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Fond du Lac County YFA Holds Fall Meeting

Eighteen Fond du Lac County YFA members gathered September 25 at the Pizza Ranch in Fond du Lac for the YFA Fall meeting. Members reviewed summer activities, planned several fall and winter activities, approved the committee's budget and elected the 2014-2015 Fond du Lac County YFA committee.



2014-2015 Fond du Lac County YFA Committee (L to R) Kevin Giebel, Chris Pollack, John Van Ruiswijk (front), Mike Leahy, Jenny Leahy and Christine Duscheck.



Pollack Named Final Four Finalist in YFA Achievement Award

The Achievement Award judges participants on their involvement in agriculture, leadership ability, involvement and participation in Farm Bureau and other civic and service organizations.

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Ripon area YFA member Chris Pollack will represent the county in the YFA Achievement Award contest at the WFBF Annual Meeting in December.

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Fond du Lac County Women's Committee – A Year in Review By Sarah Beuer

The Fond du Lac County Women's committee would like to give a huge "thank you" to all of those who helped at the food stand during the county fair. It's the help of everyone that makes this event a success. We would like to invite everyone back again to help with next year's fair. Help is always appreciated and, as you know, we always have lots of fun working together.

The money that the committee makes goes to fund the following programs:

- FDL County Salvation Army Donation
- Upgrading the Food Stand Building and Equipment
- Agri-Business Council's Ag Ambassador Program Donation
- District 5 Farm Bureau Women's Fall Summit
- Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom fourth and fifth grade Essay Contest/Ice Cream Social
- Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit
- FDL County Breakfast on the Farm
- Support Local Food Pantries
- Area Blood Drives Donations
- 4-H Citizenship Award Sponsor



Ladies from all over District 5 gathered in Fond du Lac on September 11 for the District 5 Women's Fall Summit hosted by the Fond du Lac County Women's committee.



Alice Ketter and Pat Birschbach were awarded the 2014 Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau Service to Ag Recipients. Women's committee chairs Mary Runge and Sarah Beuer presented the awards at the county annual meeting. (L to R) Alice Ketter, Mary Runge, Sarah Beuer and Pat Birschbach.

We are excited for the upcoming year. The future of agriculture has never looked brighter. We hope to carry on the traditions of the past, while also bringing in new ideas and possibilities. Thank you again for your support of the Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau Women's committee.

This year Fond du Lac County hosted the District 5 Women's Fall Summit on September 11 at UW-Fond du Lac. More than 25 ladies from all across District 5 attended the event. Guest speakers included: Tina Kohlman – UW-Extension, Karen Kelley of Kelley's Creamery and Kayla Doll from Graceful Way Gifts. Thank you to everyone who attended.

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Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau 2014-2015 Board of Directors



2014-2015 Fond du Lac County Board of Directors (L to R) Chris Pollack, Earl Van Ruiswijk, John Ruedinger, Roger Grade, Mark Diedrichs, Rueben Hopp, Sarah Beuer, Jim Kelroy, Mark Horsch, Trayton Greenfield (membership chair), Dale Theel, Sam Gudex, Earl Sipple, Steve Sabel, Bill Maedke, Tim Haack, Mary Runge, Ralph Janzer, Elmer Held and Richard Julka.

Membership Workers Earn Producer Club Award

The following Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau volunteers signed five or more members and will be recognized as producer club members at the WFBF Annual Meeting in December.

- Trayton Greenfield** – 30 members signed
- Chris Pollack** – 6 – members signed
- Rueben Hopp** – 6 members signed
- Steve Sabel** – 6 members signed

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President's Message – A Year in Review



I would like to highlight several of the programs and activities the Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau conducted throughout the year.

The Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau is dedicated to supporting the agricultural youth in the county. This year the board made a donation to the

Friends of 4-H endowment fund, sponsored students from the Campbellsport FFA to attend the FFA Farm Forum in Wisconsin Rapids and made donations to several of the FFA chapters for their "Day on the Farm" events. Amanda Page from Ripon was awarded a \$500 scholarship. The board also made its annual contribution to support the Ag Ambassador program in the county which incorporates several of the Ag in the Classroom resources from the WFBF. Our YFA (Young Farmer and Agriculturist) program continues to grow and develop under the leadership of Chris Pollack. In March, the Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau board of directors, YFA committee and Rural Mutual Insurance all had booths at the Ag Showcase event in Fond du Lac, where members interacted with many families and taught the importance of agriculture.

The county also continues to be involved in the legislative process. Seven members attended Ag Day at the Capitol held in Madison in January. This year the Farm Bureau worked hard to pass important Implements of Husbandry (IOH) legislation, which will allow farmers to transport large farm implements from the farm to the field, while at the same time protecting our local roads. I want to thank all of our members who contacted their legislators about the importance of passing the IOH legislation. Nine members attended the district policy development meeting held in Rosendale in September. Steve Sabel and I also served on the committee that conducted a candidate interview in the 59th Assembly District.

The county also had a very successful fair food stand. The fair food stand is one of our largest fundraisers and it allows us to conduct many of our programs of works. This year the county made several changes to the food stand. The county made some small repairs to the building, improved signage and we worked with Kelley's Creamery to sell ice cream. I would like to thank Alice Ketter and Pat Birschbach for their many, many years of service working in the food stand. This year both Alice and Pat decided to retire from working at the stand, and on behalf of the entire board of directors I want to personally thank both of you. The county organized a new fair food stand committee. The core committee consists of Reuben Hopp, Roger Grade, Elmer Held, Sarah Beuer and Mary Runge. I also want to thank all the members who volunteered

time to work in the stand. The county also conducted a successful brat sale at Brandon Meats during the first week in August. I want to thank Eugene Belling for all his help with the set up at the brat fry.

Our county Farm Bureau is run by a dedicated group of volunteers who meets regularly each month and is committed to conducting programs and activities that support the agricultural community in our county. I would like to thank Keith Birshbach for serving as a board member for several years. Keith decided to step down as a board member during the year. The board appointed Mark Diedriches to complete Keith's term. Thank you Keith for your service and thank you Mark for your willingness to serve on the board.

So as you can see the Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau had a successful year promoting agriculture to the youth in the county, through our political involvement, our fair food stand and our membership efforts. In the upcoming year I hope our Farm Bureau can continue to grow and develop each of these programs. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Richard Julka
Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau President

District Director Report



WFBF has had another eventful year. We successfully lobbied to raise IOH (Implement of Husbandry) axle weights on roads from 20,000 to 23,000 pounds. This new law may seem complicated but the outcome is the same. We are able to continue to use combines, choppers and larger equipment that were more than the 20,000 pounds per axle limit.

The foundation has also had a very active year. We continue to touch more people with the leadership program and the YFA programs. This not only helps Farm Bureau but also local communities and other organizations that these people may serve on. I truly wish success for everyone going through these programs.

Ag in the Classroom also has a new leader as Darlene Arneson went on to run the Norwegian Heritage Center in Stoughton. Wendy Kannel took over and ran a very successful Ag Open golf outing. Wendy is a very dedicated and ambitious person and is very capable of taking Ag in the Classroom to the next success level.

The WFB Foundation is a vital part of our organization. It allows us to fund many of our programs. But the Foundation has been slowly depleted year after year. With that in mind the WFBF Board has voted to add a \$5 foundation donation to the membership billing statement. This will "stop the bleeding" of the Foundation. The WFBF Board is dedicated to not only stop the depletion of the Foundation but to grow the fund. We are looking at many things such as efficiencies in operations, eliminating outdated items, foundation events and sponsorships.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone who dedicates their time for this organization. Farm Bureau would not be what it is without the many volunteer leaders. As we look back on our successes we also need to note there are many challenges ahead. I look forward to working with all of you to create another successful year next year.

Kevin Krentz
WFBF District 5 Board Director

Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau Holds Annual Meeting



More than 100 members gathered for the Fond du Lac County annual meeting on September 15 at the Holiday Inn, Fond du Lac.

Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau 2014 Resolutions

1. The use of UAS (Unmanned Aircraft Systems) for information gathering needs to gain consent of the landowner and land operator.
2. Licensing and insurance should be required for drones.
3. The use of drones to cause malicious damage to a person or entity would be punishable by law.
4. We support a notice of intent permit for emergency situations to fix current high capacity wells.
5. We support when there is a sale of property the high-capacity permit associated with the property is automatically included in the sale.
6. We support immigrant laborers who have been in the United States for at least three years and have no criminal record to attain a driver's license with the requirement they carry liability insurance.
7. We support criminal prosecution for individuals obtaining employment or entry into agricultural facilities under false pretenses.
8. We support legislation that requires person(s) witnessing animal abuse to report findings to management and/or the proper authorities within 24 hours of witnessing such action, or face being charged as an accomplice.

District Holds YFA Discussion Meet



The District 5 YFA Discussion Meet was held August 21 at the City Inn Bar and Grill in Berlin. More than 30 people attended the event with six YFA members competing in the Discussion Meet. Congratulations to Fond du Lac County YFA member Nate Zimdars, who finished in the top three and will represent the county at the state Discussion Meet contest in December.

Upcoming Events

November 15 Fruit Order Deadline

December 5-8 WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference – Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells

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District Coordinator Report



By the time you read this I will have completed attending all seven of my county annual meetings. The county annual meeting season is my favorite time during the Farm Bureau year. It's a great time for the county Farm Bureau to reflect back on last year's accomplishments and begin to set new goals for the upcoming year.

It is a truly rewarding experience to work with each of the seven county Farm Bureau board of directors in the district. District 5 is one of nine Farm Bureau districts in the state. Our district includes the counties of: Adams, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Juneau, Marquette, Waushara and Winnebago. Each county is unique and the diversity and strengths of all the counties is what continues to make District 5 successful!

This year District 5 celebrated many successes, including:

- More than **40** board members from the district attended the first ever leaders meeting held in February.
- **Thirty** members attended one of two district Policy Development meetings held this fall.
- **Forty** plus members attended the annual Ag Day at the Capitol event.
- **Four** out of the seven counties reached their new voting goal by the April 30 early bird incentive deadline.
- **Three** members are part of the 2014 WFBF Leadership Institute program and two members from the district have applied to be part of the 2015 program.
- **Six** YFA members competed in the WFBF YFA Achievement Award contest and FDL YFA member Chris Pollack made it into the final four.
- **Five** YFA members competed in the WFBF YFA Excellence in Agriculture contest and Marquette YFA member Amanda Zuehls made it into the final four.
- **Six** YFA members competed in the district YFA Discussion Meet contest and more than 30 members attended the district Discussion Meet held in August.
- **Six** members have signed at least five new voting members and will be recognized as producer club membership workers.

Adams County member Michelle Bula is completing her first year representing the district on the WFBF Women's Committee. I would also like to thank Tim Clark for serving the last three years as the district YFA representative. Tim will complete his term on the committee this year. Marquette YFA member Amanda Knoch was appointed to replace Tim on the YFA Committee.

I also want to personally invite each of you to attend the WFBF Annual Meeting December 6-8, at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

If you have any questions throughout the year, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Becky Hibicki, District 5 Coordinator
(bhibicki@wfbf.com or 920.517.2445)



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