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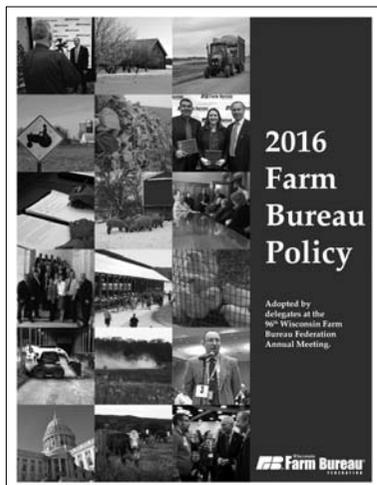
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Grassroots in Action: Farm Bureau Members Approve Resolutions



The following resolutions were approved at the Juneau County Farm Bureau annual meeting on September 22. The resolutions will be reviewed by the WFBF Policy Development Committee. The following members were elected to serve as delegates to the WFBF Annual Meeting in December: Richard Sheahan, Pat Stanek and Matt Schmidt.



1. We encourage the development of consumer awareness programs that promote the reason farmers implement certain management practices, such as tail docking, dehorning and castrating on their farms. *Livestock: Animal Welfare.*
2. We oppose any requirement for a farmer to have a veterinarian administer all common animal health husbandry practices. *Livestock: Veterinarians.*
3. We support the repeal of atrazine prohibition areas if the area is compliant with ATCP 30 standards. *Natural Resources and the Environment: Ag Chemicals.*
4. We support expanded installation of rural broadband. *Energy: Telecommunications.*



YFA Members Gather for Picnic

On August 28, more than 15 Young Farmer and Agriculturist members from District 5 met at Mekan River Outfitters in Princeton for a picnic and canoeing.

The YFA program offers many social events for YFA members to connect and network.

If you are interested in getting involved in the YFA program or have ideas for future YFA events and programs, please contact District 5 YFA Representative Amanda Knoch at 608.369.1091.





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District YFA Report By Amanda Knoch, District 5 YFA Committee Member



I hope that everyone had a great harvest so far and that the harvesting only gets better.

I wanted to give everyone an update on what has been going on in District 5 for our county YFA program.

We had a successful Discussion Meet at Christianos in Green Lake with five participants. Three of the

participants will represent the District during the WFBF Discussion Meet in December including: Sally Turpin, Juneau County; and Lauren Krentz and Jenny Leahy, both from Fond du Lac County. District 5 hosted

a canoeing trip in Marquette County that 15 people from throughout the district attended.

The WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference is on December 2-5 at the Kalahari Resorts in Wisconsin Dells. This is a great opportunity for the YFA members from Winnebago County to meet with other young farmers and attend workshops and events to bring back to their farms and vocations in the county.

Thank you for your support and kindness throughout the year. I am looking forward to another great year. Remember if you ate today, thank a farmer.

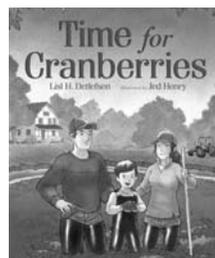


Juneau County YFA Chair Sally Turpin qualified to represent District 5 at the YFA Discussion meet in December.



District 5 YFA members: (L-R) Lauryn Krentz, Sally Turpin and Jenny Leahy will compete in the Discussion Meet in December.

Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest Deadline is April 1, 2017



Wisconsin fourth and fifth grade students are being encouraged to participate in the Ag in Classroom essay contest answering the statement, 'Tell us about cranberry production in Wisconsin during one of the four seasons.'

Essay submissions must be 100- to 300-words in length and will be judged on content, grammar, spelling and neatness.

All contest rules, lesson plans and sample classroom activities are located at wisagclassroom.org. Participating students and schools need to submit essays by **April 1, 2017**.

The essay contest coincides with the Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom



Ag in the Classroom coordinator reads the book of the year to fourth grade students at Elroy Elementary.

2017 Book of the Year, *Time for Cranberries* by Wisconsin author Lisl H. Detlefsen. The book and essay topic will allow students to learn about cranberries and the important role they play in agriculture. One county winner will be selected and will be forwarded on to the district level. In May, each district winner will receive

a classroom presentation for their homeroom or class.

A state winner will be selected from nine district winners by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation's Promotion and Education Committee. As a special treat for the state winner, the author of the book will visit his or her classroom to do a special presentation.

Last year, more than 3,000 students participated in the contest, which is sponsored by Insight FS, We Energies and the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation.

Ag in the Classroom is designed to help students in kindergarten through high school to understand the importance of agriculture. It is coordinated by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and by a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

For essay contest information and rules, and more about Ag in the Classroom, visit www.wisagclassroom.org or contact Ag in the Classroom coordinator Tonra Degner at 608.553.1256.



Woody Syverson volunteered to read the book of the year in local classrooms.

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District Director's Report



Greetings! As you may know Farm Bureau may mean something different to many different people.

It is my goal to have Wisconsin Farm Bureau positioned to help members and county Farm Bureaus be successful in the many different areas.

Our governmental relations team is dedicated to carrying out the policy of our members.

We have to credit our grassroots policy development process in creating a comprehensive ag policy. Our governmental relations department also is critical in helping connect members with their legislatures. Having legislatures hear how particular laws may affect farmers is crucial.

The public relations team produces the communications with our members and helps promote agriculture with consumers. This includes the *Rural Route*, the county newsletters, *Ag Newswire* and social media posts and blogs.

I encourage everyone to include their email on the membership form. Having members email addresses helps in timely communications and in the efficiencies of the organization.

The member relations department is our biggest. They continue to look for benefit programs that will help Farm Bureau members. These include Polaris, GM, hotel discounts and many others. I encourage you to look at www.wfbf.com for more info.

A major part of the member relations team is the county service program including the district coordinators. They accomplish the administrative tasks of counties, bringing a higher level of professionalism to the organization and allowing the county to focus on other goals.

The member relations department also includes other pro-

grams. Along with helping administer the promotions and education committee and Young Farmer and Agriculturist program, they also develop one of the premier leadership programs in the country, the leadership Institute.

Along with many other people on staff, Farm Bureau continues to help put our members on a path to success. The Board of Directors continue to look for efficiencies and opportunities in the organization along with taking on challenges as they arise.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone who dedicates their time to 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 you to create another successful Farm Bureau year next year.

Kevin Krentz

WFBF District 5 Board Director

Dickman Appointed to Farm Bureau's Promotion and Education Committee

Katie Roth of Lafayette County, Lynn Dickman of Waushara County and Kay Gilbertson of Dunn County were appointed to the WFBF Promotion and Education Committee by the Board of Directors. Their terms begin at the WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference on December 2-5 in Wisconsin Dells.

"These Farm Bureau members are among the best and brightest leaders in Wisconsin agriculture," Wisconsin Farm Bureau President Jim Holte said.

Lynn Dickman is a research agronomist at Heartland Farms, Inc., a nearly 8,000-acre farm growing potatoes specifically for potato chips near Hancock. She earned a master's degree in horticulture from UW-Madison in June 2016. She also earned a bachelor's degree in dairy science from UW-Madison.

Lynn grew up on a dairy farm in Argyle and was active in 4-H and FFA. She is the Waushara County Farm Bureau YFA chair, president of the Tri-County FFA Alumni, a member of the Stevens Point Curling Club and City Band and a board member

for Meals on Wheels. Lynn was a member of WFBF Institute Class VIII.

The Promotion and Education Committee, which replaced the Women Committee in 2015, is a group of nine leaders who represent the nine Wisconsin Farm Bureau districts.

Committee members develop, implement and promote projects and programs which build awareness and understanding of agriculture and provide leadership development for the agricultural community.

The committee's chair Rosalie Geiger of Reedsville is on the WFBF Board of Directors as the program's representative. The Promotion and Education Program is funded by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation.

For more information about the WFBF Promotion and Education Program or committee, please contact 800.261.3276 or visit www.wfbf.com.



Farm Bureau allows me to connect with farmers and agriculturists to understand their challenges and triumphs in agriculture, a subject that we all share great passion for!

Lynn Dickman
Waushara County YFA member

Juneau County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Highlights



More than 60 members attended the Juneau County Farm Bureau annual meeting on September 22 at the American Legion Hall in Elroy. Several students read their winning Ag in the Classroom essays. In addition, the members elected board of directors, delegates to the WFBF Annual Meeting and approved proposed resolutions.

Show Your Farm Bureau Pride

Consider giving a Farm Bureau member sign for Christmas. The single-sided 18" by 24" heavy aluminum all-weather signs are ideal for indoor or outdoor use and can be personalized with up to 14 characters per line.



With each sign purchased, \$5 is contributed to the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation to support agricultural education and agricultural leadership programs in Wisconsin. The cost is \$45 per sign.

Orders received will be processed by group at the end of each month and immediately after the WFBF Annual Meeting. Signs should be printed by the middle of the next month.

For more information, please contact Darlene Arneson at darneson@wfbf.com or 608.828.5644. The order form is at wfbf.com/aboutwfbf/foundation/farm-bureau-member-signs.

There are Benefits to Your Farm Bureau Membership:

Auto

- General Motors Discount

Health

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- Life Line (NEW)

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- Caterpillar
- FS-GROWMARK Patronage
- Grainger
- Polaris
- Office Depot

Communication

- AgriVisor
- The Country Today

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- Rural Mutual Insurance Company
- Farm Bureau Financial Services

Travel

- AAA
- AVIS Car Rental Discount Program
- Choice Hotels International, Inc.
- Wyndham Hotel Group

Financial

- AgriPlan Medical Reimbursement Program
- Farm Bureau Bank

Protection

- \$500 Reward Protection Program
- Accidental Death Policy

For complete details visit wfbf.com/benefits-membership.

American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture Focusses on Ag Literacy



Agricultural literacy is knowledge: "We believe everyone should have an understanding of where their food comes from."

The Foundation has taken steps to define 'agriculturally literate.'

An agriculturally literate person understands the relationship between agriculture and environment, food, fiber and energy, animals, lifestyle, the economy and technology. These are the AFBFA's Pillars of ag literacy.

Agricultural literacy can be cultivated in any person, no matter the age or experience. Helping others understand the important role agriculture plays in their everyday lives is our goal. We work towards this by being a credible source for agricultural literacy information. Our materials and programs are designed not only to reflect reliable information, but also to meet today's standards of learning.

AFBFA has continued efforts to produce outstanding educational materials, create accurate resources and provide opportunities to tell the story. They are working toward making more of their materials free to educators and volunteers.

Thank you for wanting to get involved in helping others learn more about where their food comes from, how farmers and

ranchers steward the land, how agriculture is everywhere, and how farmers and ranchers feed the world. These are crucial pieces in creating ag literacy.

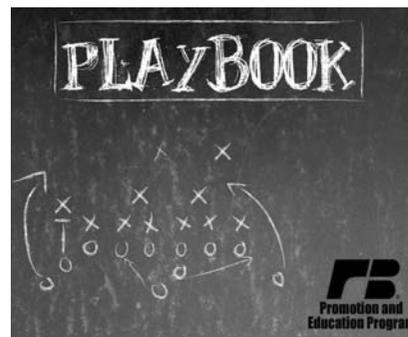


Here are some ideas:

- **Volunteer:** In a school, summer camp, fair or after school program. Use any of the ag literacy resources including My American Farm, Food and Science Day Camp or select an ag book to help make your presentations effective.
- **Tell your story:** Blog, post, tweet! Share information with the others who may not have a farm background so they can understand what you are doing on a farm.
- **Promote ag literacy:** Help spread the word about ag literacy and the AFBFA's resources by talking to teachers, volunteers, posting about them online or displaying banners at a fair.
- **Contact:** A local Farm Bureau or Ag in the Classroom coordinator to see if they have volunteer opportunities.
- **Stay connected:** Sign up for the AFBFA newsletter to get the latest information on programs.

For more information or to access resources, visit www.agfoundation.org.

Juneau County Women's Committee Members Tour Heartland Farms



Women's Committee members Tonra Degner, Ruth Schmidt and Ruth Ann Turpin attended the District Promotion and Education meeting held October 29 at Heartland Farms.

- Member Development
- Policy and Development Implementation

Following the meeting members toured Heartland Farms. Heartland Farms is a fifth generation irrigated potato and vegetable farm operating in five counties of Wisconsin. The farm consists of approximately 21,000 irrigated acres.



WFBF Director of Member Relations Deb Raemisch updated members on the new 'Playbook' resource. The purpose of the 'Playbook' is to provide counties with ideas and resources for planning county activities and events.

The 'Playbook' includes activities and events for all ages, time frames and budgets in each of the following categories:

- Ag in the Classroom
- Consumer Outreach
- Education and Ag Promotion
- Fundraising

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Juneau County Board of Directors



Seated: (L-R) Sally Turpin, Richard Santas, Richard Sheahan and Kip Weber. Standing: (L-R) Matt Schmidt, Pat Stanek, Bill Robinson, Tonra Degner and Carl Degner.

Silent Auction Items Welcome

In conjunction with the WFBF Annual Meeting, we will hold the 23rd annual Silent Auction to raise funds for agricultural education and leadership programs. Proceeds help fund the Ag in the Classroom, Young Farmer and Agriculturist, Promotion and Education, Collegiate Farm Bureau and WFBF Institute programs.

If you plan to attend the WFBF Annual Meeting, you can simply bring your item along to the meeting. If you do not plan to attend, please send your items with other county Farm Bureau members or delegates.

An electronic copy of the form can be found at wfbf.com/aboutwfbf/foundation/silentauction.



Welcome New Members

Rebecca Allbaugh, Tim Bollig, Judith Droster, Mitchell Giebel, Abraham Hernandez, Sandy Linsmeyer, Jesse Madosh, Jonathan McCullough, Dean Stafford, David Steinke, Robert Titus, Charles Uksas, David Van Meter and Erin Winker. ®