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Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

Waushara County Holds Annual Meeting

More than 70 members attended the Waushara County Farm Bureau annual meeting on October 10 at the Silvercyst Supper Club in Wautoma.

Members voted on board directors, delegates, proposed reinstated county by-laws and resolutions. Speakers included: State Senator Luther Olsen Congressman Glenn Grothman, District Director Kevin Krentz and retiring Waushara County Sheriff Jeff Nett.



The 2018-19 Waushara County Farm Bureau Board of Directors (from left): Ryan Nowak, Adam Jones, Kyle Thom, Paul Jarvis, Lynn Dickman, Cory Biely, Sara Stelter, Kevin Krentz and Rob Walejko. (Not pictured: Bernadette Krentz, Jon Deppe, Grant Wandrey, Glenn Arveson and Chuck Brewer.)



District 5 Director Kevin Krentz discussed a variety of legislative issues facing agriculture.



Waushara County Farm Bureau vice president led the policy development portion of the county annual meeting.



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Congressman Glenn Grothman addressed attendees at the Waushara County Farm Bureau annual meeting.



Retiring Waushara County Sheriff Jeff Nett spoke at the recent Waushara county Farm Bureau annual meeting.



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YFA Members Compete in District Discussion Meet



Following the District 5 Discussion Meet, Fond du Lac County YFA member Nate Zimdars shared his experience living in Senegal for a year.

The District 5 Discussion Meet 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 year abroad 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 WFBF YFA Discussion Meet to be held at the WFBF YFA Conference November 30 – December 2 at the Kalahari Resorts and Conventions in Wisconsin Dells.

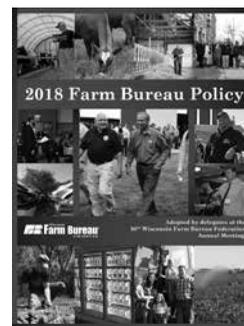


Four members participated in the District 5 Discussion Meet held on August 20. (From left): Jenny Leahy, Nate Zimdars, Lynn Dickman and Natasha Paris. Jenny, Nate and Natasha qualified to represent District 5 at WFBF Discussion Meet in December.



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Grassroots in Action: District 5 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. WFBF Senior Director of Governmental Relations Rob Richard attended the meeting and helped lead the policy discussion.

The following resolutions were approved at the Waushara County Farm Bureau annual meeting held on October 10 at the Silvercrist. The resolutions will be

reviewed by the WFBF Policy Development Committee.

State

1. We oppose a tax on dyed fuel. **(Taxation, Fuel Tax)**
2. We support DATCP developing a system where dairy farmers may request a different milk inspector sanitarian if they feel they have been treated unfairly and have exhausted other means. **(Dairy, Inspections)**
3. Page 6, line 42 addition. We support continued efforts to develop a comprehensive solution for private, affordable, high quality, accessible health care, **mental health care** and health insurance. **(Health and Safety, Health Care)**

Federal

4. We support a market based dairy system. **(Dairy)**

The following members were elected to serve as county delegates to the WFBF Annual Meeting in December: Paul Jarvis, Adams Jones and Ryan Nowak.



WFBF Senior Director of Governmental Relations Rob Richard addressed members at the District 5 Policy Development meeting.

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Opioid Crisis: Not Just A Large City Issue



Fall is here, football season is in full swing, corn is being combined and potatoes have been dug. Wisconsin's farmers are eager and ready to start the harvest, and, in my opinion, this is the best time of the year.

However, as we prepare for this exciting time of year, it is also a time to recognize National Farm Safety and Health Week. One of this year's focus areas is opioid addiction. There is a problem in rural towns across Wisconsin. As farmers prepare for long hours in their combines with plenty of time to think, it is important to remember that we may have neighbors who are struggling with and could die from opioid addictions.

What is an opioid? Opioids are a class of drugs that includes the illegal drug heroin, synthetic opioids such as fentanyl and pain relievers available legally by prescription, such as oxycodone, codeine, morphine and many others. These drugs are highly addictive and once a person becomes addicted, it can be very hard to stop.

In 2017, 883 people in Wisconsin died from an opioid overdose. That number is astounding all by itself, but it becomes even more alarming when it is compared to the fact that 405 people were killed in a car crash last year. Do the math – 478 more people died from an overdose than on Wisconsin roads.

I am a member of our volunteer fire department. I witnessed a person overdose on heroin. This event took place only a few miles down the road, not far from our farm. It was one of the most emotional things I have witnessed while serving on the fire department. When I arrived on the scene, the person wasn't breathing. I thought for sure that this person was having a heart attack, but as soon as the EMTs arrived they could tell the individual had overdosed on heroin. The EMTs administered a dose of Narcan. Narcan is a spray that counteracts the effects of an opioid overdose. The individual started breathing almost right away.

As farmers, it can be easy for us to focus on issues that only impact us on the farm, but this is an issue we cannot forget. Remember a person overdosed only a few miles from the farm on which I spend numerous hours driving our combine and harvesting our crops. I often reflect on that incident while harvesting.

One thing that has been working in our county has been starting a Treatment Alternatives and Diversion Program, more commonly known as Drug Court, four years ago. Drug Court helps people get treatment and gain support from the very people who may have arrested them and could have sentenced them to jail. This program helps addicts on the road to recovery. Instead of simply locking people up and throwing away the key, the individuals who participate in Drug Court gain support and each day of their sobriety is celebrated. Drug overdoses and drug addiction isn't just a big town problem, it is a problem all across our state.

If you know someone struggling with addiction, please assist them. That person needs help. I hope I never have to respond to another overdose call.

I hope everyone has a safe and productive fall and harvest. For more information, please visit farmtownstrong.org. This website and campaign were created by the American Farm Bureau Federation in collaboration with National Farmers Union.

Paul Jarvis
Waushara County Farm Bureau President

A Message from District 5 Board of Director



I want to personally thank all the Farm Bureau volunteers who make District 5 successful. Farm Bureau is the state's largest general farm organization only because of the volunteer leaders who 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 hard to control what we 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 Waushara County Farm Bureau successful. I look forward to another exciting year in District 5!

Kevin Krentz
District 5 Board of Director

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, the 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 **YFA (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 program**, 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 who 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

Essay Contest

"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.

The essay contest rules, lesson plans and sample classroom activities are located at wisagclassroom.org/whats-new. Essays are due April 1. The essay contest is sponsored by We Energies and the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation.

SAVE THE DATE

New in 2019
Ag LEAD Summit
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March 8-9, 2019
Appleton, Wisconsin

Ag LEAD summit

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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/membership/member-benefits.

Long Time Board Members Retire

Long-time board members Jim Jarvis, John Piechowski and Forest Wilcox retired from the Waushara County Farm Bureau board. Each board member served for more than 40 years. All three were honored and recognized at the recent county annual meeting.

"It has been a pleasure to serve on the board with my uncle Jim, John and Forest. Each of them brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to the board that will be missed. On behalf of the board, we thank them for their service to the Waushara County Farm Bureau." - President Paul Jarvis



John Piechowski



Forest Wilcox



James Jarvis

FUSION Conference Sponsorships Available



The American Farm Bureau Federation's FUSION Conference brings together volunteers from Promotion and Education, Women's Leadership and Young Farmers & Ranchers. This year's conference will be held in Milwaukee March 15-18 at the Wisconsin Center. The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation will provide sponsorships for registration fees (\$285) for members to attend. The number of sponsorships available will be based on the funds raised from the 50/50 raffle at the 2018 WFBF YFA Conference and Annual Meeting.



Apply today!

An online sponsorship application is available at <http://bit.ly/fusionsponsorship>

Applications due Monday, December 10 at 4 p.m.



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

March 20, 2019

Monona Terrace Convention Center • Madison, WI

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

Early Registration

Deadline: March 14

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

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Farm Bureau Awards Top 4-H Record Book Winners

\$25 Award Winners:

- 3rd Grade Winner: Sackett Brooks
- 4th Grade Winner: Aislee Luttrupp
- 5th Grade Winner: Hazil Luttrupp
- 6^h Grade Winner: Mariah Boron
- 7^h Grade Winner: Kadince Brewer
- 8th Grade Winner: Natalie Engel
- 9th Grade Winner: Esther Brooks
- 10th Grade Winner: Nicolas Langenfeld



\$50 Award Winner

11th – 13th Grade Top Girl - Kaitlyn Brooks

Fair Food Stand Committee Says 'Thanks!'

thank you!

The Waushara County Fair was held August 15 – 18. Once again, the volunteers worked in the Farm Bureau food stand.

The Farm Bureau fair food stand is the county's largest fundraiser. Profits from the stand fund county programs throughout the year. Funds raised also help the county provide scholarships, sponsor FFA students to attend the annual FFA Farm Forum conference, a donation to an area food pantry, fund the county Ag in the Classroom program and provide cash awards for to top 4-H record book winners.

The food stand would not be possible without the dedicated volunteers who work during the week of the fair. **THANK YOU!**