSponsorship>

REWARD

Qualify for Cash - Refer A Friend

Any YFA member who refers a first-time attendee who is accepted for sponsorship and attends the event will qualify for a \$100 cash award.



"That's Just About Right" District 9 YFA Members Attend Concert

Hans Timper



District 9 Young Farmer and Agriculturist members were "not strong enough to say no" to Blackhawk at Cinder City Days in Altoona on June 10. About 25 members got together to network, enjoy an evening off the farm and have a great time at the concert.