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District 5 News

District Director Report



Kevin Krentz
WFBF District 5 Director

2018 was a tough year for agriculture. Historic snow in the spring, record rainfall in the fall and low commodity prices along the way. Dairy has especially taken it on the chin, with a longer downturn in prices along with higher costs.

Many Farm Bureau members support the Trump administration and its foreign policy. We need fair trade policies with other countries, but the reality is agriculture has been drastically hurt by retaliatory tariffs. Farmers are resilient and understand price cycles, but tariffs and trade rhetoric have come at a time when prices were low in the cycle. This in turn has extended the price lows much longer along with laying out some challenges ahead.

The new NAFTA or USMCA discussions have led to trade challenges during the past year. Hopefully we are nearing the end and will have a new agreement shortly with slightly more access to dairy markets in Canada. Outside of NAFTA negotiations, the U.S. has imposed tariffs on imported steel and aluminum. Mexico in turn has a retaliatory tariff on cheeses. This has lowered specialty cheese exports to Mexico by 11 percent and continues to greatly effect Wisconsin's cheese industry.

The trade war with China has affected much broader ag commodities, including soybeans, pork, beef and dairy. Effecting these products by as much as \$1.65 per bushel of soybeans, \$9.08 per head of pork and beef by \$15.93 per head. China has lowered their imports on U.S. dairy by 8 percent. China has the ability to step up and make major purchases in a short amount of time but without purpose driven policy by the U.S. that may not happen.

When the U.S. walked away from TPP, the remaining 11 countries continued negotiations. Starting January 1, many countries lowered tariffs with each other. Including Japan lowering its tariff with trading partners as much as 38 percent. This will affect U.S. beef up to \$43 per head.

Farm Bureau has worked very hard to get farmers tools to help protect against low prices. Including many changes within the Farm Bill. I encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities. Farm Bureau must continue to fight to remove challenges ahead of us. Moving into 2019, we must push Congress and the administration to draw the number of trade agreements to a close along with eliminating the retaliatory duties on ag.

Domestically there is major opportunity for increased milk consumption, including getting wholesome nutritious milk back in schools. Don't think we haven't noticed that since most milk has been removed from schools, the life expectancy of Americans has dropped a tick. Just a light-hearted comment. Here's to a profitable and productive 2019. God bless.

Farmers' Market Theme for Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest

This year's essay contest topic is, 'Making it happen at the farmers' market.' The 2019 Book of the Year is "Fresh-Picked Poetry" by Michelle Schaub.

For more information about the Ag in the Classroom program, visit www.wisagclassroom.org.

Each county conducts an essay contest. For more information, contact your county Ag in the Classroom chair:

Adams County: Kay Olson-Martz, 608.572.1429

Fond du Lac County: Mary Runge, 920.477.4804

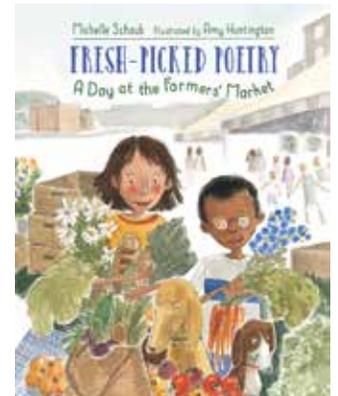
Green Lake County: Yolanda Woloszyn, 920.229.3962

Juneau County: Tonra Degner, 608.553.1256

Marquette County: Ashley Henke, 608.369.0261

Waushara County: Bonnie Jarvis, 920.572.6188

Winnebago County: Rebecca Poppy, 920.312.0970



Plan to Attend the WPS Farm Show

Plan to attend the 59th annual WPS Farm Show on **March 26-29** at the EAA Grounds in Oshkosh. The Farm Bureau will have Booth #6571 in Hanger D. The booth is sponsored by the Farm Bureaus in Fond du Lac, Waushara, Winnebago and Green Lake counties.

For more than five decades, the WPS Farm Show has provided an opportunity for the agricultural community to check out the latest farming equipment, machinery, tools and services.



District Promotion and Education Report



Lynn Leahy
District 5 Representative

Hello, District 5. My name is Lynn Leahy (Dickman) and I am the Promotion and Education Representative on the Promotion and

Education Committee, previously the Women's Committee. 2019 will mark my third year on the committee.

I enjoyed attending county annual meetings in September and October and meeting and conversing with members from every county in District 5. Please don't hesitate to invite me to county meetings or events year-round. If I'm available, I'm happy to attend.

December brought the WFBF Annual Meeting. Committee members staffed the Promotion and Education booth in the trade show and contributed to the devotional on Sunday morning.

We said goodbye to six-year member and past-chair Rosalie Geiger from District 6 who served two terms on the state committee. She will remain an ex-officio member until March because she is serving on the national Promotional and Education Committee, representing Wisconsin.

In December, the committee received exciting news that the Chair Andrea Brossard was selected to represent Wisconsin on the national Promotion and Education Committee for two years, starting in March. The Promotion and Education Committee is comprised of nine individuals from around Wisconsin, each representing one of the nine districts.

This year, we are excited to premier a new conference in sponsorship with Rural Mutual

Insurance Company for anyone to attend, even those who are not Farm Bureau members. This conference is called the Ag LEAD Summit. The Ag LEAD Summit will give attendees time to learn more about tools, resources, ideas and best practices when advocating for agriculture and conducting promotional events. The conference will be broken into four tracks: Leading your own self-development, engaging consumers, advocating for agriculture and developing agribusinesses.

We want everyone to come together with the common goal of effectively engaging consumers and have been planning and promoting this conference since last fall and would love to see you there. It is a biennial conference that will be held in March of odd years with a rotating location. District 5 is lucky to have the first ever Ag LEAD Summit held in Appleton on **March 8-9** at the Paper Valley Hotel.

For more information and to register, visit wfbf.com and find Ag LEAD Summit under the 'Events' tab.

March 2019 will be a busy month for Farm Bureau events. This year, Wisconsin will host the FUSION Conference. This conference is a biennial event organized by the American Farm Bureau and is held in different locations around the U.S. You do not want to miss this event because it is in Milwaukee on **March 15-18** and may not be this close for years to come.

The FUSION Conference will feature great speakers, breakout session and evening events that bring together volunteer leaders from the Promotion and Education, Women's Leadership and Young Farmer and Ranchers programs. You will leave with new friends, new energy and new ideas for your farm or agricultural career and Farm Bureau.

Information about this conference can be found under the 'Events' tab at wfbf.com.

Early bird registration ends January 25.

In 2019, the Promotion and Education Committee will assist with the Ag in the Classroom essay contest. The essay contest is open to fourth and fifth grade students throughout Wisconsin. The essay contest topic is 'Making it happen at the Farmers' Market.' The 2019 Book of the Year is "Fresh-Picked Poetry" by Michelle Schaub.

The book and essay topic allow students to explore Farmers' markets from a variety of perspectives including: the farmers' preparation for the market, the people attending and buying products, the products available and happenings at the market. Please encourage fourth and fifth grade teachers in your county to participate in this agriculture education contest. It is a great learning opportunity and experience for students.

To wrap up, the Promotion and Education "Playbook" can be found online at wfbf.com under the 'Programs and Promotion and Education' tab. The "Playbook" provides county Farm Bureaus with ideas and resources for planning agriculture awareness and agriculture promotion events.

You will find activities and events for all ages, event time frames and budgets in these categories: Ag in the Classroom, consumer outreach, agricultural education and agricultural promotion, fundraising, member development and policy. If you have an event that you want included, it can be submitted online.

Please do not hesitate to contact me about any of the events, contests or resources that are mentioned. If you have any questions about Ag in the Classroom, I am happy to answer.

I look forward to seeing everyone at county and state events. Please contact me at ldickman87@gmail.com or 608.558.9713 (call or text).

District 5 Volunteers for Agriculture® Fundraiser a Success

Thirty members attended the first District 5 Volunteers for Agriculture (VFA) fundraising event held October 29 at the Heidel House Resort in Green Lake. The VFA builds relationships with legislators of both parties to achieve our legislative priorities.

Joe Murray with the Wisconsin Realtors gave a presentation on election trends. Congressman Glenn Grothman spoke on a variety of legislative issues facing agriculture. State Representative Joan Ballweg also attended.

Thank you to the host committee members including: **Gold Hosts:** Kevin and Holly Krentz; Bill and Mary Bruins; Chris and Kelly Pollack, Tom and Joan Ballweg; John and Karen Ruedinger; Pete and Lori Badtke; Jeremie and Alicia Pavelski; and Charlie Knigge. **Silver Hosts:** Richard Julka; Paul and Joana Jarvis; Jim and Bonnie Jarvis; Andy Diercks; Mike and Karen Hinz; and Jim Kruger.



District 5 Director Kevin Krentz (right) presented Congressman Glenn Grothman (left) with the Friend of Agriculture award during the District 5 VFA fundraiser event.

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District 5 Young Farmer and Agriculturist Report



Sally Turpin

District 5 YFA Representative

We had another great WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference to kick off Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Centennial year. Nearly 60 YFA members from

District 5 attended the YFA Conference.

There were many workshops and attendees also heard from engaging keynote speakers Mark Lindquist talking about reigniting our passion, and Paul Mobley sharing his journey through rural America to capture the personal stories of farmers through his photography.

Congratulations to Jenny Leahy of Fond du

Lac County who made it to the Discussion Meet finals. If you have never attended the YFA Conference, please ask your county chair for more information on Rural Mutual Insurance sponsorship for first-time attendees.

The AFBF FUSION Conference is coming up **March 15-18**. This is an American Farm

Bureau Federation conference that is hosted by the Young Farmers and Ranchers and Promotion and Education Committees and will be held in Milwaukee.

If you are interested in attending, please visit wfbf.com/2019-fusion-conference.



District 5 Calendar of Events

January 27	Adams County and Juneau County YFA Ice Skating, Baraboo
January 28	Industrial Hemp Meeting, Green Lake
January 31	Waushara County YFA Snow Tubing, Nordic Mountain, Wild Rose
February 2	Winnebago County YFA Stompin' at the Shed, Oshkosh
February 15-16	FFA Farm Forum, Wisconsin Rapids
February 16	Marquette County YFA Snow Tubing, Cascade Mountain, Portage
March 8-9	WFBF Ag LEAD Conference, Appleton
March 15-18	AFBF FUSION Conference, Milwaukee
March 20	Ag Day at the Capitol, Madison
March 26-29	WPS Farm Show, EAA Grounds, Oshkosh

*Mark
Your
Calendar...*



District 5 Leaders Meeting
Thursday, February 21, 2019

 **Vines & Rushes Winery**
410 County Road E
Ripon, WI 54971



6:30 pm dinner with program to follow
pizza, salad and dessert buffet
\$15/person

Maximizing County Ag Education and Promotional Activity Programs

Presentations by:
Darlene Arneson - Ag in the Classroom Coordinator
WFBF Promotion and Education Committee Members
Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin

RSVP by February 15 to District Coordinator
Becky Hibicki at bhbicki@wfbf.com or 920.517.2445 (call or text)

Industrial Hemp Information Meeting Set

There will be an informational meeting on growing industrial hemp at 10 a.m. on **Monday, January 28**, at the Green Lake County Government Center, 571 County Road A, Green Lake.

Bryan Parr from Legacy Hemp will present on best practices for getting industrial hemp to grow. A representative from DATCP will inform you on how to obtain licensing.

The day will be rounded out with a couple of seasoned growers discussing what worked for them, what they might do differently and which direction they hope the industry will go.

Pre-registration is required by **Friday, January 25**, to help with lunch and materials planning. The meeting cost is \$15 per person, lunch included.

To register, please contact Green Lake County UW-Extension at 920.294.4032 or register online at <https://goo.gl/B6URrj>. Registration after January 25 is \$25 per person and dependent on space availability.



A Message from the President ...



Kay Olson-Martz

Adams County Farm Bureau president

As you can see, our newsletter looks a little different. Now, you will receive a District 5 newsletter, that includes Adams County information. To stay up to date on what is going on in Adams County Farm Bureau, I encourage you to visit the Adams County Facebook page: Adams County Farm Bureau, Wisconsin. We regularly post our Ag in the Classroom pictures and information on that page.

Our Ag in the Classroom program for the 2018-2019 school year has begun, and each month, we are very busy. We introduced our county essay contest for the year and presented each teacher with the book of the year, "Fresh-Picked Poetry, A day at the Farmers' Market." Our theme is on farmers' markets.

The students can either write an essay, 100- to 300-words, draw a picture, draw illustrated picture or write a poem. Their work must represent something about a farmers' market. For example, products that can be found at a market or a visit to a farmers' market. Students are encouraged to use their imagination.

The students' work is due on **March 19** and will be judged for awards. Our contest is different than the one that WFBF offers, so that is why we have different deadlines. Each month when we go into the classrooms, we ask the students to make up a new cheer.

Our first cheer when we started in the beginning of the year was, 'Grow Wisconsin.'

The classrooms have reminded us if we forget and we are getting some great cheers from the students.

November found us teaching the students about pumpkins and showing them how to make a wonderful dessert for Thanksgiving: Pumpkin Patch Pie. When we did our December program, many of the students could hardly wait to tell us that they made the dessert on Thanksgiving for their families. We so enjoyed the many stories from the students.

December found us extremely busy with Ag In and Out of the Classroom. We devote an entire week to teaching students about conifers and how to make wreaths and swags.

We welcomed 4-H clubs, Girl Scouts and other youth organizations to Morgan's Tree Farm where we do the 'Out' of the Classroom lessons. We book them in right after each session, so we are already booked in for next December. We also squeezed our schools in during that week. We work with the fourth grade at Grand Marsh, the third-grade classrooms (four of them) and Mrs. Machmueller's Individualized Support Program Students at Adams-Friendship Elementary and the third, fourth and fifth grade students at Coloma Elementary.

In January, we went back to the schools and talked about dairy products and taught students how to make ice cream. February will find us talking about craft items that can be sold at the farmers' market and we will make lip balm.

Then as we move into March, we will do another favorite lesson with the students, which is making hand lotion using our soybean kit. We also will pick up the required work due from the students for our contest. In April, we will teach

students about dairy products and the students will make butter.

We will end the year in May with our awards program for each grade, along with a year-end party if we have 100 percent participation from the students with the farmers' market theme contest. Each student will receive an activity booklet of our monthly activities and resources for a project (Recyclable Resources for Gardening) they can do during summer break.

We need to be vigil on getting new members and retaining our current members. That is the key to being able to do our current programs. Our membership is only \$50. If you remember your board of directors did not increase the dues, therefore we only get \$4 back for each member from WFBF. In the past, we received \$9. We also need to be able to get our bonus money by signing 20 new members each year and retain members. If we can do this, there is a bonus of \$1,800. Remember to be a Farm Bureau member in Adams County, if you have an interest or a vested interest in agriculture, you can be a member. Which actually means, if you like to eat, you can be a member. There are other benefits of being a member.

For more information on member benefits, visit wfbf.com/membership/member-benefits.

I want to thank Dick Huber for his many years of service as one of the board of directors. Dick will be greatly missed at the meetings, and not just for the milk and cookies. If you see Dick out and about, please make sure you thank him for his dedication to Adams County Farm Bureau. THANK YOU, DICK HUBER, it has been a great ride and you will be missed.

In closing, I wish you the best as we look forward to the new year.

Adams County Represented at WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference



Adams County YFA members who attended the WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference on November 30-December 2 at the Kalahari Resorts in Wisconsin Dells included, (from left): Emma Huber, Jeff Huber, Michelle Bula and Nate Bula.



(From left): Josh Huber, Kay Olson-Martz and Jeff Huber served as delegates for Adams County to the WFBF Annual Meeting. The delegate session was held on December 3.

Adams County Ag in the Classroom Continues Its Success

The Adams County Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom committee is made up of a few dedicated volunteers who faithfully travel to

many area elementary schools each month to conduct Ag in the Classroom educational programs that incorporate hands-on learning.



Ag 'Out' of the Classroom with the Girl Scouts and New Haven Helping Hands 4-H Club. Members traveled to Morgan's Tree Farm to learn how to make Christmas wreaths.



Grand Marsh Elementary fourth-grade students made wreaths.



Ag in the Classroom volunteers went to Coloma Elementary School and taught about conifers and wreath making in third-, fourth- and fifth-grade classrooms.



Members of the Jolly Time Beavers 4-H Club displayed their homemade Christmas wreaths.

Jeff Huber Reflects on WFBF Leadership Institute



During the past year, I was a member of the WFBF Leadership Institute - Class XII.

Throughout the classes, I built my skills, as an individual and a team member. The class brings together a great group of people from around the state with diverse backgrounds who help you learn together. WFBF Director of Training and Leadership Development

Wendy Kannel does a great job putting together projects and activities that make you step outside your comfort zones and learn more about the Farm Bureau organization.

One of the biggest things I took away was to use your skills to your advantage because there is always someone on your team who can help with your weaknesses. For anyone thinking about signing up, I highly recommend it. You will not only walk away with a bunch of knowledge, but also a great group of friends and memories.

Adams County and Juneau County YFAs Plan Ice Skating Event

Adams County and Juneau County YFAs Ice Skating
Sunday, January 27, 5-7 p.m.
Poppy Waterman Ice Arena
112 Miller Drive, Baraboo, WI 53913

Anyone who interested is welcome to attend. The county YFAs will cover the cost of ice skating.

For more information, please contact Adams County YFA chair Jeff Huber at 608.369.2995.



Meet: New Extension Ag Educator and 4-H Coordinator Evan Henthorne

Hello everyone. I want to introduce myself, my name is Evan Henthorne and I am the new agriculture educator and 4-H coordinator for Adams County. I grew up in Arkdale on my parents' commercial cow/calf, cash crop and diversified livestock farm.

While growing up, I was involved in 4-H and FFA and showed at the local county fair.

My love for agriculture drove me to pursue a bachelor's degree in agriculture studies from the UW-River Falls. While at UW-River Falls, I was involved in on-campus organizations like Block

and Bridle, Horseman's Association and the Colts in Training Program. I also traveled to Ireland for an animal production tour. We learned about their version of Extension and got to see how agriculture works.

I am excited to work at UW-Extension and share my knowledge with the community. Please contact me at any time.

Evan Henthorne
Adams County UW-Extension
Community Agriculture Educator and 4-H Youth Development
608.339.4237
569 N. Cedar Street
Adams, WI 53910

A Message from the President ...



Reuben Hopp

Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau president

Another year has begun, and 2018 is in the past.

2018 brought many challenges for many in the farming

community. Let's look for 2019 to become a more positive year. Even with the challenges we still have a lot to be thankful for.

Focusing on the Fond du lac County Farm Bureau, we had two YFA members represent the county very well at the WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference at the Kalahari Resorts in Wisconsin Dells in early December.

Jenny Leahy and Nate Zimdars competed in the YFA Discussion Meet, and both made it to the semi-final round. Jenny also made it to the Final Four. Congratulations to both for representing Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau extremely well.

Congratulations to Trayton Greenfield for receiving the top membership award for signing

the most new Farm Bureau members during the 2018-2019 membership year.

Thanks, Trayton for all you do for our county Farm Bureau.

Thank you to the Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau for sponsoring me to attend the president's training meeting in mid-December.

My sincere desire is that the training I received will help me lead meetings as smoothly as possible and help me to serve as a more effective county Farm Bureau president.

I want to wish everyone a very happy and prosperous new year. God bless.

Fond du Lac County Native Wins Collegiate Discussion Meet

Kati Kindschuh was selected the winner of the WFBF's Collegiate Discussion Meet contest at the 99th WFBF Annual Meeting in Wisconsin Dells on December 2.

The Collegiate Discussion Meet is a panel discussion in which collegiate members are judged on their ability to lead a committee discussion on current issues affecting agriculture and to develop consensus on an action plan to effectively address issues.

Kindschuh earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural marketing communications and agricultural business from UW-River Falls.

She grew up in Brownsville on her family's 65-cow farm where she found her love for Holstein and Jersey cattle while exhibiting at the Fond du Lac County and Wisconsin State Fair.

She is a marketing communications specialist at United Cooperative.

Kindschuh received a \$1,500 scholarship courtesy of GROWMARK, Inc., and will represent Wisconsin in the National Collegiate Discussion Meet held in conjunction with the American Farm Bureau FUSION Conference in Milwaukee in March.



Kati Kindschuh posed for a photo with WFBF President Jim Holte.

Greenfield and Hopp Recognized as Top Membership Workers



Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau President Reuben Hopp (left) and long-time county membership chair Trayton Greenfield (right) were recognized as top membership workers at the Sunday evening banquet program held during the WFBF Annual Meeting on December 1-3 at the Kalahari Resorts in Wisconsin Dells. Greenfield once again received top membership worker honors for signing 47 new voting members during the 2018-2019 membership year.

Members Delegates at WFBF Annual Meeting



Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau members served as delegates at the WFBF Annual Meeting, back row (from left): Tim Haack, Chris Pollack, Earl Sippel, Richard Julka and John Ruedinger; front row (from left): Steve Sabel, Roger Grade, Reuben Hopp and Dale Theel.



Fond du Lac County board member John Ruedinger addressed the delegates during the resolution's session on the proposed dairy supply-management resolution.

County Farm Bureau Offers Scholarships

Once again the Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau will offer scholarships for graduating high school seniors and students already enrolled in a post-secondary education program. The application deadline is **March 31**.

To request an application for the scholarships, please contact District 5 Coordinator Becky Hibicki at bhibicki@wfbf.com or 920.517.2445.



Fond du Lac Young Farmer and Agriculturist Update

By Jenny Leahy, YFA chair

In December, Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau was well represented at the WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference in the Dells. Several members attended from the county and Sara Menard received the Rural Mutual Insurance sponsorship for first time attendees.

Nate Zimdars and I participated in the Discussion Meet, both of us made it to the Elite Eight. The WFBF Annual Meeting and

YFA Conference is an awesome networking opportunity and a great way to recharge your spark for agriculture.

The first step to attending next year's conference is to become active in the county YFA. We have several activities throughout the year.

The YFA's year kicked off with a bowling event on **January 6** at Generation Lanes in Eldorado. We discussed the upcoming pizza fundraiser and activities.

Our pizza fundraiser will run from **January 6**

to **February 6** and you can order from the form in the newsletter or from any YFA member.

Pizzas will be made on **February 23** and pick-up is scheduled for 3-4 p.m. that day. If you can't make it to pick-up your pizzas, please contact a YFA member to set-up a time to collect your pizzas.

On **March 2**, the YFA will have a booth at the Ag Showcase, so stop by to visit. Watch Facebook for other YFA events and you can always contact a YFA member if you want to become involved.



Fond du Lac County YFA members who attended the WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference included, back row (from left): Mike Leahy, Brenden Graff, Jenny Leahy, Nate Zimdars, Mark Bertram, Joe Duscheck, Sara Bertram and Kevin Giebel; front row (from left): Kati Kindschuh, Alena Graff, Emily Franke, Sara Menard, Christine Duchek and Derek Plum.



Jenny Leahy gave her opening statement during the final round of the YFA Discussion Meet



Fond du Lac County YFA member Nate Zimdars advanced to the semi-final round in the YFA Discussion Meet and Jenny advanced to the Final Four

Pizza Sale

Back by popular demand, Fond du Lac County Young Farmer and Agriculturist members will be selling pizzas! They are made fresh with the finest ingredients from a local cheese company. Order extras to keep on hand for a fast meal, snack, or unexpected guests. Thank you for supporting the YFA program! For more information please contact Jenny Leahy at leahyj87@gmail.com or (920) 979-3213. Please return order by February 6.

This copy is for your records

Combo _____ Sausage _____ Pepperoni _____ Cheese _____ Supreme _____

Please make checks payable to Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau YFA

Mail this portion with your check to Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau YFA Chair Jenny Leahy 820 Eureka St. Ripon, WI 54971

Quantity	Pizza	Price/Pizza	Total Price
	12" Combo (Cheese, Sausage, & Pepperoni)	\$6	
	12" Sausage	\$6	
	12" Pepperoni	\$6	
	12" Cheese	\$6	

Order any 4 pizzas from above for \$20!

Also offering Supreme Pizza for \$7 or 3 for \$20 (Pepperoni, sausage, onions, and mushrooms)

Quantity _____ Price _____

Name: _____ Phone number _____

Total #pizzas _____ Amount _____

Pick Up Date for Pizza Orders
Saturday, February 23
Our Risen Savior Catholic Church Woodhull, WI
3 pm - 4 pm
If you can't make pick-up please contact Jenny Leahy at 920.979.3213 to schedule a pick up time.

A Message from the President ...



Peter Badtke

Green Lake County Farm Bureau president

Greetings, Green Lake County Farm Bureau members.

As we enter 2019, I

hope we can get some better weather than last year. Also, I'm optimistic that prices for corn, soybeans and milk will improve.

One thing coming up on **March 20**, is Ag Day at the Capitol. This is a great event where you will get briefed on the current issues in agriculture.

After the briefing, we walk to the Capitol

and talk with our legislators about issues or laws affecting the way we farm.

This is just one more way Farm Bureau, a grassroots organization, lets our voices be heard.

If you are interested in attending, please contact one of the board of directors. Hope to see some of you there.

Thanks.

Green Lake County Members Attend WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference



(From left): Green Lake County YFA members at the WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference included: Chad MacGowan, Brian Jones, Auggie Swanke, Abbie Swanke and Natasha Paris.



Green Lake County YFA chair Natasha Paris (center) competed in the YFA Discussion Meet held during the WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference.



(From left): Joe Wollinger, Dave Wilke and Pete Badtke served as delegates to the WFBF Annual Meeting.

Green Lake County Women's Committee Offers Scholarship

The Green Lake County Women's Committee will offer two \$500 scholarships for graduating high school seniors.

Parents or applicant must be a current Green Lake County Farm Bureau member. Preference will be given to applicants pursuing an agricultural-related field of study.

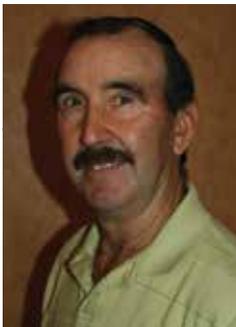
Application deadline is **May 1**.

For more information or to request a copy of the application, please contact Yolanda Woloszyn at 920.229.3962 or Irene Kutz at 920.229.0938.



Juneau County

A Message from the President ...



Richard Sheahan

Juneau County Farm Bureau president

The recently signed 2018 Farm Bill largely continues current farm and nutrition policy incorporating

some of the text of the Hemp Act of 2018. The Farm Bill de-scheduled some cannabis products from the Controlled Substance Act. Some estimate the U.S. CBD Hemp market at 2.3 to 23 billion by the 2020s. Additional revenues to farmers are expected from textiles and other hemp products.

This makes agricultural production of

hemp legal in the U.S. by removing its designation akin to marijuana under the Controlled Substance Act.

2018 was a challenging year with low commodity prices across the board and particularly in the dairy industry. Trade wars have added to weakening prices and hopefully cooler heads will prevail and bring more markets for our agricultural products worldwide.

Heavy rains and flooding in many parts of the country caused extensive damage to homes, roads and cropland. The wet conditions caused delays in harvesting. Fortunately, at the time of this writing most of crops have been brought in.

I want to wish you and your family's success and good health as you make your planting and livestock decisions for 2019.

Farm Bureau Offers Scholarships

Once again the Juneau County Farm Bureau will offer a \$250 scholarship for a graduating high school senior.

Qualifications for the scholarship include:

- Applicant must be a 2019 high school graduate.
- Applicant or applicant's family must be current Farm Bureau member(s).
- Preference will be given to applicants pursuing an agricultural field of study.

The application includes a 50-word summary of educational goals and future career plans. The application deadline is **March 31**.

To request an application, please contact District 5 Coordinator Becky Hibicki at 920.517.2445 or bhibicki@wfbf.com.



Farm Bureau Members Attend WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference



Farm Bureau members who attended the WFBF Annual Meeting included, front row (from left): Carl Degner, Tonra Degner, Heidi Weber and Kip Weber; back row (from left): Alana Voss, Richard Sheahan, Jean Sheahan and Sally Turpin.



YFA members Sally Turpin (left) and Alana Voss (right) attended the WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference. Sally served as the District 5 YFA Chair and Alana received the Rural Mutual sponsorship.

Adams County and Juneau County YFAs Plan Ice Skating Event

Adams and Juneau County YFA Members Ice Skating

Sunday, January 27

5-7 p.m.

Poppy Waterman Ice Arena

112 Miller Drive,

Baraboo, WI 53913



Anyone interested is welcome to attend. The county YFA programs will cover the cost of ice skating.

For more information, please contact Juneau County YFA chair Sally Turpin at 608.462.3387.

Marquette County

Members Attend WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference



Marquette County Farm Bureau YFA members who attended the WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference included, front row (from left): Victoria Wachholz, Amanda Knoch, Jordan Bittelman, Kaycee Bittelman and Erika Holsted; back row (from left): Josh Knoch, Matt Mateske, Aaron Wachholz and Zach Holsted.



Marquette County Farm Bureau vice president Aaron Wachholz (left) and County president Al Klapoetke (right) served as delegates at the WFBF Annual Meeting.

Marquette County Dairy Breakfast, June 6

Plan to attend the annual Marquette County Dairy Breakfast on **Sunday, June 9.**

Watch your next newsletter for more information or contact Bob Blum at 608.369.1436 or Brooks Buchholz at 608.369.0366.



Farm Bureau Offers \$250 Scholarship

The Marquette County Farm Bureau is offering a \$250 scholarship. Application deadline: The application must be postmarked on or before **March 31.** Selection criteria:

- The applicant's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must be a current member of Marquette County Farm Bureau. Due to financial operations of our organization, it is thought that a person should have membership involvement with Farm Bureau prior to applying for education funds.
- Although pursuing a career in agriculture is not a requirement, preference will be given to a student applicant whose course of study is agriculture-related.
- This scholarship also is available to home-schooled students.

For more information or to request an application, please contact District 5 Coordinator Becky Hibicki at 920.517.2445.



Young Farmers and Agriculturists Plan Tubing Night at Cascade Mountain

The Marquette County YFA committee has organized a night of snow tubing at Cascade Mountain, W10441 Cascade Mountain Road, Portage, WI 53901 on February 16 at 6 p.m.

The county YFA committee will cover the cost of tubing for members who attend.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Marquette County YFA chair Kaycee Bittelman at 608.296.2262.

If there is interest, the county will organize car-pooling.



Farm Bureau Offers Gordon Krentz and Jim and Charlotte Bleskey Memorial Scholarships

The Waushara County Farm Bureau will offer two scholarships.

Gordon Krentz Memorial Scholarship

Qualifications for this scholarship include:

- Current Waushara County Farm Bureau member or a son/daughter of a current Waushara County Farm Bureau member.
- Post-secondary education commitment.
- Current cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (B average). This 'B' average must be maintained through your post-secondary education first semester or the scholarship money will be forfeited.

New this year, the county will also offer the:

Jim and Charlotte Bleskey Memorial Scholarship

This \$500 scholarship will be awarded annually. Qualifications include:

- Applicants must be a resident of Waushara County.
- Applicants must be pursuing a degree/career in an agricultural-related field.
- The scholarship is available to anyone pursuing higher education.
- An applicant can only receive the scholarship once.
- Scholarship payment will be made directly to school once a current transcript and proof of enrollment in second semester is received.

- Applicants are not required to be Farm Bureau members, but a priority will be given to applicants or their parents who are members.

The applications for the scholarships must be postmarked or emailed by **April 1**.

To request a copy of the scholarship application, please contact District Coordinator Becky Hibicki at 920.517.2445 or bhibicki@wfbf.com.



Members Attend WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference



(From left): Paul Jarvis, Ryan Nowak and Adam Jones served as delegates at the WFBF Annual Meeting.



YFA members who attended included, front row (from left): Lynn Leahy, Sam Nowak, Erica Jarvis and Joanna Jarvis; back row (from left): Ryan Nowak, Paul Jarvis, Peter Jarvis and Cory Biely.

YFA Snow Tubing Event Planned

The Waushara County YFA committee is planning a snow tubing event at 6 p.m. on **Thursday, January 31**, at Nordic Mountain, W5806 County Road W, Wild Rose, WI 54984. Dinner will be at the Trading Post Bar and Grill after tubing. All are welcome to attend. The Waushara County YFA will cover the cost of tubing and pizza for YFA members.

For more information, please contact Waushara County YFA chair Lynn Leahy at 608.558.9713.



Farm Bureau Participates in Community Christmas Project

The Waushara County Farm Bureau participated in the annual Waushara County Community Christmas project.

Each year, approximately 400 area families receive Christmas gifts, clothes and food to help celebrate the holiday season. Farm Bureau board members helped prepare for the day.

The Waushara County Farm Bureau also donated \$600 worth of milk that was given to families.



(From left): Rural Mutual Insurance agent Victor Magnus and board members Paul Jarvis and Glenn Arveson handed out milk.



(From left): Board members Ryan Nowak, Glenn Arveson, Paul Jarvis, Sara Stelter and Adam Jones volunteered.

Volp Reflects on Leadership Institute Experience



By Amanda Volp, WFBF Leadership Institute graduate

One day I received a postcard in the mail, and it stated that I had been nominated to apply for the WFBF Leadership Institute

program. At the time I had no clue what it was about, so I asked my fellow county board members and they encouraged me to apply.

Our president commented that he went through the program and it was the best thing he has done in Farm Bureau. Hearing that I went for it.

Little did I know I would make great friendships, home in on my strengths,

weaknesses, public speaking skills, legislative experience and build the confidence to become inspiring leaders. From walking in to a room of 14 people, where it was so quiet you could hear a pin drop on the first day, to just a few days later not being able to settle us down, I knew I had made the right decision.

Most of us were strangers with the same passion for agriculture. The program gave me the tools to better myself, but also gave me the experiences in public speaking, legislature and advocacy I can bring home to my county Farm Bureau. Not only am I able to make a difference at the county level, this experience has given me the drive to pursue other active roles in community organizations in the future.

The WFBF Leadership Institute program has instilled in me that I made the right decision

years ago in becoming a Farm Bureau member.

The value of Farm Bureau and what it stands for is so important to this amazing industry, agriculture. American farmers are tasked with feeding 325.7 million people in the U.S. alone, plus millions more worldwide. Because of all the people who rely on American farmers to provide food, agriculture is a large-scale industry, but farm families are the backbone of ensuring we have food on the grocery store shelves seven days a week, 365 days each year.

If agriculture is one of the reasons you live and breathe every day, take a chance on this Leadership Institute program. Become an advocate for agriculture, tell the truth about this community, the Institute Leadership program gives you all the tools and confidence to do just that, you will be so happy you did.

Dairy Breakfast, June 8

Make plans to attend the Winnebago County Dairy Breakfast.

June 8, 8 a.m.-12 noon
Marsh-View Dairy LLC
David and Amy Zentner Family
578 Clay Road, Oshkosh



Make sure to 'like' the Winnebago County Dairy Breakfast on the Farm Facebook page to receive updates on the breakfast.

Members Attend WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference



YFA members who attended the WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference included, (from left): Jaime Sawle, Jackson Remer, Tyler Volp and Amanda Volp.



(From left): Dan Carpenter, Jaime Sawle and Brian Poppy served as delegates at the WFBF Annual Meeting.

See You at the Shed ...

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2019

7:30 P.M.  **BRIGHTON ACRES**
4057 Fisk Avenue • Oshkosh

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\$15 includes admission, food and beverage tickets.

For more information, visit us on Facebook.
@Winnebago County Farm Bureau

50/50 RAFFLE

Winner takes half the money raised.
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FEATURED BAND:



Hosted By: Winnebago County Farm Bureau YFA



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