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Plan to Attend the Fond du Lac County Fair

Plan to attend the Fond du Lac County Fair on **July 19-23** in Fond du Lac.

While you are at the fair, come and visit the Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau Country Café food stand or stay a while and volunteer in the food stand. The committee is looking for volunteers.

For more information, visit www.fonddulaccountyfair.com or if you are interested in volunteering in the food stand, please contact Mary Runge at 920.477.4804.



Alto 4-H and Farm Bureau Fair Menu

A & P Enterprise Shows
Annual 4-H & Farm Bureau
Alto Fair
Aug. 9-10, 2017
50th Anniversary 1967-2017

Rides Open Specials

Wed. 10 am 11am-7pm Wristband \$25.00 per person
10am-5pm 50¢ Anniversary Special or Regular prices

Thurs. 10 am Regular Prices

Regular Ticket Prices
Single @ \$1.25
or save \$2.50
10 for \$10.00
All rides take 2 or more tickets and premium.

2017 Anniversary Ticket Special
\$60 per Ticket
Rides take 3 or more tickets per person
Buy Tickets 10am-5pm Wednesday only
tickets good until 11pm Thursday

Alto Fair

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toasted Cheese with Ham Chili Spanish Hamburgers Hot Ham Buns with Cheese Hamburgers Cheeseburgers Pork Chop Sandwich Hot Dogs Nachos Chips Donuts Pie (apple, pumpkin, cherry, blueberry, and various homemade flavors) with Ice Cream 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cake with Ice Cream Ice Cream (dish or cone) 1 or 2 scoops Ice Cream Bars Diet Fruit Bars Root Beer Floats Pop (bottle) 12 oz or 20 oz Gatorade (orange) Lemonade (bottle) Bottled Water Milk White or Chocolate (carton) Chocolate Milk Chugs Coffee
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Also, breakfast both mornings 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Serving ham and eggs on Wednesday and pancakes and sausage on Thursday.



DISTRICT 5 YFA CANOEING AND PICNIC



ATTENTION YFA MEMBERS!

When: Sunday, July 30

Time: Noon picnic with canoeing to follow
Where: Mecan River Outfitters, W720 State Road
23, Princeton, WI 54968

For more information
contact District 5 YFA Chair
Amanda Knoch
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COUNTYnews

FOND DU LAC COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION



Fond du Lac County YFA Update By Mike Leahy, Fond du Lac County YFA chair



The past few months have been an exciting time for the Fond du Lac County YFA.

We completed the annual pizza fundraiser. Thank you to Sartori Cheese for donating 250 pounds of cheese. The YFA committee wants to thank those who supported the pizza fundraiser. It was a great success. This year, the Sheboygan County YFA partnered with us in making and selling pizza. It was a great way for us to get to know our YFA counterparts from the county next door.

We also had our spring YFA meeting and farm tour at Lake Breeze

Dairy. Thank you to Mark Diedrich and Lake Breeze Dairy for being such gracious hosts. We had over 20 YFA members attend from Fond du Lac, Manitowoc and Calumet counties. At the meeting, we discussed the pizza sale and other upcoming YFA activities. After the meeting, we got to tour Lake Breeze Dairies state-of-the-art facilities.

Many exciting opportunities lie ahead in the upcoming months. We are looking for members interested in participating in the YFA contests; Discussion Meet, Excellence in Ag and Ag Achievement.

If you have any questions about the contests or want more information, please contact me at leahymichaelg@hotmail.com or 920.517.6241 or message me on Facebook.



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Fond du Lac County Student Wins District 5 Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest

Vivian Lucas, a student from St. Mary Springs Elementary School in Fond du Lac was named the District 5 Ag in the Classroom essay winner.

Each year the Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom program hosts an essay contest revolving around food and agriculture. Ag in the Classroom offers an annual essay contest for fourth and fifth grade students.

The topic has specific lesson plans, activities and other resources that teachers and home school parents can use to teach about Wisconsin agriculture. The 2016-2017 topic was 'Tell us about cranberry production in Wisconsin during one of the four seasons.'

A total of 2,818 Wisconsin students wrote essays for the contest sponsored by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation, Insight FS and We Energies.

The finalist from each of Wisconsin Farm Bureau's nine districts across the state received a certificate, educational resources for their teacher and presentation about Wisconsin agriculture for their class.

Congratulations to all of the essay contest winners!



(from left) Lynn Dickman, District Promotion and Education Chair; Vivian Lucas, District 5 essay winner; Mary Runge and Ann Riedeman, Fond du Lac County women's committee members.

District Director Report



With the upcoming crop year comes much anticipation. Will the yields be adequate? Can we manage the margins to make a profit? Or will it make quality feed for the livestock it is intended for?

This year also brings much skepticism. How will commodity prices move? Or do you have enough of your production marketed or insured?

I believe with the crop year we need to manage what we can and let the good Lord do the rest. I also believe we have a similar situation in our federal government administration.

There is much anticipation and skepticism on the direction our nation will take this year. The administration has given intentions to help create a simpler tax system, fair trade,

secure borders, eliminating burdensome regulations and fixing a broken health care system. This is no easy task for any government body but can be done. Through the process, we in agriculture need to remind them who helped them get elected, and continue to portray our needs.

In most trade deals, agriculture commodities are the balancer. We need to continue to partner with countries that need our products. Managing and protecting relationships that have taken generations to create. In some cases, raw products are exported, made into value added products and then imported back into the U.S.

We need to eliminate the unnecessary regulations that typically cause this and bring those jobs back to the U.S. Canada has also developed regulation to help protect their dairy industry at a detriment to our trade. The administration needs to hold them accountable. We also need to push for a trade deal in Oceania. TPP laid out many sanitary and labor requirements that would put the U.S. and many other countries on a level field, making trade much fairer between countries.

The administration is responsible for securing our borders and knowing who is crossing them. They are also responsible for developing an immigration system that works for business and agriculture in this country. Labor needs continue to be challenging in many agriculture commodities including fruit, vegetables, aquatics, dairy, meat processing and many others.

This is not a large versus small farm issue. As many farmers continue to get older, the need for help with physical labor on farms continue to grow. This also leads into the health care system. As we move to fix a broken system we also need to care for our aging population.

As with a new cropping year we have an opportunity to start anew, so is following an election. This administration and congress was voted in by the 'fly over' states. We need to continue to hold them to the task moving forward. Along with being fiscally responsible, as we in our businesses. God Bless and have a safe growing season.

Kevin Krentz
WFBF District 5 Director

District Promotion and Education Update



president of Tri-County FFA Alumni since 2014.

Outside of agriculture, I am a member of the Stevens Point Curling Club, City Band, Ignite Leadership Network of Portage County and a board member for Meals on Wheels.

As the District 5 Promotion and Education committee representative, I am excited to get out and serve you as your liaison for state and national outreach activities. I plan to attend at least one board meeting and the annual meeting of each county in our district.

Hello! My name is Lynn Dickman and I am your newly appointed District 5 Promotion and Education Chair.

I am originally from Green County, growing up on an 80-cow dairy farm in Argyle. After earning a bachelor's degree in dairy science from UW-Madison in 2010, I began working for Heartland Farms, Inc., in Hancock.

Today I serve as a research agronomist on this 24,000-acre potato farm that grows and markets 8,000 acres of potatoes for potato chips each year.

In June 2016, I completed my master's degree at UW-Madison where I studied stem end defect in potato chips for my thesis project. This year I participated in the Potato Leadership Institute and Potato D.C. Fly In.

I am the YFA chair for Waushara County, was a graduate of WFBF Leadership Institute Class VIII, and in the final four for YFA Excellence in Ag in 2016. In addition, I have been

Do not hesitate to contact me if you want me to attend one of your county's events. Please say hello and introduce yourself if I see you at an event. If you are looking for ideas, activities or events, visit wfbf.com to download a copy of the 'Playbook,' a book of plays compiled and maintained by the Promotion and Education Committee.

The Promotion and Education Committee, which replaced the Women's Committee in 2015, is a group of nine leaders who represent the nine Farm Bureau districts. Committee members develop, promote and implement projects and programs that build awareness and understanding of agriculture and provide leadership development for the agricultural committee.

Lynn Dickman
District 5 Promotion and Education Committee Representative
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Albert Awarded Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau Scholarship



Zoe Albert, daughter of Mark and Karen Albert was awarded the 2017 \$500 Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau Scholarship.

Albert is a 2017 graduate of Campbellsport High School and will be attending Carroll University to pursue a career in physical therapy. She is a 12-year member and president of the Armstrong 4-H Club. While in high school Zoe was a member of the National Honor Society and involved in volleyball, basketball and softball. The last two summers she has worked at the Fond du Lac County Fair Office where she has had the opportunity to develop her communication, time management and organizational skills.

The Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau currently offers one \$500 scholarship to a graduating high school senior.

YFA Contest Experience By Jenny Leahy



Over the last few years, I've participated in Excellence in Ag and the Discussion Meet. Both contests encouraged my personal growth and have promoted greater agricultural advocacy.

The first contest that I participated in was Excellence in Ag and this contest spurs self-reflection on the contestant's agricultural advocacy. Self-reflection is always the first step to personal and professional growth and participating in Excellence in Ag has led to me finding more ways to advocate for agriculture.

The second contest that I have participated in was the Discussion Meet. The Discussion Meet requires participants to organize and seek more knowledge on topics pertinent to agriculture. The contest not only gives contests a stronger knowledge base, but also provides an incredible networking opportunity. During the discussions, contestants are interacting with people from across the state and from many walks of life. The discussion can challenge precon-

ceived notions, inspire new ideas and create bonds to strengthen an already awesome organization.

Farm Bureau members between the ages of 18 and 35 are eligible for the Achievement Award, Discussion Meet and the Excellence in Agriculture Award. The winners of these contests on the state level will compete at the American Farm Bureau Federation Annual Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, on January 5-10, 2018.



WANT TO WIN A TRIP TO NASHVILLE?

WINNERS OF THE WFBF YFA ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, EXCELLENCE IN AG & DISCUSSION MEET WIN A TRIP TO THE 2018 AFBF ANNUAL CONVENTION IN NASHVILLE!

For applications and more information visit bit.ly/WIYFAContests

District YFA Update



Happy spring! I hope that everyone is having a good start to 2017 and I pray that planting goes well for everyone.

2017 has been a great year so far for YFA. In March, we had great representation at Ag Day at the Capitol and we had our county chairs meeting, which also was well attended. We hosted a great cheese and wine event at Vines and Rushes on April 23.

We have the annual YFA contests that I strongly encourage YFA members to consider. If you have someone in mind or you are thinking about the contests but are not sure how they work, come to our training night with a mock discussion on **Wednesday, June 21**, in Montello.

Applications for Excellence in Ag and Achievement Award are due on **July 1** and the District Discussion Meet will be on **August 23** in Green Lake.

If you are looking for a social gathering over the summer we will have the annual canoeing and summer picnic in Princeton on **Sunday, July 30**.

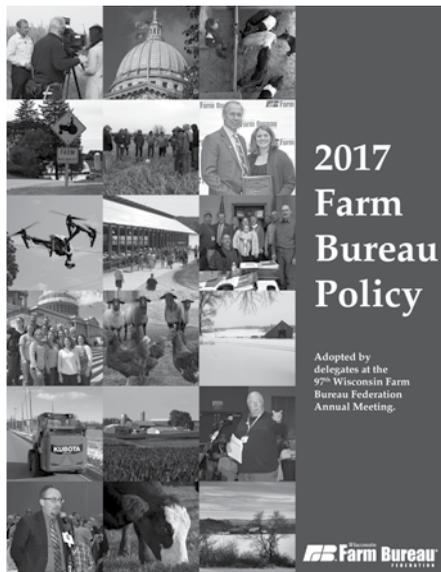
If you have any questions about these events, please contact me at 608.369.1091 or visit our events on Facebook.

Happy planting.

Amanda Knoch
District 5 YFA Committee Representative

Policy Development: Grassroots in Action

By Mike Leahy, YFA chair



I have had the humbling experience during the last 16 months to represent not only Fond du Lac County, but all of District 5 on the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation's Policy Development Committee.

What is policy development and why is it so important? Farm Bureau policy is the road map for the organization. It sets the goals and direction for the board of directors and the staff at the state office. Without clear direction, our organization would wander from issue to issue. No one voice. No vision for agriculture.

Farm Bureau is a grassroots organization and that policy road map is created at the county level. Last year, I saw this first-hand when 430 policy resolutions were submitted from counties across the state to the Policy Development Committee.

Our job as the Policy Development Committee is to go through those resolutions. Combine similar policies. Discard overlaps. Eventually after two days have a concise list of policies to be presented to the delegate body for a vote. Do all of the resolutions pass the scrutiny of the delegates? Of course not. Which is okay. That is how the process is supposed to work. The ones that do though, set the foundation for our governmental relations staff to work with the legislature and governor to promote good solid public policy in Wisconsin.

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Attention YFA members: For more information on the county YFA program, please contact one of the county YFA committee members.

District 5 Discussion Meet

Date:
Wednesday, August 23

Time:
6:30 p.m. Dinner - Pizza Buffet
7:00 p.m. Discussion Meet
7:30 p.m. Policy Development Meeting

Cost: \$12/person

Location:
Goose Blind Bar & Grill
512 Gold Street
Green Lake

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 5 YFA Representatives
Josh & Amanda Knoch at 608.369.1091 or joshamandaknoch@gmail.com To RSVP
by August 16, call, text or email District 5 Coordinator Becky
Hibicki at 920.517.2445 or rhibicki@wfbf.com

Welcome New Fond du Lac County Members

J&S Car Wash, RWI Pipe Fabricators, Joshua Albrecht, Leo Amend, Kassandra Anderson, Karen Baumhardt, Jeremy Blaszyk, Melissa Blish, James Bloedorn, Arnold Breitenfeld, John Bronkhorst, Craig Bronkhorst, Eligio Centeno, Daniel Conroy, Michael Damm, Shaun Flanigan, Charles Flitcroft, Vance Glewen, Stephan Grams, Richard Greenfield, Leonard Guenzel, Howard Gundrum, Jacob Halbach, Edward Heeringa, Jeremy Hendrickson, Danielle Hodoff, Steven Hopp, Kristin Jackson, Tyler Jackson, Rudolph Jaeger, Kollan Jagow, Charles Keifenheim, Laura King, Jeremy Kintzler, Kayla Kuchta, Calib Laderhose, Brett Liesener, Ryan Mc Arthur, Jeffrey Moore, Janice Moore, Chad Mrstik, Thomas Mueller, Michael Mulder, Chad Navis, Keith Navis, Clay Nemitz-stautz, Jodi Newhauser, Leonard Nichols, Tyler Page, Troy Pflum, Rick Pluim, Shawn Pollack, Lowell Prill, Mallory Rabe, Nate Rens, Chad Richardson, Robert Roehl, Jeffrey Roets, Cameron Salter, Kyle Saunders, Laura Schwartz, Daniel Sina, Jason Smith, Gina Solamita, Allen Stahmann, Wilfred Steffen, Andrea Steger, Andrea Steger, Judith Steinke, Christopher Straub, Ann Szutkowski, Veronica Tomas, Roland Trepanier, Frank Van Beuer, Berwyn Van Buren, Margaret Van Schyndel, Zachary Vander Grinten, Barry Vegter, Chad Warnecke, Isaac Wienkes, Caleb Winkel, Arnette Wiskow, Clarence Woolery, Anthony Wright, Dean Zamzow, Mark Zinke and John Zipp.

Save the Date: Fond du Lac County Annual Meeting

The Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau annual meeting will be held Monday, September 18, at the Holiday Inn in Fond du Lac. Registration begins at 7 p.m. with a build-your-own sandwich and soup buffet. The meeting will begin shortly after 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Steve Boe, WFBF Local Affairs Director. Please watch your mail for a postcard invite later this summer.

Please Note: New Address



The Farm Bureau has sold its building located at 343 N. Peters Avenue. The mailing address for the Farm Bureau is: Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau, P.O. Box 5550 Madison, WI 53705

For more information or if you have questions, please contact Richard Julka at 920.979.2400 or District Coordinator Becky Hibicki at 920.517.2445.