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Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

Green County Farm Bureau Essay Contest Winners

By Devan Klopfenstein, Essay Contest Coordinator

Green County fourth and fifth grade students were invited to participate in the 2017 Wisconsin Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom essay contest. There were 69 local entries in this year's contest that focused on "Cranberry production in Wisconsin during one of the four seasons."



(L to R) Devan Klopfenstein (Green County Farm Bureau essay coordinator), Ruby Brandt (third place), Sadie Wilkins (second place), Kelsi Cameron (first place) and Craig Kamholz (JMB Insurance Group).

Winners of the 2017 Green County essay contest included:

- First Place: Kelsi Cameron, fourth grader from Juda Elementary
- Second Place: Sadie Wilkins, fourth grader from Monticello Elementary
- Third Place: Ruby Brandt, fourth grader from Northside Elementary, Monroe

Each winner read their essay to attendees at the Green County Dairy Breakfast on the Farm on May 27 at Rollin' Green Dairy Farm. They were also recognized with a plaque sponsored by Rural Mutual Insurance agent, Craig Kamholz, JMB Insurance Group and with the 2017 Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom book of the year "Time for Cranberries" sponsored by the Green County Farm Bureau.

On behalf of Green County Farm Bureau, \$150 was issued to the classroom of the first place winning essay, \$100 to the classroom of the second place essay and \$75 to the classroom of the third place essay. In addition to the three winners, Insight FS sponsored a \$50 gift card for each teacher to purchase items for the classroom for having their entire class participate in the essay contest.

The following teachers encouraged their entire classroom to participate in this year's essay contest:

- Mrs. Abraham, Northside Elementary, Monroe
- Mrs. Steinmann, Northside Elementary in Monroe
- Mrs. Ramos, School District of Juda
- Mrs. Figi, Monticello Elementary School
- Mrs. Richter, Monticello Elementary School

We would like to thank all the sponsors who contributed to this event and those who participated. A special appreciation goes to the Green County Ag Chest for providing Green County Breakfast on the Farm tickets to our winners and two of their family members. The contest is sponsored on the state level through the Wisconsin Farm Bureau – Ag in the Classroom Program, We Energies and Insight FS

Rural Safety Day for Fifth Grade Students to be Held in September



The Green County Farm Bureau is hosting the first annual Rural Safety Day on September 20 at the MERIT Center in Monroe. This event is open to all fifth grade students in Green County. We have been in contact with the schools in each of the districts to offer this opportunity. The focus of this event is to raise awareness of safety concerns in rural areas. Topics

will include: grain bin safety, ATV, electrical, large animal, power take off, roller and seat belt safety, fire, weather and compaction safety. We are seeking donations to help sponsor this opportunity. If you wish to learn more about this event or donate, please contact Carmen Montgomery at 608.293.2905 or carmen.montgomery@compeer.com.

Welcome NEW Green County Farm Bureau Members

Carly Arneson, Beau Benner, Robie Blankenship, Steve Bowdish, Danielle Dieckhoff, Jacob Disch, Cynthia Fager, Tina Foesch, Dan Goepfert, Danielle Hagen, Jaron Harding, Gerri Harvey, Robyn Hellenbrand, Marques Hicks, Elizabeth Hoff, Stephanie Holmes, Travis Holmes, Robert Hosch, Carl Huschitt, Ellen Kiser, Kasie Knoll, Emily Lindenmann, Carla Mann, Taylor Oleksy, Gerald Padulla, Brock Peters, Scot Pfeuti, Douglas Pinnow, Chelsea Reine, Larissa Rowe, Kayla Ruf, Dale Ryan, Karl Schultz, Justin Segner, Craig Slotten, Adam Sonnenburg, Jessica Stoneback, Gail Swaine, Noah Thomson, Dustin Voegeli



COUNTYnews

GREEN COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION



Ag in the Classroom Summer Bus Tour By Alissa Grenawalt

On July 18-19, approximately 50 K-12 teachers, ag teachers, farmers, Extension staff, volunteers and Wisconsin Farm Bureau staff took advantage for the 2017 Ag in the Classroom Summer Bus Tour and learned more about agriculture in Jefferson County. Attendees saw and learned from a wide variety of ag businesses in the area including Hinchley Farms, Severson Learning Center, Jones Market, Hoards Museum, Tyrenena Brewing Company, McKay Nursery, Rock River Laboratory, Berres Brothers Coffee Roasters, Mid-State Equipment and Jelli's Market. This was a great opportunity to network with fellow educators and embrace many of the unique businesses and landmarks in Wisconsin. Everyone learned something that they will be taking back with them in their personal or professional careers.

Thanks to Darlene Arneson and staff for putting together an educational and worthwhile tour. If you would like to learn more about the great things being done in Wisconsin agriculture, be sure to mark your calendars for the 2018 tour to be held next summer.



About 50 people joined us on the Ag in the Classroom Summer Bus Tour across Jefferson County.



Teachers, farmers, Extension staff and volunteers learned about the farm to cup process at Berres Brother Coffee Roasters.



The bus tour visited a wide variety of agriculture locations across Jefferson County. McKay Nursery was a highlight of the two-day bus tour.



The tour ended their two-day adventure at Jelli's Market in Helenville.

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Green County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26



MARK YOUR CALENDARS GREEN COUNTY FARM BUREAU MEMBERS...

The Green County Farm Bureau annual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 26, at the PepperCorn in Monroe. The evening's schedule is set for a 6:30 p.m. social/dinner hour, with 7:30 p.m. meeting start.

The Green County Farm Bureau board has been busy planning this year's event, with more preparation to come over the next few weeks. The evening will kick off with a social hour and dinner at 6:30 p.m. The business meeting will begin at 7:30 and include annual reports from WFBF and our affiliates, board of director and delegate elections, and resolution voting.

We are also pleased to announce that the owners of Ian's Pizza in Madison will be our keynote speakers. The first Ian's opened its doors on October 31, 2001 on the edge of the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus to immediate success. The second Madison location opened on State Street in July 2005. Today, Ian's has the original two locations in Madison, two locations in

Milwaukee and one location in Denver, Co. Ian's is a tremendous supporter of Wisconsin agriculture by using many locally grown products, including beef, in making their famous pizzas. Their 'food lab' in Madison processes and prepares many of the locally grown meats, cheeses and vegetables. During their visit to Green County, Ian's will talk about consumer education and their commitment to agriculture and how important it is to communicate all the steps from farm to table with the goal of educating our customers here in Wisconsin!

The silent auction will be open all throughout the evening and will include items such as hand-crafted furniture, a custom-made farm sign, a metal crafted fire pit, a vintage Green County Farm Bureau sign and much more. Please mark your calendars and join us for a fun-filled night of networking and discussion about the happenings within Green County and Wisconsin Farm Bureau!

Stay tuned to the Green County Farm Bureau Facebook page and our Monday morning radio spot on the BIG Easy 93.7 for more details as we get closer to September 26.

A Message from the President...



Hello Green County Farm Bureau members! I hope you and your family are enjoying summer and are taking time to visit the many county fairs in southern Wisconsin, especially Green County! I am writing this article from a hospital room in Monroe where my third child was born less than 24 hours ago. As we watch Beau sleep thru his first few hours of life I think

about what his future may hold and all the things I want to show him and our other two kids about agriculture and farming. Both have had huge impacts on my life personally and

professionally since I was a kid. What challenges will they face? How will our industry look when they are old enough to impact it? Will they share the passion for agriculture and farming as much as their mother and me?

There is no better time than fair time to see the hard work, commitment and passion of Green County youth. As I write this piece the fair is just getting into full swing. Growing up I was never overly involved in the showing process, and now as an adult I would like to go back and make different choices. I really didn't understand the concept of showing until I met my wife, who was very involved in showing dairy cattle all throughout her youth. Every year I am in awe of what these kids exhibit and how well informed they are about their projects. I know there are great lessons being learned and

tremendous bonds and friendships being forged in the barns and show rings.

Big or small, animals or art, these kids have invested a lot of time and effort into the projects being exhibited and should be proud of their results. Whether you're directly involved in production agriculture or a consumer of our products, please get out and support our youth across the county and state. There are no dumb questions and I know that these kids and farm families love sharing their story and information about their projects. With kids like these, and hopefully kids like mine, the future of Green County agriculture is very bright!

Ben Huber

Green County Farm Bureau President

District 2 Director Report



Hello again District 2 Farm Bureau members!

I hope you are having a great summer and your crops and livestock are doing well.

Farm Bureau has always been a supporter of 4-H and FFA. One of the highlights of my summer was seeing my niece

Ciera Ballmer named Wisconsin State FFA President. Ciera is a Rock County Farm Bureau member and a member of UW-Madison Collegiate Farm Bureau.

Congratulations Ciera!

As we near the end of this growing season, we close in on completing another Farm Bureau year. All six county Farm Bureaus in District 2 (Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Green, Rock and Sauk) are holding county annual meetings in September. I strongly encourage you to attend. It's very important to stay in touch with what they have been busy with. There are probably some activities and events that you may want to get involved in.

Another reason to attend is to be involved in the process of determining which resolutions go on from your county Farm Bureau to the state. We are a grassroots organization, meaning it starts at the county level. Also, you can elect the delegates and directors who will represent you. It's also a good evening to catch up with friends and neighbors.

September is an important month for another reason in Wisconsin agriculture. The WFBF Board of Directors will travel to Washington, D.C., with our state Dairy and Farm Bill Committees. We will discuss the things that are important to include in the 2018 Farm Bill with elected officials who represent us.

The timing of this trip is crucial as the U.S. House and Senate will start discussions on the new Farm Bill soon. It's been an interesting experience for me to be one of the two members of the WFBF Board of Directors to represent the board on the Farm Bill Committee.

Hope to see you soon!

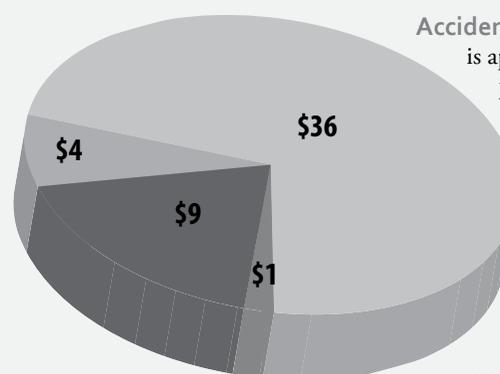
Arch Morton, Jr.
WFBF District 2 Director

How are my membership dues used?

When you join Farm Bureau, you not only become a member of your county Farm Bureau, but also the Wisconsin Farm Bureau and the American Farm Bureau. Your membership dues are allocated as follows:

Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation - \$36 of your dues are used to support state activities, conduct programs and provide staffing for those efforts throughout the state. Consumer and youth education, issue advocacy, leadership development and member publications are services that also are funded with state dues.

American Farm Bureau Federation - \$4 of your dues are forwarded to support Farm Bureau activities at a national level. These funds support agriculture's voice in our nation's capital as well as the many programs that AFBF has in place to educate consumers, share the message of agriculture and provide online resources to its members.



Accidental Death Policy - \$1 of your annual dues is applied toward an accidental death insurance policy that is a benefit of membership and covers you as a member, your spouse and eligible children. Coverage begins at \$500 and increases in value for the member and spouse with each consecutive year of membership up to \$3,500.

County Farm Bureau - \$9 of your annual dues is used to fund events and activities that take place locally. This includes supporting agriculture in the Green County community. Green County Farm Bureau financially supports students to attend FFA Farm Forum annually, the Green County Fair and other youth programs. In addition, dues are used to help fund our Promotion and Education program including the Family Farm Adventure trailer you can see across Green County and at Cheese Days.

Join a Farm Bureau Program! Mark your calendar for Tuesday, October 17 at the WFBF Office in Madison

Mark your calendars to join Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation District 2 counties (Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Green, Rock and Sauk) share ideas and collaborate. This is an opportunity for YOU to get involved with two incredible Farm Bureau programs: Promotion and Education or Young Farmer and Agriculturist.

Date: Tuesday, October 17

Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: Wisconsin Farm Bureau Office,
second floor
1241 John Q Hammons, Madison

Promotion and Education Program- The Promotion and Education Program is a dynamic group of Farm Bureau leaders who develop, implement and promote projects and programs which build awareness and understanding of agriculture and provide leadership development for the agricultural community.

**Wisconsin Farm Bureau
Promotion
and Education
Program**

Young Farmer and Agriculturist Program

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation's Young Farmer and Agriculturist (YFA) program is for members between the ages of 18 and 35 years old. The YFA program offers opportunities for leadership and skills development, along with the chance for YFA members to meet and network with their peers.

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

For more information or to RSVP, please contact a District 2 Representative:

- Andrea Brossard, Promotion and Education Representative: brossard_andrea@uwalumni.com | 920.296.2382
- Alison Kepner, YFA Representative: Alison.Kepner@compeer.com | 608.354.9232
- Amy Blakeney, District 2 Coordinator: Ablakeney@wfbf.com | 262.689.2000

Green County Ag Open – There is still time to register!

Thank you to those who have confirmed sponsorship by early July: Mike Hutchinson, Bank of Brodhead, Sloan Implement, Ruda, Pdc, Bank of New Glarus, Schultz Interstate Ag, L&S Automotive, Bartles Tap, JMB Insurance, Insight FS, GROWMARK, Beast Buffet and Kuhn. Green County Farm Bureau greatly appreciates your support!

GREEN COUNTY AG OPEN

Four-person scramble golf tournament sponsored by Green County Farm Bureau



JOIN US!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

DECATUR LAKE COUNTRY CLUB

N3941 Golf Course Rd. | Brodhead, WI

COST: \$75

HOLE-IN-ONE PRIZE:

60" 1,000 PIXEL LED SMART TV

SCHEDULE

8:30 AM – REGISTRATION

9:30 AM – SHOTGUN START

1:30 PM – LUNCH

2 PM – POLICY DEVELOPMENT MEETING

Green County Farm Bureau members will discuss agricultural issues of concern in order to devise ways, or policies, to resolve these issues. The results will be discussed and voted on at the county annual meeting in September. If you plan to only attend this meeting, the meal cost is \$10.

HOLE SPONSORSHIPS

Platinum - \$400

Mentioned on radio, newsletter and sign at the hole

Gold - \$200

Mentioned in newsletter and sign at the hole

Silver - \$100

Mentioned in newsletter and sign at the hole

Bronze - \$50

Sign at the hole

SIGN UP YOUR TEAM OF FOUR TODAY!

Name: _____ **Email:** _____

Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Are you a Farm Bureau member? Yes ___ No ___

Team members

1. _____ **3.** _____

2. _____ **4.** _____



*Proceeds will help fund youth programs

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WANTED

3 Board Members and 6 Voting Delegates

Calling all those interested in becoming a board member or being selected as a voting delegate!

Board member expectations include attendance at Green County Farm Bureau's monthly meeting and assistance in leading committee work. Green County Farm Bureau meets on the third Thursday of the month beginning at 7:30 p.m. at various locations across the county. Green County is looking to fill three board positions at the September 26 Green County Farm Bureau annual meeting.

Voting delegate expectations include attending Policy Development meetings and voting as a Green County Farm Bureau delegate on Monday of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Annual Meeting held December 4, at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

If you are considering this opportunity, please contact Ben Huber, Green County Farm Bureau president, at 608.323.0061 or bhuber@insightfs.com.



2016-17 Green County Farm Bureau Board of Directors (front L to R) Cal Wasserstrass, Alissa Grenawalt, Carmen Montgomery, Sarah Sacker, Devan Klopfenstein and Kelsi Mayer. (back L to R) Scott Timm, Justin Monson, Ben Huber, Dustin Williams, Jerry Daniels and Josh Schenk.