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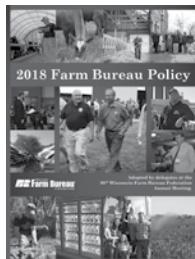
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Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

Grassroots in Action: District Policy Meeting



Approximately 40 members attended the District 5 Policy Development meeting that was held on July 30 at the Krentz Family Dairy farm near Berlin. Senior Director of Governmental Relations Rob Richards attend the meeting and help lead the policy discussion.

The following resolutions were approved at the Juneau County Annual Meeting held on September 27. The resolutions will be reviewed by the WFBF Policy Development Committee.

1. We do not support the ability to declare ag land "blighted" if there is not a public health hazard.
Land use, eminent domain



2. We support some type of dairy supply management program. *Federal Dairy Policy*

Richard Sheahan and Kip Weber will serve as delegates to the WFBF Annual Meeting in December.

District 5 YFA Held Summer Picnic and Canoeing Event



District 5 YFA chair and Juneau County YFA Chair Sally Turpin (right) with other YFA members during the District YFA picnic and canoeing event held August 12 at Mecan River Outfitters near Princeton.

Sally is working on organizing a winter activity early next year for YFA members in District 5.

If you have any ideas, please contact Sally.

Juneau County Farm Bureau Sponsored the Champion Cow Banner Award at the Elroy Fair



The Elroy Fair was held June 21-24 in Elroy. Allyson Stanek won Supreme Champion Cow at the Elroy Fair. The Juneau County Farm Bureau sponsored the champion cow banner award. Congratulations Allyson.

YFA Members Tour Jasper Apples



On September 14, Juneau County YFA Chair Sally Turpin organized a tour of Jasper Apple Orchard near Wonewoc. The orchard is owned by Rick and Barb Jasper. For more information about their orchard, visit www.jasperapples.com.

For more information about the Juneau County Farm Bureau YFA program, please contact Sally Turpin at 608.462.3387.



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Juneau County Farm Bureau Holds County Annual Meeting

More than seventy members attended the Juneau County Farm Bureau annual meeting held September 27 at the Club Chapparral Restaurant near Wonewoc. Members voted on board of directors,



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delegates, proposed reinstated county by-laws and resolutions. Speakers included: State Senator Howard Marklein, State Rep. Ed Brooks and WFBF District Director Kevin Krentz.



Ag in the Classroom essay contest winner Isabelle Fields read her award-winning essay during the annual meeting as president Richard Sheahan looked on.



The Ag in the Classroom essay contest county winners read their essays during the county annual meeting: (from left) Isabell Fields, Taylor Freitag, Riley Revels and Chase Geiger.



State Senator Howard Marklein addressed attendees during the Juneau County annual meeting.



Board member Bill Robinson (right) was recognized. Bill retired from the board after serving as a Juneau County Farm Bureau board of director for many years.



WFBF Board of Director Kevin Krentz discussed agricultural issues during the Juneau County Farm Bureau annual meeting.



Board member Matt Schmidt reviewed the county's proposed resolutions during the policy development portion of the Juneau County annual meeting.

Farm Bureau County Fair Pie Stand a Success

The Juneau County Fair was held August 15-18. Once again, the Juneau County Farm Bureau organized a pie and ice stand. The Farm Bureau fair pie stand is one of the county's largest fundraisers. Profits from the stand help fund the county Ag in the Classroom program, which allows the county to purchase books and other agricultural education materials in elementary schools throughout the county.

The pie stand would not be possible without the dedicated volunteers who work during the week of the fair. Thank you. The Juneau

County Farm Bureau board of directors wants to thank those who baked homemade pies for the fair including: Kay Stanek, Katie Roloff, Jean Byington, Sally Raese, Tonra Degner, Heidi Weber, Jodi Field, Sally Turpin and Jean Sheahan.

Also, thank you to Jasper Apples for donating the apples for the apple pies. And a special thank you to Rural Mutual Insurance agents Stephanie Garrett-Hampton and Rudy Milkulich. Rudy purchased a freezer for the stand and Stephanie donated the ice cream. Thank you for your continued support.



Juneau County Farm Bureau president Richard Sheahan (right) visited with visitors at the fair pie stand during the Juneau County Fair.



A fairgoer purchased pie and ice cream from the Juneau County Farm Bureau pie stand.

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A Message from District 5 Board Director



I want to thank the Farm Bureau volunteers that make District 5 successful. Farm Bureau is the largest general farm organization only because of the volunteer leaders that devote time conducting programs and activities throughout their county.

Whether your passion is education, advocacy, policy, membership, organizing, or fundraising, Farm Bureau has a place for you. But it goes far beyond that. It is also about friends, family and personal development. That is what makes me proud to be a part of this organization. Great things happen when great people come together.

Agriculturists are some of the most adaptive people on earth. We continue to raise crops and livestock in an ever-changing environment. Whether that is Mother Nature, fiscal, social or regulatory changes around us. We control what we can and thank God for the rest. We are a small percentage of the population in the U.S., but Farm Bureau volunteers work to control what they can. They advocate and fight for fair regulation.

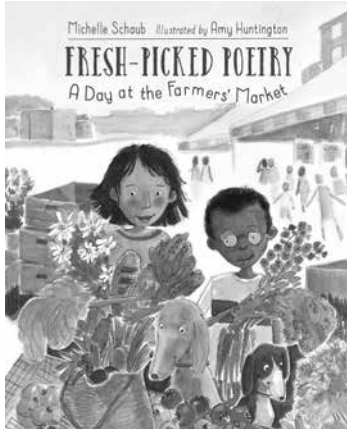
As the general population moves further away from agriculture roots it's important to continue to build trust through transparency. I want to thank the

many members who continue to engage consumers and answer their questions.

Farmers in general, do not work for recognition but do work worthy of recognition. You make this organization a success. Thank you to each of you for what you do to make Green Lake County Farm Bureau successful. I look forward to another exciting year in District 5.

Kevin Krentz
WFBF District 5 Board Director

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.

District Coordinator is Farm Bureau Proud



As a district coordinator, I use the Farm Bureau Proud logo a lot when designing event invites and promoting county events. As I was preparing for county annual meetings this fall and using the logo, it got me wondering, "**Why am I Farm Bureau Proud?**" It didn't take me long to come up with several reasons why!

I am Farm Bureau Proud because ...

- With more than **46,000 members**, Farm Bureau is the largest general farm organization in Wisconsin.
- We have 61 active **county Farm Bureaus** that meet regularly and conduct local activities that promote agriculture.
- Our **Young Farmer and Agriculturist** program offers a unique opportunity for members age 18-35 to network and participate in award contests.
- Our **Ag in the Classroom** program offers resources for teachers and local volunteers to teach agriculture in the classroom.
- Many of our members have graduated from the **WFBF Leadership Institute**, which has allowed participants to improve their personal leadership skills and take on leadership roles in their local community.
- Farm Bureau continues to be the "**Voice of Agriculture**" through our grassroots process of developing legislative policy.

But most importantly, I'm Farm Bureau proud because of **YOU**, our **members**. As a district coordinator the biggest highlight of my job is working one on one with our dedicated volunteers that make our organization the success that it is.

As you read this, it is a great time for each of you to also answer this question: **Why are you Farm Bureau proud?** I encourage you let family and friends know your answer, and if they are not already, ask them to consider becoming part of the Farm Bureau family. Thank you for being Farm Bureau Proud!

Becky Hibicki
District 5 Coordinator

YFA Members Compete in District Discussion Meet

The District 5 Discussion Meet contest was held August 20 at the Marquette County UW-Extension Office in Montello. Four YFA members participated in the discussion meet. Following the contest, Fond du Lac County YFA member Nate Zimdars gave a presentation on his one-year abroad experience working on a dairy cooperative in Senegal.

Jenny Leahy and Nate Zimdars from Fond du Lac County and Natasha Paris from Green Lake County qualified to represent the district at the Discussion Meet contest to be held at the WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference November 30–December 2 at Kalahari Resorts and Conventions in Wisconsin Dells.



(from left): Jenny Leahy, Nate Zimdars, Lynn Dickman and Natasha Paris.



YFA member Nate Zimdars shared about his experience in Senegal.

There are Benefits to Your Farm Bureau Membership:

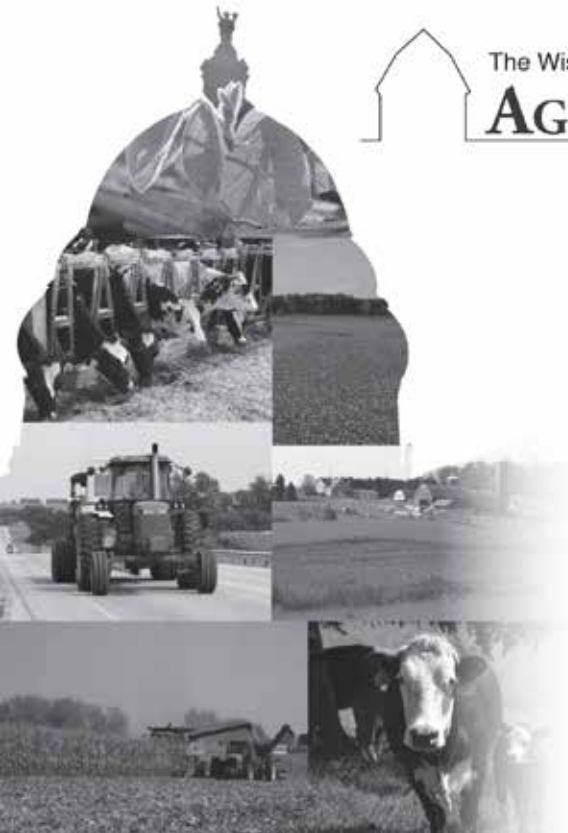
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• Office Depot		

For complete details visit wfbf.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.



The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation invites you to attend
AG DAY AT THE CAPITOL

March 20, 2019

Monona Terrace Convention Center • Madison, WI

Early Registration Deadline: March 14

Cost: \$30 per person by registration deadline.
\$35 after deadline and at the door.

Tentative Schedule of Events:

11:00 a.m. Registration
11:30 a.m. Opening Program
11:45 a.m. Lunch
12:45 p.m. Legislative Briefing
3:00 p.m. Leave for Capitol Visits

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Juneau County Board of Directors



The Juneau County Farm Bureau board of directors: (from left) Jim Raese, Kip Weber, Pat Stanek, Richard Sheahan, Matt Schmidt, Tonra Degner, Richard Sheahan, Carl Degner and Sally Turpin.

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March 8-9, 2019
Appleton, Wisconsin

Ag LEAD summit

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