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Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation



You're Invited
Annual Meeting
Superior Shores Farm Bureau

Thursday, September 25
The Summit at Freehands Farm
60445 Summit Road W, Ashland, WI 54806

Time: Noon; Lunch with meeting to follow
Cost: Free

Save the date to visit with your farm neighbors and take part in setting policies that your Farm Bureau works to support. All Farm Bureau members are encouraged to attend this important meeting to help create policy resolutions and vote in elections for the county board of directors.

Wisconsin Farm Bureau President Jim Holte will be in attendance.

This fall, Farm Bureau members across the state will be forwarding resolutions on ag issues including high capacity wells, energy exports, drones, climate change and agricultural enterprise areas. These resolutions will then be presented at the WFBF Annual Meeting to be held December 6-8 at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

CASH DOOR PRIZES will be given away!

Leaders Attend Council of Presidents

Presidents and vice presidents from across the state of Wisconsin gathered at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells for the summer Council of Presidents meeting. While there, leaders heard from Steve Freese and Jim Holte regarding Farm Bureau's strategic plan. Members also heard from other Farm Bureau staff including Bob Leege, Casey Langan and Amy Manske. To end the afternoon, Paul Zimmerman gave an update on the Implements of Husbandry bill as well as other legislative issues.

Attending the Council of Presidents meeting from District 9 were: Karyn Schauf, Dan Ripplinger, Glen and Brenda Sikorski, Geri Wolfe, Marv Prestrud, Dean Bergseng, Dave Kruchke, Randy Roquette, Jim and Cindy Meng and Dale Beissel.



More than 60 presidents and vice presidents attended the summer Council of Presidents meeting held at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells on August 18.



COUNTYnews

SUPERIOR SHORES FARM BUREAU EDITION

Young Farmer and Agriculturist Members! It's Time to Get Involved

As fall quickly approaches, it's time to look back on the activities that kept YFA members busy throughout the year. District 9 hosted several events including a tour of 45th Parallel in New Richmond and a viewing of the documentary "Farmland." These activities allowed young Farm Bureau members to get involved, network with others who have an interest in agriculture and have a little fun.

One way that you can get involved is to attend your county annual meeting. There will be an update on what your county Farm Bureau has been up to as well as discussion on resolutions that will be sent to the state for consideration for Farm Bureau policy. This is where you can make your voice be heard.

Winter is fast approaching and you know what that means? That means the Young Farmer and Agriculturist (YFA) Conference isn't too far away. The conference will be held at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center December 5-7. There will be guest speakers and breakout sessions where you can learn new ideas and there will be a live band on Friday night. YFA members will be able to view the state Discussion Meet contest and see the top individuals in the Achievement Award and Excellence in Ag contests.



YFA members from District 9 attended last year's YFA Conference.

Please make plans now to join other YFA members for this fun event! Contact your county Farm Bureau to see if there are any opportunities for sponsorship to attend this educational and exciting conference. You definitely won't be disappointed.

If you have any questions about YFA, contact Cindy Bourget, District 9 YFA Representative at 715.505.7676.

District YFA Representative's Message



Hello everyone! I'm Cindy Bourget, and with Katie's new, exciting position as the District 9 coordinator, I have taken on the position of the District 9 YFA Representative. I am very excited to work with everyone and help our counties and district grow in agriculture.

A little bit about me: I work for the Dunn County UW-Extension Office with the 4-H and Youth Development Programs. When I'm not busy with the 4-H members (which has been really busy with fair season upon us, as I'm sure you all can relate too!) my husband and I help on my parents' dairy farm in Elk Mound. I am also hoping to finish

up my graduate degree in school counseling by the end of next year. My husband, Al, and I have been married for four years and we are expecting our first child in November. We are beyond excited to meet our next generation 4-H and Farm Bureau member!

If you have any questions about the YFA program, or ideas to become involved, please don't hesitate to contact me at 715.505.7676 or cindy.m.bourget@gmail.com.

Thank you to everyone for the warm welcome, and I can't wait to work with you!

Cindy Bourget
District 9 YFA Representative

Welcome New Members

- Don Ehlers **
- Caitlin Hauser **
- George Hertzner
- Gary Kane **
- Kirk Knoll **
- David Olson
- Troy Schiefelbein
- Randall Voorhees **

** Denotes Voting Membership

Welcome to Farm Bureau

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Members Attend District Policy Meeting

Farm Bureau members in District 9 attended a policy meeting on August 5 at The Tee Away in Ladysmith. The meeting's purpose was to develop resolutions that will be discussed and possibly proposed by each county Farm Bureau. Members from Dunn, Chippewa, Rusk and Sawyer counties were in attendance.

Topics discussed included: wildlife, drones, big data, UW-Extension and high capacity wells.

As a grassroots organization, it is Farm Bureau members on the county level who create and set the policy goals of the state's leading farm organization. The Wisconsin Farm Bureau is often asked to get involved in issues affecting production agriculture and rural Wisconsin both in Madison and Washington, D.C. This fall, Farm Bureau members across the state will be forwarding resolutions on a variety of issues to the WFBF Annual Meeting.

Farm Bureau members discussed issues important to farmers and agriculturists in northwest Wisconsin.



President's Message

We had such a long winter, and it seems this summer has been so short. (Maybe we'll have a late fall.) Now we are approaching our Superior Shores Farm Bureau annual meeting. It was decided that we try a new venue this year, at Freehands Farm. Hopefully we'll have a sunny day and good representation.



Our chapter finances are very strong due to maintaining memberships and achieving bonuses, and that allows us to contribute to dairy and beef promotion, county fair trophies, essay contests, scholarships, toys for tots, food shelf, as well as 4-H, FFA and Farm Bureau Foundation donations. I encourage our members to be involved so we can continue to serve our four counties in the north.

Gregg Johnson

Superior Shores Farm Bureau President

Nominations Being Sought for Teacher of the Year

Do you know a teacher who does a great job teaching about agriculture? If so, please encourage them to fill out an application for the Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom Program's Outstanding Teacher Award.

Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) annually recognizes a Wisconsin teacher or a teaching team for their achievements in teaching students the importance of agriculture while integrating agricultural concepts across a curriculum.

Certified teachers currently integrating agricultural concepts into non-agricultural curricula in the pre-K through high school levels are eligible to apply. Applications may be from an individual teacher or a teaching team. Certified agriculture education instructors are not eligible. Teachers must utilize agricultural information and/or materials within the classroom curriculum in an effort to assist students in learning the importance of agriculture. Learning activities may include, but are not limited to, understanding agriculture's impact on personal lives, our national heritage, the environment, national security and the economy. Innovative and interdisciplinary programs are encouraged.

The state winner(s) will receive a plaque and \$500 towards the 2015 National AITC Conference in Louisville, KY. They will also represent Wisconsin as the state's nominee for the Excellence in Teaching about Agriculture Award Program presented by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Ag in the Classroom program.

Applications are available from the Wisconsin AITC website (wisagclassroom.org – found under the quick links section on the right hand side of the page) and are **due (postmarked by) October 15**.

District Director's Message



We are entering a time of year when many county Farm Bureaus are getting ready for their annual meetings. As members, we have the opportunity to create the direction for our organization. It seems that each month brings an important issue to agriculture.

We need many voices to find the best solutions to each of these issues. They may range from proposing new laws to prevent the change of a current regulation. As farmers we must speak up, or risk having someone else making decisions we find difficult to live with. Please take the time to join your neighbors for a meal and conversation that can keep farming a great business and way of life.

Jim Holte

WFBF President, District 9 Director

WFBF Seeks Photos for Rural Route

Wisconsin Farm Bureau members live and work on some of the most beautiful pieces of land. WFBF would like to highlight those sights and special moments with your families and friends in the *Rural Route* magazine.

Please email your photos (high resolution jpgs, 4x6 inches at 300 dpi) to lsiekmann@wfbf.com.



Ag in the Classroom Announces Essay Topic and Book of the Year

"Why are bees important to Wisconsin Agriculture?" is the topic of the essay contest from the Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom program.

"Our 2015 Book of the Year is 'The Beeman' by Laurie Krebs. The book and essay topic will allow us to educate students about bees and the important role they play in agriculture," said Wendy Kannel, Ag in the Classroom Coordinator. "We will again link the book, the accompanying lessons that we write for our Book of the Year, various Wisconsin educational resources, and other Ag in the Classroom lessons into resources for teachers, students and volunteers to use in promoting and preparing essays."

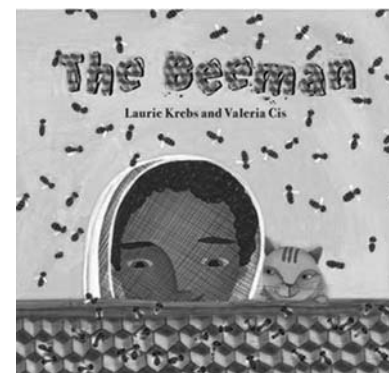
Essay submissions must be between 100 to 300 words in length and will be judged on content, grammar, spelling and neatness. All contest rules, lesson plans and sample classroom activities are located at wisagclassroom.org or by contacting Kannel at 608.828.5719 or wkannel@wfbf.com. Participating students and schools need to submit essays by April 1 to their county Farm Bureau essay coordinator. A list of coordinators is also available at wisagclassroom.org.

A state winner will be selected from nine district winners in May by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation's Women's Committee. Each district winner will receive a classroom presentation in May for their homeroom or class.

The contest is sponsored by the Frontier-Servco FS, We Energies and the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation. Last year nearly 2,500 students participated in the essay contest.

In this year's Book of the Year selection, "The Beeman", introduces young readers to bees, beekeepers and the pollination process. The hardcover books come with an activity/lesson plan packet that teachers, students and home school parents can use to enhance the reading experience. Book order forms are found at www.wisagclassroom.org under "Order Forms".

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.



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 - Accidental Death Policy

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

Consider Donating to the WFBF Silent Auction



Donations are now being accepted for the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation's silent Auction held in conjunction with the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Annual Meeting, December 6-8, at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells.



The money raised during this event is used for ag literacy efforts through Ag in the Classroom, and funds the activities of our Young Farmer and Agriculturist, Women's and leadership Institute programs.

Donation forms can be found at wfbf.com/aboutwfbf/foundation/silentauction.

Time to Ride

Did you know that starting July 1, anyone who has been a Farm Bureau member for at least 30 days can get \$200-\$300 worth of discounts on Polaris ATV, UTV and gem electric vehicles? The newest Farm Bureau member benefit is a manufacturer rebate on most Polaris products except for snowmobiles.

The discount will be stackable with other Polaris discounts, promotions or rebates that may be provided by Polaris. In order to get the rebate, members need to print a certificate at www.fbverify.com/polaris (just like GM) and be a member for 30 days.

Details

- All full size utility and sport vehicles (UTV) - \$300
- All full size all-terrain vehicles (ATV) - \$200
- All gem electric vehicles - \$300



Mini-Grants Available for Teachers



Do you know a teacher looking to incorporate agriculture into their classroom? Are they looking for additional funds for their project? Then, help us spread the word and encourage teachers to apply for a mini-grant through Wisconsin Ag in

the Classroom and Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation. Grants up to \$100 are being offered to pre-school through high school teachers, in a public or private school system, to fund projects that promote agricultural literacy in the classroom. Grants can be used for innovative lessons, activities, resources, presentations, school fairs and other creative ideas. Projects should focus on integrating agriculture into a variety of curriculum areas.

Applications are due on October 15. Recipients will be notified by November 15. A project report is then due by June 15. For an application, visit wisagclassroom.org, and find the application under the quick links section on the right side of the page.

2014 Annual Meeting
December 5-8

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Kalahari Resort and Conference Center, Wisconsin Dells

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