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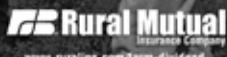
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Join us for the 2017 Wisconsin Farm Bureau
Young Farmer and Agriculturists Conference

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. This sponsorship is limited to 50 individuals/couples.

Complete the short application by **August 15** at bit.ly/YFARuralSponsorship.

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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.

T-Shirt Sale Supports Farm Bureau



The Green Lake County Farm Bureau is selling t-shirts. The shirts will be red. Proceeds from the t-shirt sales will help fund future county programs and activities. Sizes medium to 4XL are still available. Cost is \$18.

If you are interested, please contact District Coordinator Becky Hibicki at 920.517.2445 or bhibicki@wfbf.com.
Order yours today!

Thank You from Yolanda Woloszyn

Dear Green Lake County Farm Bureau members,

After the Green Lake County annual meeting last October 2016, I resigned as the county's events coordinator. I had been the events coordinator since 2010. I thought that it was time for me to retire, and now I have more commitments at home. I had fun doing it and have enjoyed it; however, don't think that I won't be around, because I still plan on helping.

I have been on the women's committee since 1995 and was secretary from 2004 until the events coordinator job was created in 2010. I have done most of the ordering for the Green Lake County Fair food stand. Val Hebbe and Irene Kutz were women's committee chairs and at that time, did the ordering for the fair. I also served as women's chair. It's not just one-person job; it takes a team.

I want to thank the women's committee for what they have done and continue to do. Thank you to the volunteers from last year and all the volunteers from the years before. Without your help, the Green Lake County Farm Bureau Fair food stand would not be a success. We would not be able to fund the activities that we do, without the fair food stand income.

Jennifer Digman was hired as the new events coordinator. Some of you may know her already. Jen

moved here from southern Wisconsin, is married to Jason and has four children; James, Jayden, Jacey and Jar-ron. She is the women's committee chair.



Jen has been on the women's committee for three years. She was very active in Farm Bureau and 4-H before moving here and continues to do so in Green Lake County. She also pitched in last year when I had to leave early, because our daughter was due with her second baby in early August.

If you don't know Jen, the food stand would be a great place to get to know her. This year the fair is **August 3-6**. I hope to see you at the Green Lake County Fair.

If you want to help, please contact Jen at 920.767.2111. The fair food stand is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Thank you,

Yolanda Woloszyn



COUNTYnews

GREEN LAKE COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION



Green Lake County Conducts Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest

Abbi Brantner, a student from Princeton Elementary School was named the Green Lake County 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. Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom offers an annual essay contest for fourth and fifth grade students. 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 competition 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.



Green Lake County Ag in the Classroom essay contest winners: (from left) first place, Abbi Brantner; second place, Isabella Alanis; and third place, Hailey Treder.

Women's Committee Sponsors June Dairy Month Window Contest

This year, the June Dairy Month window contest theme was 'Start and End Your Day with Dairy.' The following 4-H clubs participated in the contest: Fox River Patriots, Prairie View Rockets, Roy Creek Ramblers, Sunrisers, Seneca, and Three Hilltoppers.

The clubs received a blue ribbon and will receive \$20. The contest is sponsored by the Green Lake County women's committee.



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Bruss Awarded Green Lake County Farm Bureau Scholarship



Ben Bruss, son of Dave and Sue Bruss, is the 2017 Green Lake County Farm Bureau Scholarship winner. He is a graduate of Markesan High School. He will attend UW-Platteville, majoring in dairy science and minoring in agribusiness. Ben was a member of the track team, cross country team, National Honor Society, FFA and 4-H.

He worked on his parents' dairy farm for several years and works at the Green Lake Conference Center. Congratulation to Ben on this achievement.

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 joshmandaknoch@gmail.com. To RSVP by August 16, call, text or email District 5 Coordinator Becky Hibicki at 920.517.2445 or rhibicki@wfbf.com.

President's Report



Greetings Green Lake County Farm Bureau Members,

Spring planting has been challenging, to say the least. Hopefully this newsletter comes to you in much nicer summer weather.

Ag Day at the Capitol was and always has been an exciting day for me. Governor Scott Walker addressed the farmer group about the budget and

upcoming ag legislation. Then we met with Representatives Joan Ballweg and Luther Olsen about ag-related issues.

Between 10 and 12 Green Lake County Farm Bureau members attend each year and I encourage you to consider attending next year.

I also saw many of you at the WPS Farm Show on March 29. It is a great day for us to connect with Green Lake County Farm Bureau members and have you sign up for a door prize as well.

Our plan is to work with Green Lake County Land Conservation along with the Green Lake Home Owners' Association's executive director Stephanie Prellwitz. We hope that the Green Lake Farm Tour will include a bus tour and farm demo soil pit, as well as lunch being provided by the group. Please watch for details. The date has not yet been set, but should be by late August or early September.

Finally, as every other year, I am asking for your help at the Green Lake County Farm Bureau food stand during the Green Lake County Fair.

Yolanda Woloszyn has been the events coordinator for several years, but has decided to step down. Thank you to Yolanda for her many years of service. Jen Digman is the events coordinator, so please contact her with the hours you can help At 920.767.2111. Remember, this is our largest fundraiser of the year to help us continue our services to all members.

Have a great summer and see you at the Green Lake County Fair,

Dave Wilke

Green Lake County Farm Bureau president

District Director Report



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 also has 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. Trans-Pacific Partnership (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 among countries.

The administration is responsible for securing our borders and knowing who is crossing them. They also are 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

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 commodities 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 portrait 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

Policy Development: Grassroots in Action

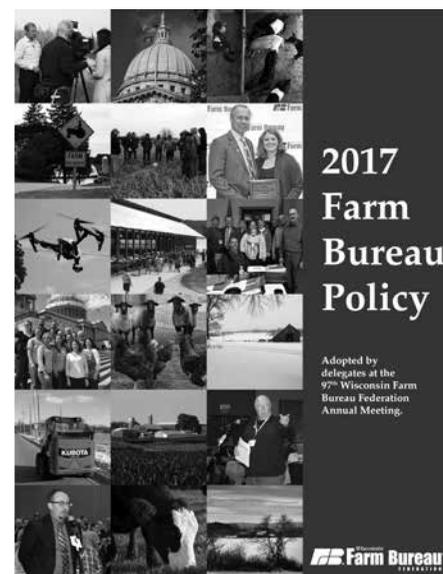
By Mike Leahy, Fond du Lac County YFA chair

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.



**2017
Farm
Bureau
Policy**

Adopted by
delegates at the
97th Wisconsin Farm
Bureau Federation
Annual Meeting.

Wisconsin Farm Bureau



DISTRICT 5 YFA CANOEING AND PICNIC

**Wisconsin Farm Bureau
Young Farmer
and Agriculturist
Program**

ATTENTION YFA MEMBERS!

When: Sunday, July 30
Time: Noon picnic with canoeing to follow
**Where: Mekan River Outfitters, W720 State Road
23, Princeton, WI 54968**

For more information
contact District 5 YFA Chair
Amanda Knoch
at 608.369.1091

There are Benefits to Your Farm Bureau Membership:

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District YFA Update



Happy summer! 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 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.

On June 21, we held a District 5 YFA contest training night in Montello where members participated in a mock discussion meet and were able to get assistance in filling out the Achievement and Excellence in Agriculture award application.

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.

Amanda Knoch
District 5 YFA Committee Representative

District Promotion and Education Update



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 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.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you want me to attend county event. 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.

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Save the Date: Green Lake County Annual Meeting

The Green Lake County Farm Bureau annual meeting will be held **Tuesday, October 3**, at the American Legion Hall in Green Lake.

7 p.m. - Registration
 7:30 p.m. - Meal

Please watch your mail for a postcard invite later this summer.

Green Lake County Fair: Plan to Attend

By **Jen Digman**, Green Lake County events coordinator



It is almost fair time again. We are looking for people of all ages to volunteer at the Green Lake County Farm Bureau food stand, August 3-6.

Please contact me at 920.767.2111, if you want to volunteer. Shifts are typically four hours, but any amount of time is appreciated. Enjoy your summer.

Welcome New Members

Lavern Alf, Dustin Baggett, Heath Boelter, Rick Dornfeld, James Goham, Lawrence Graff, Gloria Mathers, Todd Morris, Kevin Schenning, Patrick Shirley, Michael Sina, Abigail Swanke, Ronald Wagner, Wayside Repairs and Auto, Inc. and Donald Wegenke.