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Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

**District 5
Discussion Meet**



Monday, August 20
7 pm
Marquette County UW-Extension
Building
480 Underwood Ave, Montello, WI
53949

Wisconsin Farm Bureau
**Young Farmer
and Agriculturist**



**District 5
Policy
Development
Meeting**

Monday, July 30
Krentz Family Dairy
W215 State Road 21
Berlin, WI 54923

For more information
contact
Becky Hibicki
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6 pm - Farm Tour
(Optional)
7 pm - Potluck Meal
7:30 pm - Policy
Development Meeting





COUNTYnews

GREEN LAKE COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

Wegner Wins County Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest



Tori Wegner, a fifth grade student at Princeton Public Elementary School was the Green Lake County Farm

Bureau Ag in the Classroom essay winner. Tori was one of 35 students who participated in the essay contest. She is the daughter of Jennifer and Jake Wegner.

Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom offers an annual essay contest for fourth and fifth grade students. Each year the topic has specific lesson plans, activities and other resources that teachers and home school parents can use to teach about Wisconsin agriculture. The topic was: 'Inventions that have made agriculture great.'

For more information about the Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom program, please visit www.wisagclassroom.org.

Tori Wegner's essay:

Seeders

I think the seeder is the greatest farming invention in Wisconsin. It sure beats bending over and planting seeds.

A seeder is a piece of farming equipment that hooks on to a tractor and plants seeds. Before the seeder, farmers would just throw the seeds, but now the seeder is invented! So now the seeds are all planted in even, straight rows. It plants many seeds at a time. The seeder digs up the dirt so the seeds plant evenly. It also covers the seeds with dirt.

The seeder looks very different from the horse drawn planters in the olden days. Seeders can be wooden or metal. There are bins on the right, left and middle. The middle bin holds the seeds. The right and left bins hold fertilizers to help the plants grow. There also are poles on each end of the seeder which are called row markers. The row makers help the piece of farming equipment make straight rows. The seeder has a sharp drill that digs into the ground, so the seeds can be planted evenly.

The seeder is very helpful around the farm. It can plant up to 6-10 acres a day. It helps farmers because the seeder makes the planting process quicker and more efficient. Before the seeder, many seeds were wasted, because they used to just throw the seeds. So, some would grow, but most would just be strangled by weeds. Many also were eaten by birds.

So that's why I think the seeder is the greatest invention in Wisconsin. I mean, you don't have to get so tired, right?



Fifth grade essay winners: (from left) Tori Wegner, first place; Hailey Treder, second place; and Elizabeth Bornick, third place.



Fourth grade essay winners: (from left) Alyssa Schmidt, third place; Kyle Bornick, second place and Zoey Grimstheid, first place.

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The Green Lake County Focus on the Farm Breakfast was held on June 2 at Grams Farm LLC in Markesan. Thank you to those who volunteered to make the event a success. It was a great event to showcase agriculture in Green Lake County. Thank you to the Farm Bureau members who volunteered in the serving line and helped with a variety of educational activities.

President's Report



Hello Green Lake County Farm Bureau members,

I hope everyone has or is about done planting by now and has some hay made. It's been another challenging year with the weird weather.

Currently, the farm bill is close to getting through congress, but things can always get pushed back. This farm bill is important to us because it protects key features of Federal Crop Insurance. The bill would improve dairy and Title 1 commod-

ity programs. Also, additional proposals include streamlining conservation programs, the specialty crop program and research and development programs.

A quick update of what is going on in the county. We're bringing back the all-member county Farm Bureau picnic on **Sunday, July 29**. Please join us for fun and games. Also, the Green Lake County Fair is around the corner: **August 2-5**, as always, we're always looking for help in our food building.

Also, we're proud to work with the Green Lake Association again this year for the second annual Conservation Field Day event on **Saturday, August 18**, at Chris Pollack's farm south of Ripon.

Please plan to join us for a soil pit with many other conservation ideas.

Thanks again,

Pete Badtke
Green Lake County Farm Bureau president

Wisconsin Farm Bureau Ignites Spark in Local Leaders



Wisconsin Farm Bureau hosted its first IGNITE Conference at the 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 in attendance, 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 among 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.

"The breakout sessions at the IGNITE Conference were great," said Jackson County Farm Bureau member Darby Sampson. "Along with bringing back a new idea for our Ag in the Classroom program, I also learned that our county Farm Bureau needs to be more involved with local issues and work closer with county and town boards."

During the morning general session on April 6, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Sheila Harsdorf shared her insight on the current 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.



(from left) Green Lake County Farm Bureau board member Joe Wollinger, Green Lake County Farm Bureau president Pete Badtke, Secretary of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Sheila Harsdorf, Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau president Reuben Hopp, District 5 Coordinator Becky Hibicki and WFBF Board President Jim Holte attended the 2018 WFBF IGNITE Conference.

Farm Bureau Members Advocate for Dairy, Trade and Farm Bill in Washington, D.C.

Nearly 30 Wisconsin Farm Bureau members and staff were in Washington, D.C., during National Agriculture Week to advocate for farmers. The trip marked the completion of the WFBF Leadership Institute, a year-long leadership training program available to Farm Bureau members.

Farm Bureau leaders became lobbyists for a day while meeting with Wisconsin's congressional delegation in D.C. on March 21. The issues discussed were the 2018 Farm Bill, trade, immigration reform, wolves and modernization of the Endangered Species Act, CERCLA, WOTUS and milk labeling.

The group also visited American Farm Bureau, Humane Watch and the Mexican Embassy. During a visit to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency they talked with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt about the WOTUS rule, CERCLA air emissions reporting requirements for farmers and discussed how the agency can better work with farmers.

In addition to meeting with Wisconsin's congressional delegation, Farm Bureau members also toured George Washington's Mount Vernon and enjoyed a night tour of the national monuments.

While in D.C., Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Board of Directors also met with staff from the House and Senate Agriculture Committees, as well as,



District 5 WFBF Leadership Institute Washington, D.C., trip participants included: (from left) Adam Jones, Waushara County; Pete Badtke, Green Lake County; Reuben Hopp, Fond du Lac County; Paul Jarvis, Waushara County; and Kevin Krentz, District 5 State Board member.

House Judiciary Committee staff to discuss 2018 Farm Bill priorities and immigration reform. Accompanied by the WFBF Board of Directors, the Leadership Institute graduates who participated in the D.C. trip were Peter Badtke, Ripon; Sean Beres, Waukesha; Shane Goplin, Osseo; Jack Herricks, Cashton; Reuben Hopp, Waupun; Paul Jarvis, Wautoma; Adam Jones, Wautoma; James Juedes, Ringle; Hallie Metcalf, Janesville; Carmen Montgomery, Argyle; Cassie Olson, Black River Falls; Julie Orth, Lancaster; and Heidi Pettis, Clintonville.

Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation is the state's largest general farm organization representing farms of every size, commodity and management style.

Nearly 200 Attend Farm Bureau's FFA Farm Forum

Nearly 200 high school juniors from around Wisconsin attended Farm Bureau's FFA Farm Forum in Wisconsin Rapids on February 16-17.

"This event is a great partnership between Wisconsin Farm Bureau and Wisconsin FFA," said Jim Holte, Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation President. "Young ag leaders who attend this event participate in professional development activities and are able to network with peers and Farm Bureau staff."

During the event at Hotel Mead, FFA members attended workshops on post-high school agricultural opportunities, social media, agricultural advocacy and leadership. Joining Holte as keynote speakers at the event were Mariah Martin,

UW-Madison Collegiate Farm Bureau member along with Glen Schraufnagel, Cooperative Educational Service Agency (CESA)10 consultant. The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation sponsors FFA Farm Forum in cooperation with the Wisconsin Association of FFA.



Green Lake County Farm Bureau Awards Scholarships

The Green Lake County Farm Bureau awarded \$500 scholarships to Cole Chapman and Lizzie Sabel.



Women's committee chair Jen Digman (left) presented Cole Chapman with a scholarship certificate at the Marke-san scholarship awards night. Cole is the son of Julie and Jason Chapman. In the fall, he will attend Oklahoma State University to pursue a degree in agricultural education, with the plans of becoming an FFA Advisor and agricultural education teacher.



Lizzie Sabel is the daughter of Dennis and Katherine Sabel of Minnesota. This fall, she will attend St. Thomas University in St. Paul, Minnesota, to pursue a degree in political science and international business. Her career goal is to become a lobbyist for clean and renewable energy. She also wants to attend law school.

Wanted: Volunteers For the Green Lake County Farm Bureau Fair Food Stand



It is almost fair time again. Organizers are looking for people of all ages to volunteer at the Green Lake County Farm Bureau food stand from **August 2 to 5**.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact one of the board of directors. If you have helped in the past, thank you. If you or your family have never helped before, please help this year.

Shifts are typically four hours, but any amount of time is appreciated. This is our largest fundraiser of the year, and profits help to promote agriculture in the county and support youth events and programs.

Enjoy your summer, plan to attend the Green Lake County Fair.



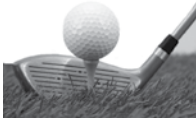
Plan to Participate in the Wisconsin Ag Open

Hosted by WFB Foundation, the 2018 Wisconsin Ag Open will be held on **Monday, September 10**, at Christmas Mountain Village in Wisconsin Dells.

All proceeds from the golf outing will support the WFB Foundation education and leadership programs such as Ag in the Classroom, 4-H, FFA, WFBF Leadership Institute and Young Farmer and Agriculturist activities.

Registration is \$125 and includes 18 holes of golf with cart, box lunch, appetizers, contests and door prizes. Sponsorships are available ranging from \$50 to \$1,500.

For information, contact Darlene Arneson at 608.828.5644 or darneson@wfbf.com.



Welcome NEW Green Lake County Farm Bureau Members

Daniel Berndt, Dennis Brooks, Kim Burk, Katherine Casey, Jason Chapman, Gerald Disterhaft, Ben Drews, Jason Eager, Michael Ewald, Jerry Friday, John Kearns, Joan Kiggins, William Kiggins, Neal Krause, Gene Ladwig, Dawn Lewis, Ann Miller, August Neubauer, Kristin Radtke, Dennis Redemann, Casey Richter, Terry Richter, Larry Richter, Kyle Ryerson, Dale Schmuhl, David Schwandt, Augustave Swanke, Roger Swanson and Kelly White.





ALL MEMBER FAMILY PICNIC

SUNDAY, JULY 29
12:30 PM

Green Lake County Fair Grounds
Farm Bureau Food Stand Building

Farm Bureau will provide meat, buns, soda and water
Please bring a dish to pass

Activities, games and fun for the entire family!

District 5 YFA Canoeing and Picnic

Sunday, August 12
Picnic at noon
Canoeing to follow
Mecan River Outfitters
W720 State Road 23
Princeton, WI 54968

RSVP to District Coordinator
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Save the Date: Brat Fry



Come and support the Green Lake County Farm Bureau at the Brat Fry on Friday, September 14, and Saturday, September 15, at Brandon Meats in Brandon.

Green Lake County Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

When: Tuesday, October 2
Time: 7 p.m. - Registration; 7:30 p.m. - Meal
Where: Berlin City Inn, Berlin
Watch your mail for the official postcard invitation.

Upcoming Events

July	
29	All-Member Farm Bureau Picnic, Green County Fair Fairgrounds
30	District 5 Policy Development Meeting, Krentz Family Dairy, Berlin
August	
2-5	Green Lake County Fair
12	District 5 Canoeing and Picnic, Mecan River Outfitters, Princeton
20	District 5 YFA Discussion Meet, Marquette County UW Extension Office, Montello
October	
2	Green Lake County annual meeting, Berlin City Inn