



# Winnebago County Farm Bureau

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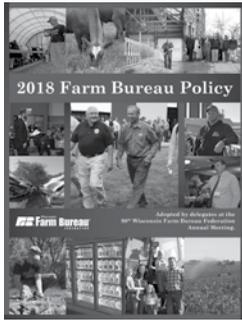
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## Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

### 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 Winnebago County Annual Meeting held on October

11. The resolutions will be reviewed by the WFBF Policy Development Committee.



#### State

1. We encourage DATCP to develop a grant funding program to help cover costs associated with ag tourism.
2. We encourage Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin to re-evaluate their board size. *Dairy*
3. Dairy inspectors must be required to attempt contact with farmer/farm manager upon arrival. *Dairy, Inspections*

#### Federal

4. We oppose any type of dairy supply management program. *Dairy*

Dan Carpenter, Brian Poppy and Jaime Sawle will serve as delegates to the WFBF Annual Meeting in December.

### WFBF Seeking Farm Bureau Stories

WFBF is collecting 100 stories to highlight during the Centennial celebration. The celebration will kick off at the 2018 WFBF Annual Meeting. Stories of all kinds are welcome, a few ideas include: Your first Farm Bureau event, favorite Farm Bureau memory or how Farm Bureau has made a positive impact on your life. WFBF may share stories on social media, in print publications, as videos, etc.

To share your story, visit [bit.ly/WFBFCentennialStory](http://bit.ly/WFBFCentennialStory).



### Farm Bureau Supports 4-H and FFA

The Winnebago County Farm Bureau is committed to supporting 4-H and FFA.

The Winnebago County Farm Bureau made a sizeable donations to the goat and chicken projects to purchase new pens and cages.

The Farm Bureau sponsored the new livestock ring at the fair for the livestock auction. The board also approved a \$1,000 donation to the Winnebago County 4-H Endowment program.

The board also supports area FFA chapters and sponsored FFA students to attend the National FFA Convention.



The Winnebago County Farm Bureau donated \$5,000 to purchase a new livestock ring at the Winnebago County Fair.



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## Winnebago County Farm Bureau Holds County Annual Meeting

Approximately 40 members attended the Winnebago County Farm Bureau annual meeting held October 11 at the American Legion Hall in Winneconne. Members voted on board of directors, del-

egates, proposed reinstated county by-laws and resolutions. Speakers included Congressman Glenn Grothman and WFBF District 5 Director Kevin Krentz.



The Winnebago County Farm Bureau board accepted the '10-gallon Milk Challenge' and encouraged county annual meeting attendees to bring a gallon of milk. All milk received was donated to an area food pantry.



(from left) Dairy breakfast chairs Dan Hinz and Nick Schneider recognized breakfast hosts Jim Kasten and Stacy Freund during the Winnebago County Farm Bureau annual meeting.



Fair food stand chair Russ Kriha (left) recognized members of the Omro FFA Chapter for working at the Winnebago County Fair food stand.



Congressman Glenn Grothman attended the Winnebago County Farm Bureau annual meeting and discussed agricultural issues.



Rural Mutual Insurance director of sales Mike Janacki addressed attendees at the Winnebago County Farm Bureau annual meeting.

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## Winnebago County Fair Food Stand By Russ Kriha, Food stand chair

The food stand goal is to create customer value and become the place fairgoers and exhibitors come back to buy from again and again while turning a profit and having fun promoting agriculture.

This year brought a new daily menu with a featured sandwich offered each day in conjunction with what animals are being exhibited at the Winnebago County Fair that day. The new items and number sold included:

Dairy day: Ultimate grilled cheese	30
Swine Day: Pork chop sandwich	84
Beef Day: Bacon cheese burger	90
Saturday and Sunday: Beer brat	88



Thank you to the FFA chapters and Farm Bureau volunteers who helped this year. You are greatly appreciated and the committee hopes to see you at the 2019 fair. Thank you to Winnebago County Dairy Promotion, Beck's Meats, Festival Foods and Brighton Acres; and thanks to the 2018 food stand committee members including: Amanda Volp, Brock Baker, Charlie Knigge, Cindy Morse, Jade Silverthorn and Russ Kriha.



## 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.

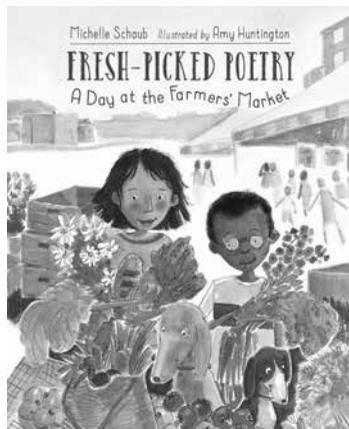
As the general population moves further away from agriculture roots it's important to continue to build trust through transparency. I want to thank the

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](http://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](mailto: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.

## Winnebago County YFA Program Year in Review By Amanda Volp, YFA chair



This past year, Winnebago County YFA members participated in the following events:

### Ag Day at the Capital 2018 Stompin' At The Shed

- Sixth annual.
- 175 in attendance, bad snow storm that night.

- Entertainment: The 308's.
- Annual tug of war competition and corn hole games.
- Local businesses donated items for a raffle; 70 pounds of non-perishable food donated to the Omro Food Pantry.

### Spring Tour

- Second annual, Tour of Rosendale Dairy, Milk Source.
- Followed by lunch at Jaspers with county board director, Brian Poppy to talk on innovative agronomy techniques, nearly 40 in attendance.
- Everyone had a wonderful time, looking for different learning avenues for future events: Arlington Research Farm, Heartland Farms, LaClare Farms or New Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center.

### Oshkosh Marathon

- Young farmers assisted in 'refueling' individuals with chocolate milk that finished either the 5K, half marathon or the marathon.

### Winnebago County Dairy Breakfast on the Farm

- Members helped educate and promote the importance of

agriculture and life on the farm by helping serve food, cook the sausage and clean up.

### Winnebago County Fair Food Stand

- We had numerous young farmers volunteer their time to make the food stand a success.

### Fall Bonfire

- Held October 26 at Nick and Jaime Radloff's farm.

### Upcoming Events

#### WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference, November 30-December 3

- 2018 new member, Jackson Remer won the Rural Mutual Insurance sponsorship and will attend with other county YFA members.
- On Sunday, December 2, Amanda Volp graduates from the WFBF Leadership Institute.

#### Bowling Party, December 7, Legends Lanes in Omro

- Last year's bowling party was a hit, had a great group of people with some new Farm Bureau memberships and ideas for increasing participation at events.

#### Seventh Annual Stompin At The Shed, February 2, 2019

- Mark your calendars.

#### 2019 WFBF Leadership Institute

- Congratulations to Jaime Sawle for being selected as one of 15 individuals to participate in this year-long leadership program that finishes with a trip with the WFBF Board of Directors to Washington, D.C., in 2020.

## 2018 Winnebago County Dairy Breakfast Report By Nick Schneider

The Winnebago County Dairy Promotion Committee and Winnebago County Farm Bureau celebrated another successful Winnebago County Dairy Breakfast on the Farm on June 9 at Kasten's Waukau Creek Dairy. This year, 2,300 people attended the dairy breakfast. Many generations of the Kasten Family were involved with preparing the farm.

The demographics of attendance were as follows: 1,400 adults, 500 youth, 200 children tickets, 117 sponsors and 59 volunteers. Total meals served were 2,300. The value of ticket sales was \$11,431 plus sponsorship reached \$25,105 for a total of \$36,536 gross revenue. Direct cash expenses were \$21,055. After subtracting in-kind sponsorship, the resulting net profit for the event was \$1,975. These funds are available for agriculture promotions in Winnebago County. In addition to cash sponsorship, product and equipment donations totaled \$13,505 which includes cheese from numerous sources,

*The large group photo was taken by Nick Schneider; all other photos were taken by Linda Derber.*

sausages from Beck's Meat Processing, butter, and water from Munson Seed.

There is an adequate pool of funds to support a wide-range of community education initiatives. Oshkosh North FFA, Oshkosh West FFA, Omro FFA, Winneconne FFA, Poygan Go-Getters 4-H, Newcomers 4-H, 4-H Friends, Lakeshore 4-H and Plainview 4-H chapters were provided with donations for assisting with set-up, serving and education.

We look forward to the Winnebago County Dairy Breakfast to be held at David and Amy Zentner's Marshiew Dairy LLC on June 8, 2019. The location is 578 South Clay Road, Oshkosh. If you want to help the committee, please contact Dan Hinz at 920.376.0371 or Nick Schneider at 920.379.0720. We can use a few more people in leadership roles. Thank you.



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## Winnebago County Farm Bureau Board of Directors



The 2018-2019 board of directors: (from left) Cecelia Brooks, Dan Carpenter, Charlie Knigge, Amanda Volp, Kevin Radloff, Jaime Sawle, Randi Brooks, Russ Kriha, Brian Poppy, Nick Radloff, Brock Baker, Rebecca Poppy, Dan Hinz, Amy Zentner, Linda Derber and Jim Kasten.

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