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Ag Day at the Capitol Planned for March 20, 2019

Ag Day at the Capitol will be held on **Wednesday, March 20, 2019**, in Madison. A bus from northwest Wisconsin is being planned again for 2019.

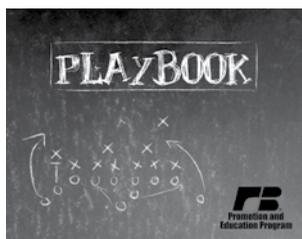
This is a great opportunity to make contact with your local representatives and network with other Farm Bureau members.

Watch for more information to come soon.

If you want to reserve your spot early, please contact District 9 Coordinator Katie Mattison at 715.418.0975 or kmattison@wfbf.com.



Have You Heard About the 'Playbook'?



The 'Playbook' is a collection of great ideas from around Wisconsin used to promote agriculture. It highlights the costs and materials that others have implemented to run successful promotions in their counties.

Please use the 'Playbook': bit.ly/WFBFPlayBook.

Also, please share and submit your own successful ideas so we can continue to grow and benefit from shared promotions.

Submissions can be made at: bit.ly/PlaybookForm. Submission deadlines are: December 15, March 15, June 15 and September 15.

Wisconsin Farm Bureau Wants Your Story

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation Public Relations Centennial Committee is looking to collect stories from Farm Bureau members for our upcoming centennial celebration.

Do you have a great Farm Bureau story, or do you know someone who does? Let us know about it.

Members can submit stories at:
bit.ly/FarmBureauStory

Please share this information with anyone who might have something to share or ask them to contact their District Coordinator. The committee's goal is to share 100 Farm Bureau stories during the centennial in 2019.



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 an item to the Silent Auction, 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 of it. 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.

Chris Bowman



COUNTYnews

DUNN COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

Dunn County Farm Bureau Members Celebrates During Annual Meeting

Members of the Dunn County Farm Bureau held their annual meeting on September 25 at Dean & Sue's in Menomonie.

Darryl Kovacik was awarded the Dunn County Farm Bureau Service to Agriculture Award to honor the more than 30 years that he has served on the Dunn County Farm Bureau board of directors as well as the numerous years of service he has given to his community. Darryl has served on his church board at First Baptist in Woodville for more than 30 years, he was a board member for the Town of Tiffany for six years and also has served on his feed mill board.

Tara Prochnow joined the board of directors as the new Young Farmer and Agriculturist chair. During the meeting, delegates were elected to attend the WFBF Annual Meeting in December to represent Dunn County Farm Bureau. Delegates to the 2018 WFBF Annual Meeting will be: Carl Casper, Marv Prestrud, Tony Christopherson, Kevin Gilbertson and Tara Prochnow.

As a grassroots organization, it is Farm Bureau's members on the county level who create and set the policy goals of the state's leading farm organization. The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation is often asked to get involved in issues affecting production agriculture and rural Wisconsin both in Madison and Washington, D.C.

During the meeting, members discussed a wide range of issues. The following resolutions passed during this meeting and will be forwarded on for consideration to be presented to the delegates at the WFBF Annual Meeting in December:

1. We require all USDA bear traps be equipped with trap monitors to both reduce time spent by farmers and to ensure the health of the trapped animals.
2. We want to see better tracking and studying of movements of any relocated bear.
3. We want to see the removal of the \$10,000 maximum payout from the Department of Natural Resources for wildlife depredation programs and changing to a percentage payout system where farms are compensated equally based on damage amounts.
4. We require that the Department of Natural Resources create sub-zones for better control of over-populated wildlife (bear, deer, goose, and turkey) in a small area.
5. Farm Bureau supports the use of tools and resources to ensure livestock and herds are protected on our farms, including the use of livestock guardian dogs. Livestock guardian dogs do not serve the same purpose as a general household pet and have been used for centuries to protect livestock from predators that are difficult to control through any other means. Livestock guardian dogs live with their herd all day, every day, and are well-cared for, as well as having access to food and shelter at their will. Use of these animals as a tool for livestock protection should be supported.
6. We urge the state to continue grant programs to support expansion of broadband throughout WI at or above the current level set in the 2017-2018 biannual budget.
7. We oppose a mandatory government managed ag commodity supply management system.

For more information on the Dunn County Farm Bureau, contact 877.457.8897 or visit wfbf.com/about/counties/dunn.



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The 2018-2019 Dunn County Farm Bureau board of directors including: back row (from left) Doug Clark, Tony Christopherson, Kevin Gilbertson, Darryl Kovacik, John Kovacik, Brian Douglas and District 9 Director and WFBF President Jim Holte; front row (from left): Dale Quilling, Carl Casper, Mary Prestrud, Marv Prestrud, Tim Jackson and Tara Prochnow; not included in the photo are John Ausman and Frank Retz.



Darryl Kovacik was awarded the Dunn County Farm Bureau Service to Agriculture Award for his years of service to Dunn County Farm Bureau as well as his community. Darryl accepted his award at the Dunn County Farm Bureau annual meeting with his family: (from left) son, John Kovacik, wife Nola, Darryl and daughters, Jennifer and Julie Kovacik. Congratulations Darryl.

Find Your Name and Win

Members, look for your name in the image shown below and win \$10 to be put towards next year's membership dues. All you have to do is read your newsletter, search for the image and if your name appears, you have 30 days to contact Marv Prestrud at 715.418.1990 to let him know you have found your name. Good luck! For Example:

President's Message



Greetings Dunn County Farm Bureau members,

I recently heard someone speaking in a nostalgic manner about how our rural communities worked in a more ultra-close community in the past.

Which I believe to be true because our society has become incredibly more mobile, diverse and information driven. I don't believe we have become any less community minded. We just have community defined in better ways, at least most of the time.

I am reminded of the great strength of community as I think of recent tragic events in our area. It is incredibly gratifying to see communities work together to care for individuals needs in times of disaster. Whether it be someone facing the maladies illness or injury, the difficulties of weather and the havoc that it can bring sometimes or dealing with the difficulties of an agricultural economy that is struggling in many different areas all at one time.

It becomes important for us to recognize that we are acting in community as much as in the past. The workings of it just look differently. The difficulties and how we deal with them become the thing that defines us as community. Not to judge each other. But step up and work toward solutions that brings healing and help to our communities.

I know this a little different message this time. I was thinking of 99 years that Wisconsin Farm Bureau has been in existence and all of the changes that have happened in that period of time.

I was contemplating what will be important in another 99 years. I am willing to guess that it will still be heavily about community, family and people still needing strong relationships at every level.

Thanks for taking the time to read.

Marv Prestrud
Dunn County Farm Bureau president

Brian Douglas named Achievement Award Finalist

Brian Douglas was named one of four finalists in the Young Farmer and Agriculturist Achievement award and will compete for top honors at the WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference in December.

Brian is a sixth-generation dairy and cash grain farmer from Elk Mound where he farms with his parents and nine-year-old son, Mason.

On the farm, Brian is in charge of herd management from milking to feeding calves. He also grows 750 acres of crops.

He graduated from UW-Madison Farm and Industry Short Course and earned a certificate in farm business management and associate degree in electrical mechanics from Chippewa Valley Technical College.

He is a Dunn County Farm Bureau board director, works at the county fair food stand, attends Ag Day at the Capital and enjoys YFA events.

"This year's finalists are some of the best and brightest young farmers in Wisconsin," said WFBF President Jim Holte.

The Achievement Award recognizes YFA members who excel in production farming, leadership ability and involvement in Farm Bureau and other organizations. Achievement Award applicants must have derived a majority of their income from on-farm production during the past three years. This year's finalists include:

- Josh and Ashley Claussen, Brown County
- Brian Douglas, Dunn County
- Dustin and Ashley Ellis, Buffalo County
- Ryan and Lindsey Prah, Marathon County

Each finalist must fill out an application by October 1. A three-judge panel will score those appli-



cations and conduct an interview with the four finalists at the 2018 WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference at Kalahari Resorts in Wisconsin Dells, November 30-December 2.

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation co-sponsors this contest with GROWMARK, Inc., and Rural Mutual Insurance Company.

This year's state winner will compete at the AFBF 2019 Annual Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. In addition, Rural Mutual Insurance Company provides a free financial plan for the state winner and Fabick Cat Equipment provides the state winner with 40 hours use of a skid-steer loader.

Last year's winners of the Achievement Award were Chad and Katrina Gleason from Lafayette County.

Mark Your Calendars



• **Boot Camp:** The second annual Boot Camp will be held on **Saturday, January 19, 2019**, at Chippewa Valley Technical College, 621 West Clairemont Avenue, Eau Claire. The day will begin at 10 a.m. with speaker WFBF Director of Local Affairs Steve Boe. At Boot Camp you will have the opportunity to hear Steve Boe shine light on issues facing agriculture. Cost for the day is \$10. This leadership day will include lunch and a panel discussion. The Boot Camp will wrap up at 2 p.m.



• **Ag LEAD Summit:** Will be **March 8-9, 2019**, at the Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton. This bi-annual event will be open to Farm Bureau members and non-members. The conference will be broken into four tracks: Leading Your Own Self Development, Engaging Consumers, Advocating for Agriculture and Developing Agribusinesses. This will be a unique opportunity to share information and bridge the gap with those not involved in agriculture. Stay tuned for more information.



• **FUSION Conference:** Wisconsin has the unique opportunity of hosting the American Farm Bureau Federation FUSION Conference: **March 15-18, 2019**, in Milwaukee. This is an honor for our state to host this venue. This event will sharpen the leadership skills of any volunteer in our Farm Bureau organization.



FREE RESOURCES FOR FARMERS!



The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection's Farm Center offers free, confidential assistance to all farmers.



- Financial Planning
- Farm Transition
- Conflict Mediation
- Herd-based Diagnostics
- Energy-related Issues
- Minority Farmer Outreach
- Counseling Services



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Wisconsin Farm Bureau
Young Farmer and Agriculturist Program

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

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- Rural Mutual Insurance Company
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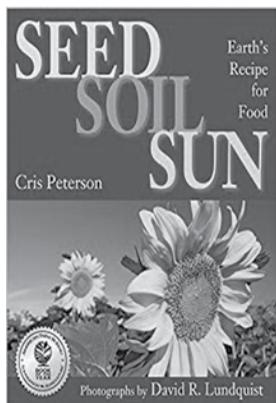
- ScriptSave® Prescription Drug Savings Card
- Life Line

Travel

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

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

Ag in the Classroom Book of the Year: "Seed, Soil, Sun"



Dunn County Farm Bureau's Agriculture in the Classroom program is excited to announce that, "Seed, Soil, Sun" by Cris Peterson as the book of the year.

Peterson hails from Grantsburg, and is a Polk County Farm Bureau member. Her book illustrates that seed, soil and sun are three of the key ingredients for growing food.

Peterson describes the process by which air and water combine with seed, soil and sun to become nearly all the food we eat.

For more information or if you are interested in getting agricultural information to your local school district, please contact Kay Gilbertson at gilbertsonk@centurytel.net.



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

Make sure you don't miss a moment of the action by following Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation or 'wifarmbureau' on social media. You can also follow #WFBFAM18



Our Legacy

American Farm Bureau Foundation Volunteer Recognition Program



AFBF depends on a network of volunteers to help build agricultural awareness, understanding and a positive public perception of agriculture through education.

Without volunteers spreading the story of agriculture, the Foundation would not be able to do what we do. We want to celebrate volunteers who engage with their local communities to educate the public about agriculture; whether this is through classroom visits, farm tours or fair exhibits.

Help us recognize outstanding volunteers through our Volunteer Recognition Program. Volunteers can nominate themselves or be nominated. To nominate an individual or a group of volunteers, please complete the form at www.agfoundation.org/projects/volunteer-recognition.

Please note: This is not for advocacy programs, but actual hands on educational projects. Selected volunteers will be acknowledged via Facebook, our website and in an e-newsletter for their efforts, as well as given a set of Ag Mags to use for future activities.

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Meet the new Young Farmer and Agriculturist Chair: Tara Prochnow



Hi all,
 My name is Tara Prochnow and I am the new YFA chair for Dunn County Farm Bureau.

I have been an active member for the past few years, attending conferences, seminars and bringing on new members.

I farm with my family around the Menomonie, Colfax and Elk Mound area. We are grain farmers, growing mostly corn and soybeans. We also do a lot of custom hire work such as planting, spraying, combining and more.

We own and operate Rusk Prairie Grain, a drying and storage facility and that is where you can find me in the fall, running the scale and making sure the dryers are in check. Please stop by and visit.

I look forward to being a more actively involved member and continuing to be a strong advocate for agriculture.

I am excited to bring ideas to the Dunn County Farm Bureau board and to plan events for everyone to get involved in.

Please contact me with any and all ideas that you may have for events. Thanks everyone. Have a happy and safe harvest.

Welcome New Members

Justin Ford*, Viking Bowl & Lounge, Walter Ineichen*, Mark Erb*, Donald K. Hayden*, Jeffrey R. Lake, Eugene L. Ruenger*, Alexis Kwak*, Lucinda Werner, Wayne Stashek, Kelly Lake, Tyler Viltz, Nathan A. Hoffman* and Jeffrey Hoyt.

Neil Schlough

*Denote voting membership.