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Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

Clark Graduates from Farm Bureau Leadership Institute Program

Fond du Lac County YFA member Danielle Clark (pictured with WFBF President Jim Holte) graduated from the WFBF leadership Institute program at the WFBF Annual Meeting.



The Farm Bureau Institute is a year-long premiere leadership training course at a graduate level whose mission is to produce strong and effective county Farm Bureau leaders. The training focuses on personal growth and development, public speaking, working effectively with all forms of media, creativity training, understanding the role and functions of WFBF and Rural Mutual Insurance Company, training on working with government at the local, state and national levels, working to bridge the generational divide among volunteers, consideration of current national and international agricultural issues and completion of a Farm Bureau Personal Development Leadership Plan.

For more information on the WFBF Leadership Institute program, check out our website at: wfbf.com/programsevents/leadership-training-institute.

Farm Bureau Offers Scholarship to High School Senior

The Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau is pleased to announce that it will award one \$500 higher education scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school senior who is enrolled in an accredited college, university or technical college. All majors will be considered for this scholarship; however, preference will be given to those applicants entering into an agriculture area of study. The applicant or his/her parents must be a current Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau member. The selected recipient must mail their first semester grades and proof of re-enrollment to the address below before the check will be mailed.



Completed applications must be postmarked by March 15 and mailed to:

Becky Hibicki, District 5 Coordinator
N8977 State Road 44
Ripon, WI 54971

For an application, go to wfbf.com/countyfarmbureaus/fond-du-lac or email Becky Hibicki at bhibicki@wfbf.com to request a copy.

Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau YFA WINTER Meeting!

WHEN: Tuesday, January 13
8 p.m.

WHERE: Fond du Lac County
Farm Bureau Office
343 North Peters Avenue

We will be discussing the upcoming pizza making and county events.

For more information contact Chris Pollack at 920.858.3548.





COUNTYnews

FOND DU LAC COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

Zimdars Wins Collegiate Discussion Meet

Nate Zimdars was selected the winner of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation's Collegiate Discussion Meet at the organization's 95th Annual Meeting in Wisconsin Dells on December 7.



Nate Zimdars of Ripon was named the 2014 WFBF Collegiate Discussion Meet winner.

Zimdars is a junior at UW-Madison where he is earning a degree in history and education. He grew up on a sheep and poultry hobby farm near Ripon.

His passion for agriculture grew from his involvement in 4-H and working on his grandparents' dairy farm, a strawberry farm and an apple orchard. Nate is a member of the Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau.

The Collegiate Discussion Meet is a panel discussion in which collegiate members are judged on their ability to lead a committee discussion on current issues affecting agriculture and to develop consensus on an action plan to effectively address issues.

By participating, members build basic discussion skills, develop a keen understanding of important agricultural issues and explore how groups can pool knowledge to reach consensus and solve problems.

Zimdars will represent Wisconsin in a national collegiate Discussion Meet at the American Farm Bureau FUSION Conference in Nashville this February.

Other finalists included Emily Selner of UW-Madison, Rachel Leege and Kallie Jo Kastenson from UW-Platteville, and Kaylin Spaeth and Aaron Zimmerman from UW-River Falls.

IOH Permit Informational Meeting

Tuesday, January 27 from 1-3 p.m.

UW-Fond du Lac, Room 114 University Center, Fond du Lac
Speakers: Rob Richard from the Wisconsin Farm Bureau and Cheryl Skjolaas with UW-Extension

No charge to attend. Sponsored by Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau and UW-Extension

For more information contact Mike Rankin, Fond du Lac UW Ag Extension Agent, at 920.929.3171.

Alto Farm Bureau Christmas Party

Approximately 40 members attended the Alto Farm Bureau Christmas party held December 4 at the Alto Community Center. Everyone received a goodie bag from Santa and enjoyed bingo!



Trayton Greenfield posed with Santa at the Alto Christmas party held on December 4.

Farm Bureau Bus Trip



Join other Farm Bureau members from the district for a bus tour to Northcentral Technical School farm near Wausau and Mullins Cheese in Mosinee.

When: Friday, March 6

8 am: Leave Green Lake Courthouse parking lot (571 County A Green Lake)

10:30 a.m.: Tour Technical School Farm

Noon: Lunch

1 p.m.: Tour Mullins Cheese

4 p.m.: Arrive back in Green Lake

Cost: \$25 per person

RSVP by March 1 to District Coordinator Becky Hibicki at bhibicki@wfbf.com or 920.517.2445.



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District Director Report



Recently I was asked about my experience on the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Board. It has been time-consuming and challenging at times but it is a true honor to serve agriculture in this manner. My main objective in this position is not only to advocate for agriculture but to raise the success in District 5.

This past year we spent countless hours on the strategic plan. One of the main goals of this plan is to continue to build the bridge of communication between members and staff. WFBF has many resources for us as members and the greatest resource is the staff. The strategic

plan lays out potential new ways of bringing information to members. My goal is to continue to hold leadership sessions within the district in order to give members the opportunity to interact with many of WFBF's staff.

I also believe in putting the right people in the right place. Throughout the year I have asked our nominated members to be a part of many aspects of this organization. These include the strategic plan, congressional forum, leadership trips to Washington, D.C. and committees and workgroups of the Farm Bureau. Recently a few select members met with Congressman Elect Grothman to discuss pressing issues moving into a new year.

I want to thank everyone who is active in this organization. Being active has been instrumental in such things as new legis-

lation that allow higher axle weights for implements of husbandry and maintaining higher weights on 41 as it becomes an interstate, along with many other regulations that affect us as farmers.

I believe the success of Farm Bureau comes from its members. We have an opportunity in Wisconsin Farm Bureau because we have one of the premier leadership training programs in the country. I will continue to do my part to help each county grow its leadership potential and strive in their unique ways. It is a true honor continuing to serve agriculture and Farm Bureau!

Kevin Krentz
WFBF District 5 Board Director

Fond du Lac County Members Attend WFBF Annual Meeting



Innovate. Educate. Motivate.

Captions:

1. WFBF Annual Meeting Producer Club Luncheon attendees were (L to R): Trayton Greenfield, WFBF District 5 Coordinator Becky Hibicki, Reuben Hopp and Steve Sabel. (Not pictured: Chris Pollack)
2. Fond du Lac YFA member Tim Clark retired as the WFBF YFA Committee Chair.
3. Fond du Lac County delegates to the WFBF Annual Meeting, held December 6-8 at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells, were (L to R): Tim Haack, Roger Grade, Dale Beaty, Richard Julka, Earl Sippel, Reuben Hopp, Linda Jahn, Chris Pollack, Steve Sabel, John Ruedinger.
4. District 5 YFA Representative Amanda Knoch addressed YFA attendees at the District 5 meeting during the YFA Conference.
5. WFBF Director of Member Relations Bob Leege (left) visited with Trayton Greenfield (center) and Reuben Hopp (right) prior to the Producer Club membership worker luncheon.
6. Veteran membership worker Trayton Greenfield was recognized as the top membership worker in the state for signing 30 new voting members.
7. (L to R) Chris Pollack (2014 AFBF Discussion Meet finalist), Ethan Giebel (2014 YFA Discussion Meet winner from Juneau County) and Nate Zimdars (2014 Collegiate Discussion Meet winner).
8. Fond du Lac County was recognized as the top YFA program in the state. Chris Pollack (right) received the award from WFBF President Jim Holte.
9. Jenny Leahy (right) received the Rural Mutual Insurance Company sponsorship for first-time attendees to the YFA Conference.

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Fond du Lac County Young Farmer and Agriculturist

Premium Pizza Sale

First come, first serve. Order your pizzas now before they run out!

Back by popular demand, Fond du Lac County Young Farmer and Agriculturist members will be selling Premium Pizzas! They are made fresh with the finest ingredients from local cheese and supply companies. Order extra to keep on hand for a fast meal, snack or unexpected guests. Pizzas will be available after February 28.

This copy is for your records

Combo _____ Sausage _____ Pepperoni _____ Cheese _____ Supreme _____
 Total # of pizzas ordered _____ Total Due \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau YFA. Thank you for supporting Fond du lac agriculture! Contact FDL YFA chair Chris Pollack at 920.858.3548 with questions.

Detach here _____

Farm Bureau Copy – Detach and mail this portion **with check to:**
 Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau YFA, 343 N. Peters Ave., Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Quantity	Pizza	Price/Pizza	Total Price
	12" Premium Combo (Cheese, Sausage & Pepperoni)	\$5.50	
	12" Sausage	\$5.50	
	12" Pepperoni	\$5.50	
	12" Cheese	\$5.50	

Order any 4 pizzas of the above for \$20!

New this year the committee is offering a supreme pizza for \$7 (no discounts).
 The supreme pizza includes: pepperoni, sausage, onions and mushrooms.

Quantity _____ Price _____

Grand Total _____

Your Name _____ Phone # _____

Ag Day at the Capitol - Save the Date!

The 2015 Ag Day at the Capitol will be held on Wednesday, March 11 at the Monona Terrace.

Tentative schedule:

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

Individual registration is \$25 in advance and \$30 after March 5, 2015. For more information contact District 5 Coordinator Becky Hibicki at bhibicki@wfbf.com.



Fond du Lac YFA Facebook Page

Make sure to “like” the Fond du Lac County YFA Facebook page to keep up on all the YFA events!

The committee will be organizing a day to help bag food at a local food pantry and planning a bowling/pizza event! Check us out on Facebook to stay up-to-date!



Calendar

- January 13** YFA Winter Meeting 8 p.m. at Fond du Lac Office
- January 31** YFA Stompin' at the Shed - Oshkosh
- March 6** District 5 Bus Tour to Northcentral Technical School Farm and Mullins Cheese
- March 11** Ag Day at the Capitol
- March 13-14** Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit
- March 11** Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau Scholarship Application Deadline
- April 1** Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest Deadline

SAVE DATE