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Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

Young Farmer and Agriculturist Discussion Meet

The District 6 YFA Discussion Meet was held on August 14 at CNC Links in Manitowoc.

Door County YFA chair Lauren Brey shared how to create a brand representing individuals and our farms. As customers are more interested in agriculture and how their food is raised, it is important that every farm develops their brand to help connect with customers and in their communities. Lauren shared her experiences in helping build personal brands and farm brands.

We had four very qualified contestants who participated in the Discussion Meet. The topic was: 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.

The four contestants were Mikayla Kuehl and Ryan Schulz from Kewaunee County; Ann Glowacki from Door County; and Kelly Wilfert from Manitowoc County. The three contestants who were selected are Kelly Wilfert, Ann Glowacki and Mikayla Kuehl and they will compete at the YFA Conference.

Wish them the best of luck as they move on to the state competition on November 30-December 2 at the YFA Conference.



The District 6 Discussion Meet contestants had intense conversation.



Door County's YFA chair Lauren Brey shared a presentation about building your brand as an individual and farm.

WFBF Membership Incentives

Do you know a friend who might be interested in joining Farm Bureau? Feel good about helping your organization grow and get a chance to win some great prizes, too.

Farm Bureau 100-Race to the Centennial

Start Your Engines: Volunteer membership workers who sign up at least one new member by December 31 will receive a tire pressure gauge.

Full Speed Ahead: Volunteer membership workers who sign up three or more new members by March 31 will receive a Farm Bureau Proud Power Bank portable charger.

Splash And Go: Volunteer membership workers who sign up four or more new members by June 30 will receive a \$10 gas card.

Final Lap: Volunteer membership workers who sign up five or more new members by September 30 will receive a Farm Bureau Proud windbreaker jacket.

Don't forget this is in addition to the \$20 volunteer membership workers receive for signing any new members throughout the year. Watch for more district incentives coming soon.

District YFA Green Bay Gamblers Game and Pizza Outing

The YFA Gamblers outing is set for 7:05 p.m. on **Saturday, February 16, 2019.**

Join us as the Green Bay Gamblers take on the Madison Capitols including the ever popular Weiner Dog Race. To purchase tickets, visit www.ticketstaronline.com and enter promo code: WFBF. Code expires on **February 7, 2019.**

Are you interested in more YFA events? Please contact Ashley Claussen, Brown County Farm Bureau YFA chair to find out what is coming next in Brown County.





COUNTYnews

BROWN COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

Brown County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Highlights

There were about 55 members and guests who attended this year's Brown County Farm Bureau annual meeting that included elections for board of directors and WFBF Annual Meeting delegates, grass-roots policy development discussion and other business items.

The Brown County Farm Bureau awarded New Horizon's Dairy with the Conservation award for 2018.

Stan Kaczmarek was re-elected as president at the re-organization meeting following the annual meeting. Ray Diederich is vice president, Kim VandenAvond is secretary/treasurer and Phil Ulmer was elected to make up the executive committee.

The county passed four state resolutions and four federal resolution that will now move on to the WFBF Policy Development Committee for consideration:

Federal

1. We urge Political Sanctions and Trade Agreements shouldn't be made at the expense of production agriculture.
2. We are opposed to supply management of any form.
3. We support free trade, free marketing on agricultural products.
4. Agricultural products should be free from tariffs.

State

1. We oppose any new well drilled within 250 feet next to tillable farm land, or within 250 feet of any mound/septic system. (Natural Resources-Groundwater)
2. CDL Law under the famer exemption should be able to travel any distance in the state (not limited to 150 miles from home)
3. We support extending weight limits that exist for dairy vehicles to vehicles transporting maple sap or syrup from the point of collection to production or storage.
4. All milk not fit for human consumption the producer has the right to sell.



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YFA Joins With NEW Zoo to Hold Ice Cream Safari

In July, the YFA committee sponsored an Ice Cream Safari at the NEW Zoo to celebrate National Ice Cream month. The Brown County Farm Bureau offered a discount for zoo admission to members. Ice cream sundaes were served and children's activities were offered. Children lined up to get sundaes, temporary tattoos, wrangle up cows into the barn and create an ice cream sundae craft.

The activity was chosen as a County Activity of Excellence award winner at the WFBF level. YFA chair Ashley Claussen will host a display at the WFBF Annual Meeting in December to share the details of the event.



Three Members Appointed to Farm Bureau's Promotion and Education Committee

Andrea Brossard of Dodge County, Kathy Duescher of Brown County and Katie Zoromski of Marathon County have been appointed to the Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Promotion and Education Committee by the WFBF Board of Directors.

Their terms begin at the WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference on November 30-December 3, at the Kalahari Resorts in Wisconsin Dells.

Kathy Duescher, a Brown County Farm Bureau member, was appointed to her first term on the WFBF Promotion and Education Committee.



She will represent Brown, Calumet, Door, Kewaunee, Manitowoc and Sheboygan counties.

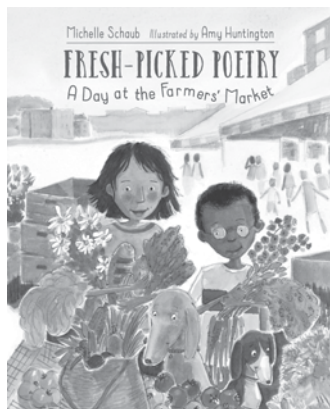
Kathy has an accounting degree from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College. She spent 25 years as support staff in K-12 education before retiring in April of 2017.

Kathy co-manages a custom planting and harvest business. She is a

member of the Bay Port FFA Alumni and Booster Club and the Brown County Farm Bureau Promotion and Education committee.



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



"Fresh-Picked Poetry," written by Michelle Schaub, has been selected as the 2019 Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Book of the Year.

Each year, the Ag in the Classroom program holds an essay contest in conjunction with the book of the year for fourth and fifth grade students. This year's essay contest topic is, 'Making it happen at the farmers' market.' Accompanying lessons aligned to state standards and educational resources are available online for teachers, students and volunteers to use in promoting and preparing essays.

"Many schools offer farm-to-school and locally grown foods to their students, so this book and essay will be

popular," said Darlene Arneson, Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Coordinator. "The essay contest will give students a wide variety of topics to write about and teachers may also encourage poetry within the essay."

Essay submissions must be 100- to 300-words in length and will be judged on content, grammar, spelling and neatness. The essay contest rules, lesson plans and sample classroom activities are at wisagclassroom.org/whats-new. Essays are due **April 1, 2019**.

Nine district winners will be selected with one being chosen as the state winner in May by the WFBF Promotion and Education Committee. Each district winner will receive a classroom presentation.

The essay contest is sponsored by We Energies and the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation. Last year, more than 2,500 students participated in the contest.

For more information or if you have questions about how to place an order, or about the book, please contact Darlene Arneson at darneson@wfbf.com.

Donate to WFBF Annual Meeting Silent Auction



Farm Bureau members can get items ready to donate or be ready to bid at the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Annual Meeting WFB Foundation Silent Auction. Due to the generosity of members, county Farm Bureau programs, businesses and sponsors, a large selection of items will be offered again this year. Bidding starts at 12 noon on Saturday and will end Sunday night before the Award's Program.

If you want to donate, forms can be downloaded at wfbf.com/aboutwfbf/foundation/silentauction.

We ask that all items be new items. If you are bringing a gift certificate or gift card, please make a copy. The copy will be on the bidding table and the buyer will receive the original upon check out. Please send the donation form to the WFBF office by **November 23**, bidding sheets can be made in advance and will save you time checking in. Items can be brought to the Kalahari Resorts to save postage and chance of damage in shipment.

How Do I?

Your membership with Farm Bureau is important. Many people shy away from joining because they don't have the time. WFBF has dedicated staff working on your behalf, as well as your Brown County Farm Bureau local board of directors and committees that are organized to carry out projects.

Your support as a member is vital to the work that we do in youth and consumer education, public relations, and working with elected officials to keep agriculture strong.

Are you looking to up your involvement within your county? The Board of Directors meet each month on the second Thursday at the Rural Mutual office in Green Bay. We have several opportunities to volunteer on several committees which meet a handful of times each year.

Promotion and Education, Young Farmers and Agriculturists, Finance, Membership are just some of the opportunities to lend a hand. Farm

Bureau also has one time volunteer opportunities throughout the year such as the Ice Cream Safari. Any help that you can give is appreciated.

In this newsletter, there is a list of your board members for each township and contact information. Feel free to call your board member or the president to ask how you can get more involved.



Upcoming Events

November

30 WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference

January

11-15 AFBF 100th Annual Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana
18 FFA Farm Forum early registration deadline

February

1 FFA Farm Forum final registration deadline
15-16 FFA Farm Forum, Wisconsin Rapids

March

1 Ag in the Classroom Matching Grant applications due
8-9 Ag LEAD Summit, Appleton
15-18 AFBF FUSION Conference
19 Council of Presidents
20 Ag Day at the Capitol
20 National Ag Day Reading Event
31 County Early-Bird Bonanza membership cut-off

April

1 Ag in the Classroom essays due to county essay coordinators

There are Benefits to Your Farm Bureau Membership:

Financial

- AgriPlan Medical Reimbursement Program
- Farm Bureau Bank

Supplies and Products

- John Deere's GreenFleet™ Loyalty Rewards Program
- Case IH
- Caterpillar
- FS-GROWMARK Patronage
- Grainger
- Office Depot

Communication

- AgriVisor
- The Country Today

Insurance

- Rural Mutual Insurance Company
- Farm Bureau Financial Services

Protection

- \$500 Reward Protection Program
- Accidental Death Policy

Health

- ScriptSave® Prescription Drug Savings Card
- Life Line

Travel

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

For complete details visit wbf.com/membership/member-benefits

WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference

WFBF will hold their 99th Annual Meeting in conjunction with the YFA Conference on November 30-December 3 at Kalahari Resorts in Wisconsin Dells.

The theme is Our Legacy.

Make sure you don't miss a moment of the action by following Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation or 'wifarmbureau' on social media.

Our Legacy



Membership Year End: Welcome New Brown County Farm Bureau Members

Thank you to everyone who helped Brown County Farm Bureau reach their voting goal for 2018. We achieved a three voting member gain bringing us to 347 voting members and 999 total members. Welcome new members.

Carmelette Duffy

Amanda Phillips

Bradley Boeke

Rebecca Ratajczak

John Beckwith

Marcus Steele

Lucas Kraschnewski

Jennifer Bartkowski

Mark Mikulsky

Julie Greenwood- Tennessen

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Raquel Sanchez-alvarado

Adam Roundy

Taybor Pepper

Dale Van Beek

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