



# Door County Farm Bureau

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## Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

### Farm Bureau Starts with You

Every now and again you hear people talk about Farm Bureau as a grassroots organization. What exactly does that mean?

Well, it means that instead of having someone at the top decide what is important and how we should focus our efforts, it comes from the members.

Farm Bureau is an organization where you get to make the decisions and shape the organization. If you have a passion for any type of agriculture, Farm Bureau has a spot for you to help shape our organization. Our volunteers are what makes Farm Bureau so strong.

Do you have time or a talent to lend to your Door County Farm Bureau? We are looking for volunteers to help in several areas. We have an open seat on the board of directors as well as looking to find volunteers to assist with Ag in the Classroom and the Young Farmers and Agriculturist committees. A strong Door County Farm Bureau starts with you.

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Door County Farm Bureau president Steve Baxter at 920.559.0939.



### YFA Bus Tour Is a Success

Several Door County Farm Bureau members joined district members as they boarded the bus for three spectacular agricultural tours on April 20.

The first stop was to Briess Malt and Ingredient Company. Briess is North America's leading supplier of specialty malts to American craft beer and artisan distilling, and is the largest producer of malted milk for beverage, confection and ice cream applications.

At Manitowoc, raw barley grown for Briess in a premium barley growing region of Wyoming is received by rail, cleaned, graded and stored before shipping to one of the three malting operations. The Manitowoc malthouse is the



At the top of a Steep room, guests peered into a tank filled with barley.

largest Briess malthouse, producing premium quality base malt and kilned specialty malts.

The second stop was to Lake Orchard Farm Retreat in Sheboygan. An amazing story of sixth generation farm owners, Mary and Nate operate the farm with Mary's parents, Warren and Joan. In 2014, they started Lake Orchard Farm Aquaponics inside the renovated milking parlor and free stall barn, harvesting their first lettuce and fish in late 2015. In 2017, Lake Orchard Farm's event barn opened for weddings on site.

The final stop was at 3 Sheeps Brewing Company, a brewery from Sheboy-



Nate Cullkins shares with the group the process of aquaponics.

gan, Wisconsin that takes a scientific approach to crafting unique yet approachable beers. They brew beers that nobody else is brewing, in ways that nobody else is brewing them, with ingredients that others are afraid to use.

The tour included the new brewery and an in depth breakdown of the brewing process, four sample pours (including one straight from one of the wooden barrels), and a 3 Sheeps glass to take home.

Thank you to those involved at the tour stops, it is amazing to see the agricultural businesses within the district.



Co-owner James shared several fantastic samples of beers along the tour.



## Leopold Conservation Award Seeks Nominees



Sand County Foundation and Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation are accepting applications for the \$10,000 Leopold Conservation Award, which honors Wisconsin farmers who demonstrate exemplary stewardship and management of natural resources.

Meeting in December. Nominations may be submitted on behalf of a landowner, or landowners may nominate themselves. The application can be found at <https://sandcounty-foundation.org/uploads/WI-2018-CFN-Hi-res.pdf>.

“Being a good steward of the land is a large component of being a successful farmer,” said Jim Holte, Wisconsin Farm Bureau President. “The Leopold Conservation Award recognizes farmers who demonstrate a high standard of care for their soil, water and livestock. I encourage farmers to apply for this award to highlight how they protect and care for our resources.”

Given in honor of Aldo Leopold’s Land Ethic, the Leopold Conservation Award recognizes extraordinary achievement in voluntary conservation on working lands, inspires other land-

owners through these examples and provides a visible forum where leaders from the agricultural community are recognized as conservation leaders outside of the industry.

In his influential book, “A Sand County Almanac” (1949), Leopold called for an ethical relationship between people and the land they own and manage, which he called, “an evolutionary possibility and an ecological necessity.”

The Wisconsin Leopold Conservation Award is made possible through the generous support of the Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, Compeer Financial, Alliant Energy Foundation, American Transmission Company, Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association, We Energies Foundation and USDA NRCS.

Last year’s winners were Brickstead Dairy of Brown County.

Applications are due by **August 4**. Finalists will be announced this fall. The award will be presented at the WFBF Annual

## Farm Bureau Member Sign Sales Ending in 2018

Are you looking for ways to spruce up your farm yard or display your Farm Bureau membership? These single-sided 18” by 24” aluminum all-weather signs are ideal for indoor or outdoor use and can be personalized with up to 14 characters per line. The cost is \$45 per sign and orders received will be processed by group at the end of each month. With each sign purchased, \$5 is contributed to the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation to support agricultural education and agricultural leadership programs in Wisconsin.

Order forms can be found at [wfbf.com/foundation/farm-signs](http://wfbf.com/foundation/farm-signs) or contact Darlene Arneson at 608.828.5644 or [darneson@wfbf.com](mailto:darneson@wfbf.com).



## Be a part of the 2019 Leadership Institute by applying today!

The WFBF Leadership Institute is a year-long leadership development program to help you become a strong and effective leader. With six different sessions, you can network with Farm Bureau members and industry leaders and take your personal and professional leadership development to the next level. This program is open to ALL Wisconsin Farm Bureau voting members.

[wfbf.com/programs/leadership-institute](http://wfbf.com/programs/leadership-institute)  
**APPLICATIONS DUE AUGUST 15**

## Door County Farm Bureau to Host Cherry Pie Contest

Door County Farm Bureau is set to host a Cherry Pie Baking Contest on **Sunday, August 5**, at the Door County Fairgrounds. Drop off will be from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Junior Fair building on the fairgrounds. Judging will take place at 12:30 p.m.

Entries will be judged on the following: taste, texture, consistency of the crust, filling and appearance. This is a blind judging competition and the decision of the judges is final.

All entries must be baked in a disposable pie pan. A recipe must accompany each entry. Entries must be a home-made two crust or lattice pie. One entry per person.

All recipes must be clearly printed or typed on an 8 1/2 x 11” sheet of paper and include the following: **Contestant’s name, address, phone number and recipe title and complete recipe.**

**Awards include:** \$50 for first place, \$25 for second place and \$10 for third place.

By participating in this event, entrants agree to abide by the contest rules and decisions of the judges.

Entrants agree to release the event and all those who participate in the production of this event from any liability with limitations.

For more information or if you have questions, please contact Char Sullivan at 920.743.9391.



**You could be the big winner, make plans to enter this year’s contest.**

## Upcoming Events

### July

- 1 Ag in the Classroom reports due
- 9 YFA Achievement Award/Excellence in Ag applications due
- 10-12 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days, Wood County

### August

- 1-5 Door County Fair
- 4 Leopold Conservation Award applications due
- 14 District 6 Discussion Meet
- 15 Rural Mutual YFA Sponsorship forms due
- 15 WFBF Leadership Institute applications due

### September

- 17 Door County Policy Development Meeting
- 30 Membership year end

### October

- 17 Door County Farm Bureau annual meeting
- 31 WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference registration due

### November

- 30-Dec. 3 WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference

## First WFBF IGNITE Conference Held

Wisconsin Farm Bureau hosted its first IGNITE Conference at Holiday Inn Convention Center in Stevens Point on April 5-6. Co-sponsored by Rural Mutual Insurance Company, IGNITE stands for Innovate, Grow, Network, Inform, Train and Engage. With about 175 members, the conference gave attendees the opportunity to build leadership skills to strengthen county Farm Bureaus.

The conference began with New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau's Executive Vice President Matt Rush. Rush talked about the 'snake in your bumper,' which explained the challenges people face but may keep hidden. The evening banquet's speaker was Indiana farmer Damian Mason who entertained the audience with his humorous views on farming and food.

The conference offered four tracks: policy, issues and advocacy; governance and organization, building Farm Bureau and communicating for agriculture and Farm Bureau. Attendees could follow a certain track or divide their time between multiple tracks. 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. During the morning general session, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Sheila Harsdorf shared her insight on the state of Wisconsin's agricultural economy. The conference ended with Virginia farmer and motivational speaker Matt Lohr who inspired attendees to, 'lift the limits.'

The next IGNITE Conference will be held **March 26-27, 2020**, at the Madison Marriott West in Middleton.

## District 6 Essay Contest Winner Announced State Winner



Isaiah Claussen posed with his plaque after being announced the Ag in the Classroom essay contest state winner.

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

A total of 2,564 Wisconsin students wrote essays for the competition sponsored by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation, Insight FS and We Energies.

Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom program provides teachers and K-12 students with an understanding of how their food is produced. The program seeks to work within existing curricula to provide basic information on our nation's largest industry: Agriculture.

Wisconsin's Ag in the Classroom program is carried out by a network of local educators, volunteers and representatives from agricultural organizations and businesses. The goal of the program is to help students gain a greater awareness of the role of agriculture in the economy and society, so that they may become citizens who support wise agricultural policies.

Isiah's winning essay:

### Inventions That Have Made Agriculture Great

Holy smokes, did you see that tractor? It has no cab and no one driving it! I'm a dairy farmer and I know a lot about tractors, but this is new to me. I would like to tell you a little about how tractors have advanced.

Back in my great-great grandma's time, all chores and field work was done with horses and tillage equipment. Horses were great companions and did lots of hard work, even the best took a lot of time and weren't very efficient. Farmers thought there must be a better way.

In 1892, a man named John Froelich created the first gasoline tractor in Clayton County, Iowa, that moved forward and backward. This gas powered machine was one big advancement in agriculture, saving farmers working hours. This resulted in faster and easier harvest time, leaving farmers more time with their families!

The inventors didn't stop there! They continued to advance the now more commonly known tractors with amenities such as: enclosed cabs, heat, air conditioning and even radios. Now, horses didn't have such advancements and they were being phased out of the farm. I know my great-great grandma was sad when the horses were sold to buy a tractor, but I think she was very thankful for all the time that this new machine saved on her farm!

As tractors continued to unfold, we've rapidly progressed in technology! Today we have tractors that are driven by the push of a button. GPS-driven tractors look like something straight out of Star-Trek, they're programmed to follow specific coordinates for the most accurate planting and harvesting known to farming. Now we don't have any self-driving tractors on our farm and I really like horses, but we are thankful for our tractors that make our chores a whole lot easier.

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## Fair Time is Just Around the Corner

It's fair time again and we are looking for volunteers to work a shift or any amount of time you are willing to volunteer. We provide the food and you provide the smile to our customers.



If you are interested, please contact a Door County Farm Bureau board member. Contact numbers can be found on the Facebook page, Door County web page at [www.wfbf.com/doorcounty](http://www.wfbf.com/doorcounty) or contact Steven Baxter at 920.559.0939. Thank you for everything that you do for our county.

\* **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.

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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>

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**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.

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