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Outstanding Young Farmer and Agriculturist Discussion Meet

The District 9 Young Farmer and Agriculturist Discussion Meet was held on August 1 at the Stout Ale House in Menomonie in conjunction with the District 9 Policy Development Meeting.

The question that participants discussed 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.**

Farm Bureau's strength depends on its members' ability to analyze agricultural issues and decide on solutions that best meet their needs. The Discussion Meet is an activity designed to build these

crucial skills in young farmers and agriculturists. By participating, members build basic discussion skills, develop a keen understanding of important agricultural issues and explore how groups can pool knowledge to reach consensus and solve problems.

The YFA Discussion Meet gives young members a chance to demonstrate their speaking skills on agricultural-related topics. Contestants are judged on their problem-solving skills as they discuss timely topics with their colleagues.

Each of WFBF's nine districts holds a district meet in late summer or fall. Three contestants from each district move on to the state competition at the YFA Conference in the Wisconsin Dells in December.



Seven contestants participated in the District 9 Discussion Meet: Jenna Behrends (Rusk County), Isaac Christianson (Polk County), Kirsten Konder (St. Croix County), Nathan Kringle (Barron County), Lauren McCann (Barron County), Lexi DuSell (Barron County) and Laura Benitz (Pierce County).



Congratulations to Isaac Christenson, Laura Benitz and Nathan Kringle who will be representing District 9 and competing at the state contest in December.

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.

Ag Day at the Capitol is the largest gathering of farmers from across the state representing a variety of farm groups to learn more about state issues and meet with their state legislators.

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.





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Superior Shores Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Highlights



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The Superior Shores Farm Bureau annual meeting was held on September 7 at Hugo's Pizza in Ashland. Members enjoyed a pizza buffet lunch. Following lunch, the business meeting was held where members voted on resolutions, board of directors and delegates to the 2018 WFBF Annual Meeting.

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.

Superior Shores Farm Bureau will be presenting the following resolutions, passed during this meeting, on for consideration to be presented to the delegates at the WFBF Annual Meeting in December:

1. Amend page 17, line 41 under "Noxious Weeds" to add valerian. The resolution would now read: We support mandatory enforcement of noxious weed laws, on Conservation Reserve Program lands, and land owned by lending institutions, absentee land-owners and the government including town, county and state road right-of-ways. We support the inclusion of multi-flora roses, purple loosestrife, European buckthorn, wild parsnip and valerian on the state's noxious weed list. Further, we support the creation of programs that would pay farmers to eradicate it.
2. 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.
3. We want to see better tracking and studying of movements of any relocated bear.
4. 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.
5. 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.

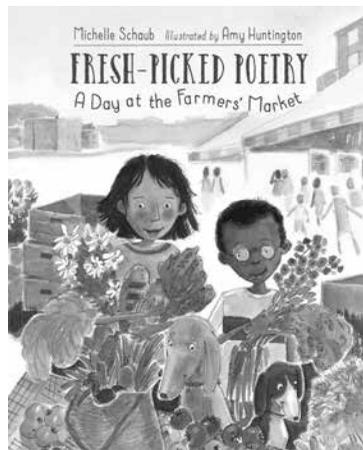
For more information on Superior Shores Farm Bureau, contact 877.583.4509 or visit [wfbf.com/about/counties/Superior Shores](http://wfbf.com/about/counties/Superior-Shores).

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



The 2019 Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Book of the Year is "Fresh-Picked Poetry – A Day at the Farmers Market" by Michelle Schaub.

This collection of poems takes young readers to a day at an urban farmers' market. Who to see, what to eat and how produce is grown—it's all so exciting, fresh and delicious.

Readers are invited to peruse the stands and inspect vendors' wares with poems like, 'Farmer Greg's Free-Range Eggs,' 'Summer Checklist' and 'Necessary Mess.'

This year's essay topic, 'Making it happen at the Farmers' Market,' is linked with the book and students can use the book as one resource, if they choose. The book and essay topic allow students to explore

farmers' markets from a variety of perspectives: the farmer's preparation for the market, the people attending and buying products, the variety of products available and other happenings at the market.

The essay contest is open to all fourth- and fifth-grade students in public, private and home school programs. Students involved in 4-H, PALS and after school programs also are encouraged to participate.

Essay submissions must be 100- to 300-words in length and will be judged on content, grammar, spelling and originality and creativity.

Find contest rules, lesson plans and sample classroom activities at wisagclassroom.org. Essay entries must be postmarked by **April 1, 2019**, and sent to the respective county Farm Bureau essay coordinator.

For questions or to obtain materials, please contact your county essay contest coordinator:

- Superior Shores Ag in the Classroom essay coordinator:
Robyn Lulich, 715.746.2444 or lulichrealty@cheqnet.net.

Brian Douglas named Achievement Award Finalist



District 9 Young Farmer 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's Farm and Industry Short Course and earned a cer-

tificate 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 applications 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 Annual Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. In addition, Rural Mutual Insurance Company provides a free financial plan for the state winner and Fabick Cat 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.

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.



Member Benefit Highlight: Vehicle Rentals

Wisconsin Farm Bureau members always receive up to 25 percent off Avis and Budget rental car base rates.

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* Discount rates may vary between 5 and 25 percent, depending on the time of year, availability and other factors.

** Farm Bureau discount may NOT be stacked with AWD corporate or membership discounts.

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** Farm Bureau discount may NOT be stacked with other BCD corporate or membership discounts.

If you have member benefit questions, please contact 800.261.3276 or visit www.wfbf.com.

Mark Your Calendars



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.



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.



• **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

• **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

• **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.

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 WFBF 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.

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

We ask that 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.

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 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 'wifarbureau' on social media.



Do You Know Someone Who Should be a Superior Shores Member?

To the right is a membership application for Wisconsin Farm Bureau. The dues in Superior Shores are \$50 per membership. Below are a couple of quick hints for you as you go through the membership application.

1. Can my spouse and I share a membership? Yes. Each membership is one vote for the Superior Shores Farm Bureau. If you and your spouse feel you can have a shared opinion on county happenings, then you can have a shared membership. If you'd rather have two votes, you would each have to buy a membership.
2. Why do you need my date of birth? Your birthday is used for the accidental death benefit that comes along with your Superior Shores Farm Bureau membership. It also helps us target our Young Farmer and Agriculturalist members so that we can be sure to include them in activities that are specific to them. We won't sell it to anyone, it just helps us.
3. What is the Ag Newswire? The Ag Newswire is produced by Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation each Friday and it is a summary of agriculture news for the past week.
4. How do I know what my Membership Type is? Superior Shores Farm Bureau has established that a Voting member is someone engaged in agricultural purposes, actively engaged in the business of producing agricultural products, or owners of property where such business is conducted and that an associate member is other persons, partnerships, unincorporated associations and corporations interested in the philosophy and objectives of this association can be a member, but without the right to vote or serve as a director. Typically, associate members are those without direct ties to agriculture, but carry a Rural Mutual Insurance Policy.
5. Who is the Membership Worker? At Farm Bureau, we like to reward those who help us grow our membership. So, if you are giving this membership newsletter to someone in hopes that they will also join, please write your name in the Membership Worker blank. We'll send you \$20 for each new member that you sign up. It's a great way to be rewarded for taking time out of your day to make the visits and help us grow our membership.
6. Where do I mail my application? How do I get you my information? You can mail it to WFBF, P.O. BOX 5550, Madison, WI 53705 or you can drop it off at a board member's home. Or you can sign up for Polk Farm Bureau online at: wfbf.com/membership/application.
7. When should I send in my payment,

when is it due? Your membership starts on the day we receive your membership application and that will remain your renewal date. So, if you know that your cash is a little tight in the spring, but you could manage the renewal in June, send it in June. We are glad to have your membership anytime.

Welcome to the Farm Bureau Family

Name: _____
 Date of Birth: _____
 Spouse's Name: _____
 Date of Birth: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Zip: _____
 Home Phone: _____
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 Email Address: _____

Would you like to receive WFBF's weekly email newsletter, Ag Newswire? Yes

Would you like a Rural Mutual Insurance agent to contact you? Yes

Membership Type: Associate Voting

County of Membership: _____

Membership Worker: _____

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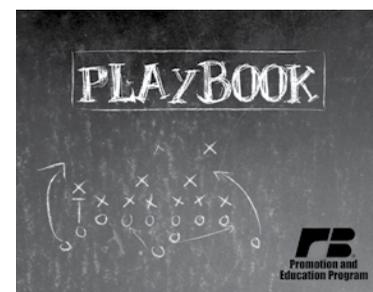
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Welcome New Members

Margaret K. Hunt, Renee R. Bolz*, Cable Sanitary District, Richard Fredericks, Thomas Hecimovich*, Kenneth R. Jacoby, Mary Jacoby, Matthew Lazorik*, Clayton Netz*, Holly Ogren, Chelsea Retaskie, Richard Reukema* and Donald J. Troia.

* Denotes voting membership.

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.

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