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District 3 Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest Winner



Roen Cary, a fifth-grade student from Mineral Point, was named the District 3 winner of the Agriculture in the Classroom essay contest.

Wisconsin fourth and fifth grade students were asked to write a 100- to 300-word essay with the theme, "Inventions that have made agriculture great."

Each year the Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom program hosts an essay contest revolving around food and agriculture. This contest is open to Wisconsin fourth and fifth grade students across the state. A total of 2,564 Wisconsin students wrote essays for the competition sponsored by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation and We Energies.

Congratulations Roen.

Register for the Ag in the Classroom Bus Tour

Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom is hosting a bus tour in the Arcadia area on **July 24-25**. The cost is \$50 and opportunities for credit will be offered. Tour stops include: Pilgrim's Pride; Compeer Financial; Buck Country Grain; Arcadia High School Agriculture Department; Ecker's Apple Orchard; Suncrest Gardens Farm; Northern Family Farms, LLP; Superior Fish/Freshwater Family Farm; Harvest Home Farm and AMPI.

This annual tour is perfect for teachers of all grade levels and subject areas, Ag in the Classroom volunteers, UW-Extension and 4-H staff and others who want to learn about Wisconsin agriculture.

The tour is limited to 50 participants and the registration deadline is **July 1**.

District Promotion and Education Update



On May 4 at 12:50 p.m., my husband, TJ, and I welcomed a healthy, baby girl and new Farm Bureau member Stella Lucille Roth. We look forward to sharing our love of agriculture with her and life on the farm.

Essay Contest Results

Thank you to those who promoted the Ag in the Classroom essay contest. District 3 had 132 essays. Congratulations to the following winners: Grant County: Jenna Parrish, Fennimore Elementary School; Iowa County: Roen Carey, Mineral Point Elementary School; Lafayette County: Maggie Gollmer, Holy Rosary Elementary School; Richland County: Gage Jensen, Jefferson Elementary School. Congratulations to Roen Carey for being selected as the District 3 winner. Roen's essay represented the district well at the state competition. The state winner was from Denmark in District 6.

2018 Development Award

New this year, the WFBF Promotion and Education Committee is providing financial assistance to county Farm Bureaus for an activity that enhances the promotion of agriculture and education. Examples include farm safety days and summer

educational programs. Up to \$100 will be awarded to winning counties. The deadline to apply is **September 1**.

Watch for applications to become available at www.wfbf.com on the Promotion and Education Program page.

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming Ag in the Classroom trainings and tour:

- **June 19:** *Summer Classroom Training, Madison*
A day learning about science and the connections to agriculture on the UW-Madison campus.
- **June 20:** *Summer Classroom Training, Madison*
A day learning about educational agricultural resources for all grade levels at West Madison Research Station.
- **July 16:** *Soybean Science Kit Training, Portage*
A day to learn about Soybean Science Kits and the lessons they provide students.
- **July 24-25:** *Summer Bus Tour, Arcadia*
A fun and exciting adventure visiting Wisconsin farms, processors and agricultural businesses.

Wishing you an enjoyable summer with fun and agriculture promotion and education sprinkled in.

Katie Roth

District 3 Promotion and Education Committee Representative



COUNTYnews

CRAWFORD COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION



Farm Bureau in Action



Ag Day on Campus was hosted by the Collegiate Farm Bureau at UW-Platteville on April 24. Collegiate members organized a day full of activities to promote the agriculture industry and share information with other students and faculty. Those walking by the west lawn could grab a walking taco, enjoy delicious Wisconsin made snacks, participate in sheep shearing demonstrations, visit farm animals and learn about Wisconsin agriculture.



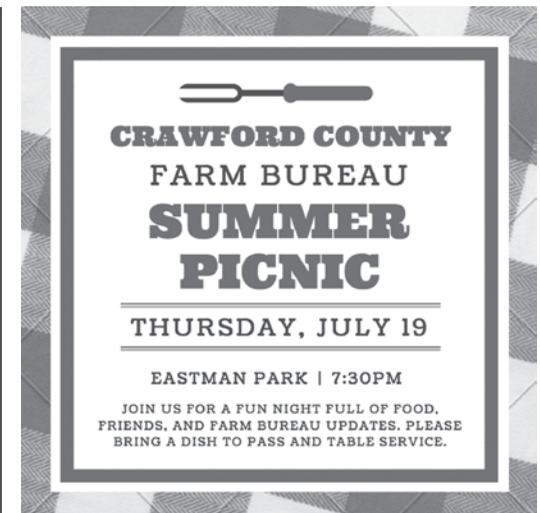
District 3 YFA members have been busy during the past months. In February, Iowa County YFA hosted to a bowling night at Tower Junction. Members from all over the district attended, and a great time was had by all. In March, District 3 YFA hosted the 2nd Annual Southwest Shindig at the Grant County Fairgrounds. The event proved to be a great success, as members had fun socializing and listening to local country band, Black Water Gin.



Crawford County Farm Bureau board members are #WIAgProud and did a wonderful showing their pride during this year's National Ag Day celebrations! President Don Brown visited the local radio station to promote Crawford County Farm Bureau, talk about the many benefits of being a member, and share his personal agricultural story.



Wisconsin Farm Bureau hosted its first IGNITE Conference at Holiday Inn Convention Center in Stevens Point. The conference gave attendees the opportunity to build leadership skills to strengthen county Farm Bureaus. More than 20 breakout sessions were offered. Sessions included updates on the 2018 Farm Bill and trade, consumer outreach tactics, member recruitment and many more.



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District 3 Director Report



No regrets.

As wrote in my last newsletter article, I'm retiring from the Board of Directors in December. I've been able to watch numerous members step up and become active in Farm Bureau. I'm especially pleased and excited to see the next generation ready to take the next step in leading our organization as we begin our centennial celebration.

Beginning in December of this year, WFBF will begin a year-long celebration, remembering the past and planning for the future. It seems only logical to usher in the next century of Farm Bureau with a new state board member, with new ideas and a renewed hunger and passion for agriculture.

I only hope the next director from District 3 finds the experience as worthwhile and rewarding as I have. I literally have been to every corner of this country and parts of the world representing Farm Bureau. It truly has been a privilege and honor.

Like life, there have been some highlights and some challenges, but most gratifying is turning the challenges into

highlights. There has never been a lack of issues and when you think you have solved one problem another issue of equal or greater importance emerges – a lot like farming.

With my almost 40 years of farming and 21 of those years on the WFBF Board of Directors, it's safe to say, the more things change ... the more they stay the same.

Non-point pollution rules and regulations have become part of our regular farming practices. Words like; Karst, RUSLE 2, PI or Phosphorus Index, 590, NR151, ACTP50 have become part of our vocabulary.

I can't remember nor do I wish to remember how many meetings I've attended to make sure the non-point rules and regulations worked on the farm. I've always tried to work towards common sense solutions that would address the resource concern while 'trying' to maintain practical and cost-effective practices.

I wish I could say we can put this issue to bed, but the non-point issue continues to evolve, becoming more restrictive and costlier to comply.

Dairy has been the other focus of mine while serving on the Board of Directors. I've talked with dairy farmers, university

personnel, trade officials, embassy diplomats and legislators. My travels have taken me from Australia to Germany and testifying before U.S. Senate Agriculture and Judiciary Committees.

Today, in Wisconsin, we have less than 25 percent of the dairy farms we had when I started farming, and yet we are producing more milk than ever. What has changed is who is milking the cows and the impressive amount of milk products being exported. I don't have the answers to the dairy downturn, but like all cycles they do turn around.

I'm neither a Pollyanna nor a demagogue, but we have to continue to be a part of the dialogue. And honestly, seeing our next generation of leaders, I'm confident about the future of our organization as well as agriculture.

I've been to places I never dreamed of going and I've met people I never would have met if it weren't for my involvement with Farm Bureau. I didn't plan any of this, but it's been a glorious trip.

With tears in my eyes ... thank you.

Dick Gorder
WFBF District 3 Board Director

Farm Bureau Flavor

Join Crawford County in celebrating June Dairy Month by serving up these delicious recipes that feature some of our favorite dairy products.

Lori's Shortcut Lasagna – From the kitchen of Lori Brown

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon oil
- 3-4 lbs. ground beef
- 1 (12 oz.) can whole or diced tomatoes
- 1 (8 oz.) can tomato sauce
- 2 envelopes of dry spaghetti sauce mix
- 2 (12 oz.) cans V8 juice
- 1 box lasagna noodles
- 1 (12 oz.) container cottage cheese
- 16 oz. Mozzarella cheese
- Grated Parmesan cheese

Directions

1. Brown meat in oil in large Dutch oven. Add onions if preferred.
2. Stir in tomatoes and tomato sauce, dry spaghetti mix and V8 juice. Bring to boil then lower heat and simmer for 10 minutes.
3. Cover bottom of large baking pan with thin layer of meat sauce. I use one that is approximately 12" x 24" and about 3" to 4" high.
4. Add layer of uncooked noodles, then cottage cheese and then the mozzarella cheese. Repeat layers until you use most of sauce up, usually 2 to 3 layers ending with meat sauce.
5. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.
6. Cover pan tightly with foil. Bake at 350° for 1 hour.
7. Remove foil and let sit at room temp for 10 minutes so sauce can thicken.



Bacon Ranch Dip – From the kitchen of Mary Jo Johnsrude

Ingredients

- ½ cup low fat mayonnaise
- ½ cup low fat ranch dressing
- ½ cup fat-free sour cream
- ½ cup shredded Parmesan cheese
- ¼ cup crumbled cooked bacon

Directions

1. In a bowl, combine all ingredients and mix well.
2. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour before serving.
3. Serve with your choice of fresh vegetables or crackers.



Chocolate Chip Caramel Butter Bars – From the kitchen of Melissa Doyle

Ingredients

- 1 ½ cups butter
- 1 ½ cups granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 2 tablespoons vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4 cups + ¼ cup all-purpose flour, divided
- 2 cups chocolate chips
- 1 (12 oz.) jar caramel ice cream topping

Directions

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°. Line a 9" x 13" pan with foil and spray with nonstick cooking spray.
- 2. Cream butter and sugar together. Once the mixture is creamed and fluffy, mix in the eggs and vanilla extract until smooth. Then mix in the baking soda, cream of tartar and salt. Slowly mix in 4 cups flour until the mixture is just combined, then stir in the chocolate chips.
- 3. Press about 2/3 of this mixture in the bottom and about ½" up the sides of the prepared pan.
- 4. Stir the caramel sauce and remaining ¼ cup flour in a small bowl. Pour over the top of the dough. Drop spoonfuls of the remaining dough evenly over the top of the caramel.
- 5. Bake for 25-30 minutes or until the top looks done and is golden around the edges. It will still be somewhat jiggly in the center. Cool completely before cutting.



Plan to Attend the Annual Meeting

CRAWFORD COUNTY FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, September 20 | 7:00pm | Seneca Town Hall

The Crawford County Farm Bureau Board of Directors invites all members to join them at this year's Crawford County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting! Watch your mailbox for a postcard with additional meeting details and RSVP information.



District 3 Young Farmer and Agriculturist Update



Wow, what a long and busy winter.

In February, I traveled to the Young Farmers and Ranchers Leadership Conference in

Reno, Nevada. When we arrived, a few of us traveled to Lake Tahoe before the event and enjoyed the almost 70-degree weather. Unfortunately, Nevada and Wisconsin became friends as the snow and cold temperatures set in.

I reconnected with friends that I met at last year's FUSION Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and met excellent speakers including: Tyne Morgan (U.S. Farm Report), Mark J. Lindquist (world-touring entertainer) and AFBF President Zippy Duvall.

My favorite session discussed strategies to keep farms in the family presented by Ron Hanson. He said that only 30 percent of family farms make it past the second generation, 12 percent past the third and 3 percent past the fourth. Ron asked, "Why would you work your whole life for something and not have a plan in place to protect it?"

He said that families must think about these issues: who is family (in-laws), which kids care more about the farm and parents and which ones only see the money, is it everyone's dream, who will share ownership, what is a fair-selling price, can you talk about the 'what-ifs,' is greed a factor and so on.

He emphasized that we need to remember that things change, no one likes being surprised, a plan needs to be in writing and secrets cause problems. "A farm or ranch can be replaced, a family cannot!"

District 3 hosted a number of events to give Farm Bureau and community members a chance to meet new people and do something fun off of the farm. District 3 YFA held the second annual Southwest Shindig at the Grant County Fairgrounds on March 24, where the band, Black Water Gin, performed. We had cornhole and other games for people to play. Thank you to those who planned a county or district event. Those experiences make an impact on the members who attended more than you know.

I encourage YFA members to consider applying for either the Excellence in

Agriculture Award or Achievement Award. Applications can be found online at www.wfbf.com and are due **July 9**. The state winners of these awards will compete at the 2019 AFBF National Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana. If you have questions about the application process or need assistance, please contact me or District 3 Coordinator Melissa Doyle.

Also, make sure to mark your calendar for the District 3 Discussion Meet on **August 27** at Kieler Farms in Platteville. Do you like discussing important and relevant agriculture issues? Join us. The night will start with a tour of Kieler Farms, followed by dinner and the Discussion Meet. All Farm Bureau members are invited to attend. The district contest question is: **As the Voice of Agriculture, how can Farm Bureau be more inclusive of all agriculture and production practices? This includes, but is not limited to, women in agriculture, organic production, fresh produce, forestry and aquaculture.**

I hope to see you at one of the many YFA events this summer.

Tammy Wiedenbeck
District 3 YFA Representative



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96TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

CANDIDATE FORUM

MONDAY, JULY 23

— VIROQUA VFW | 7:00PM —

Join Crawford, Monroe & Vernon County Farm Bureaus to hear the candidates weigh in on key issues facing the agriculture industry.

GENERAL PUBLIC WELCOME
SNACKS & REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

District 3 Discussion Meet

Date: Monday, August 27

**Time: 6:00pm Kieler Farms Tour | 7:00pm Dinner
7:30pm Discussion Meet**

**Location: Kieler Farms Inc.
3186 Maple Ridge Road, Platteville**

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Question to be discussed:

As the Voice of Agriculture, how can Farm Bureau be more inclusive of all agriculture and production practices? This includes, but is not limited to, women in agriculture, organic production, fresh produce, forestry and aquaculture.



★ **WANTED:** ★

First Time Attendees

Join us for the 2018 Wisconsin Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Agriculturists Conference November 30-December 2 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. **BUT HURRY!** This sponsorship is limited to 50 individuals/couples! Complete the short application by August 15 at <http://bit.ly/RuralSponsor18>

REWARD

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.

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

SAVE THE DATES

CRAWFORD COUNTY FAIR

DAIRY BAR

AUGUST 22ND - 26TH

While you're at the Crawford County Fair, be sure to stop by the Farm Bureau Dairy Bar for an ice cream treat and a slice of pie! If you'd like to donate a pie, please contact a Crawford County Farm Bureau board member or simply drop it off at the fair.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT THE CRAWFORD COUNTY FAIR WEBSITE AT CRAWFORDCOUNTYWISCONSINFAIR.COM.