



Grassroots

District 5 News

District Director Report



Kevin Krentz

District 5 Director and WFBF President

Farm Bureau is the trusted voice in agriculture. We are that voice because of our members.

Every year member volunteers across Wisconsin educate fourth- and fifth-grade students about agriculture. How we farm, why we farm, how we produce

some of the safest and most affordable food in the world. All as we continue to protect the precious natural resources around us.

Farmers speaking about sustainability are not confined to schools. Members are engaging consumers in increasingly impressive ways. Consumers simply want to know how their food is raised. Most counties host commodity promotional events throughout the year. Whether hosting a farm event or having a conversation while giving products away, both help educate about agriculture. Other members take to social media to tell their story virtually, while some attend farmers' markets to speak face to face on why they farm.

Consumer outreach is key to agriculture moving forward as farmers make up just more than 1% of the population and we feed 100%. This year, WFBF created the 35 under 35 program to help highlight the sustainability efforts of our young members. The videos will be presented during the YFA Conference in December. Thank you to those who submitted videos.

The voice of 47,000 Wisconsin members is extremely powerful in our lobbying efforts as well. Our grassroots policy development process concludes at the WFBF Annual Meeting and sets the direction for our lobbying team from our state budget to the federal farm bill and Federal Milk Marketing Orders.

I want to thank those who take advantage of becoming a lobbyist for the day. Some of you attend Ag Day at the Capitol, some invite elected officials to your farms, some seek out representatives at events and some to travel to Washington, D.C. Carrying the voice of 47,000 members is powerful but telling an individual story is impactful on legislation.

During this holiday season, I'm thankful to the members who make Farm Bureau strong. Member volunteers serve our organization in so many ways. This year Wisconsin Farm Bureau made a voting and a total membership gain. Thanks to our volunteers promoting Farm Bureau being the voice of agriculture and asking others to join.

Thank you for being a member.

District 5 Coordinator Report



Becky Hibicki

District 5 Coordinator

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The District 5 county annual meetings were held during August, September and October.

I always enjoy attending the county annual meeting where members are recognized for their service to county Farm Bureau, county directors and WFBF annual meeting delegates and resolutions are passed. It's

also great to get updates on Farm Bureau programs, activities and other events.

We have some great members in the district who do an awesome job promoting agriculture in their county.

Congratulations to the following District 5 members who have accomplished great things this past year.

Farm Bureau Proud Club Members: The following members signed at least five new members.

Fond du Lac County: Reuben Hopp, Trayton Greenfield

Congratulations to Trayton Greenfield who will once again be recognized as the top membership worker in the state. This year, Trayton signed 36 new voting members.

Green Lake County: Pete Badtke, Dave Gneiser, Dave Wilke, Steve Kutz

Juneau County: Kip Weber and Pat Stanek

Marquette County: Aaron Wachholz, Victoria Wachholz, Al Klapoetke

Waushara County: Kevin Krentz

Congratulations to the following YFA members who were named finalists in the new 35 Under 35 contest:

Fond du lac County: Nate Zimdars, Cameron Pokorny and Joe and Kristin Birschbach

Juneau County: Mitch Giebel

The 35 Under 35 program recognizes and celebrates the creativity and innovation of young farmers and agriculturists who are preserving agriculture through leadership in environmental, social and economic practices. This is the inaugural year of the program developed by the YFA Committee.

It's great to see these young leaders making sustainability a priority.

The district also continues to have a great group of county presidents who do an outstanding job leading their respective county Farm Bureaus. Please thank your county Farm Bureau president for the time and talent he or she gives to our organization.

District 5 County Farm Bureau presidents:

Adams: Kay Olson, **Fond du Lac:** Reuben Hopp, **Green Lake:** Pete Badtke,

Juneau: Kip Weber, **Marquette:** Aaron Wachholz, **Waushara:** Mike Leahy,

Winnebago: Amanda Volp

"Great leadership usually starts with a willing bear, a positive attitude and a desire to make a difference." Mac Anderson

District Promotion and Education Update



Lynn Leahy

District 5 Promotion and Education Chair

Greetings, District 5 Farm Bureau member. For the last time, my name is Lynn Leahy, and I am your District 5 Promotion and Education Chair. I have enjoyed meeting many of you over the past six years that I have served as the district representative. Thank you for the

time and effort you put forth in each of your counties' promotion and education. Promotion and Education is an essential arm of Farm Bureau as each day our consumers are further removed from the farm and agriculture. In December at the WFBF Annual Meeting, Jenny Leahy from Fond du Lac will become your District 5 Chair and Representative.

If you don't know Jenny already, please take some time to reach out to her and welcome her to your county.

Regarding some previous and upcoming events, the committee held its sixth Leadership Boot Camp Training Series on Nov. 12 in Warrens. This bite-sized leadership workshop focused on advocating for agriculture and direct marketing of your agricultural product. The WFBF Annual Meeting is coming up at the beginning of December at the Kalahari Resorts and Convention Center. If you will be in attendance, look up the Promotion and Education Committee in the tradeshow area. We have some fun activities planned for all ages on Saturday and Sunday from 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. Come and join us.

In addition, we are working on planning the speakers and breakout sessions for the Ag LEAD Summit. The summit will be held in District 5 in March 2023 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Fond du Lac. District 5 Coordinator Becky Hibicki and Jenny will provide you with information to register if you are interested in attending.

Thank you once again for everything. Warm wishes to you and your families and friends for a happy holiday season and new year.

Meet: Jenny Leahy, District Promotion and Education Chair



Hello, my name is Jenny Leahy. Yes, I have the same last name as Lynn because she is my sister-in-law.

I am a member of Fond du Lac County and have lived my entire life in Fond du Lac County. I grew-up on a dairy farm in the Alto area but decided that teaching was the career path for me. I have been teaching social studies at Berlin High school for 13 years.

I spend my summers and weekends helping on my family's farm, which is now a cash crop operation.

I am looking forward to representing District 5 on the WFBF Promotion and Education Committee.

My plan is to meet with our county Promotion and Education chairs a couple times a year, so we can use our collective experience to drive the Promotion and Education program.

Through that collaboration we will be able to better support each other in our mission to promote agriculture and to provide educational experiences for our members and consumers.

There also will be District-wide Promotion and Education events, so if you have an idea or if you think a county event might be better as a district event reach out to me.



2023 Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest

Contest Overview

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation - Ag in the Classroom essay contest is an opportunity for fourth- and fifth-grade students to explore Wisconsin history, geography and economics through the lens of Wisconsin agriculture.

An annual essay prompt challenges students to research and write an informative essay. The contest supports Wisconsin academic standards including English Language Arts and Social Studies.

Top essays are recognized at the county, district and state levels. The generous support of sponsors and volunteers make this learning opportunity possible each year.

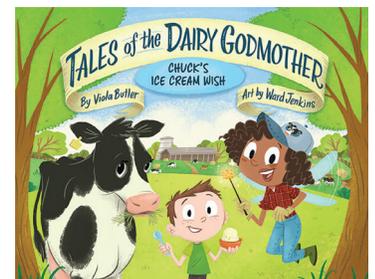
The essay contest gleans the annual theme from the annual Wisconsin Agriculture in the Classroom book of the year. "Tales of the Dairy Fairy - Chuck's Ice Cream Wish" by Viola Butler, illustrated by Ward Jenkins, has been chosen as the 2022-2023 book of the year for its accuracy in depicting dairy farming and dairy farmers, as well as for the nod to the processing that must occur for dairy products to be produced.

For contest details, support materials including lessons, videos and resources for the 2021 Ag in the Classroom essay contest, visit wisagclassroom.org.



2023 Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom essay contest Topic:

"You're Gonna Need Milk for That - Wisconsin Dairy Fuels our Bodies, Communities and Economy."



District 5 County Ag in the Classroom Chairs

Adams County: Kay Olson, 608.572.1429

Fond du Lac County: Kelly Pollack, 608.333.1427

Green Lake County: Yolanda Woloszyn, 920.229.3962

Juneau County: Tonra Degner, 608.553.1256

Marquette County: Vicky Wachholz, 608.369.2644

Waushara County: Lynn Leahy, 608.558.9713

Winnebago County: Rebecca Poppy, 920.312.0970

Counties Approve Resolutions at County Annual Meetings

All seven counties in District 5 approved resolutions at their county annual meeting. The resolutions were submitted to the WFBF Policy Development Committee to review. Counties also elected delegates who

Adams

Approved at their annual meeting held on Oct. 9.

Delegate: Jeff Huber

We support above ground farm fuel storage tanks being regulated by DATCP. All aboveground farm fuel storage tanks less than 5,001 gallons shall be exempt from regulation, including inspection, plan review and professional installation requirements.

Fond du Lac

Approved at their annual meeting held on Sept. 19.

Delegates: Reuben Hopp, Roger Grade, Chris Pollack, Bill Maedke, Janet Clark, John Ruedinger, Christine Duscheck, Jim Kelroy and Bill Bruins

State

1. We support educational and training programs for emergency personnel to help prepare for farm and agriculture emergencies. We also support encouraging local fire departments and EMS teams to apply for funding emergency Medical Services through the Federal American rescue Plan.
2. We support WFBF in encouraging the formation of joint emergency medical service districts in collaboration with local fire and rescue departments for areas with challenges to provide adequate services to their residents.

Federal

1. We support the continuing efforts in developing a resolution to the challenges associated with the Federal Milk Market Orders reform. With differing product mixes and milksheds across the various regions in the U.S., these challenges present obstacles to a true one size fits all approach to milk pricing.

Green Lake

Approved at their annual meeting held on Sept. 13.

Delegates: Pete Badtke, Chad Bruss and Dave Wilke

State

1. We support ambulance districts be levy limit exempt rather than current state law that county run ambulance services are levy limit exempt.
2. We support forming a statewide task force made up of agriculture industry professionals to evaluate advanced educational offering within Wisconsin's agricultural sectors and make recommendations for the future.
3. We oppose closing roads and private access roads for the railroad's benefit.

Juneau

Approved at their annual meeting held on Sept. 29.

Delegates: Kip Weber and Sally Turpin

State

1. We support above ground farm fuel storage tanks being regulated by DATCP. All aboveground farm fuel storage tanks less than 5,000 gallons shall be exempt from regulation, including inspection, plan review and professional installation requirements.

Federal

1. We support whole milk being offered as a choice in public schools.

will represent each respective counties at the WFBF Delegate Session, which will be held on Dec. 5, during the WFBF Annual Meeting at the Kalahari Resorts and Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells.

Marquette

Approved at their annual meeting held on Sept. 17.

Delegates: Almon Klapoetke and Amanda Knoch

State

1. We support above ground farm fuel storage tanks being regulated by DATCP. All aboveground farm fuel storage tanks less than 5,001 gallons shall be exempt from regulation, including inspection, plan review and professional installation requirements.
2. We support the right to market milk directly to the consumer in an unprocessed form.
3. We support forming a statewide task force made up of agriculture industry professionals to evaluate advanced educational offering within Wisconsin's agricultural sectors and make recommendations for the future.

Waushara

Approved at their annual meeting on Aug. 29.

Delegates: Mike Leahy and Paul Jarvis

State

1. We support the legalization of medical and recreational marijuana as long as a minimum of 60% of all production, excised and consumption taxes are directly added to the Local Transportation Facility Improvement Assistance Program in the Biennial state budget.
2. We support above ground farm fuel storage tanks being regulated by DATCP. All aboveground farm fuel storage tanks less than 5,000 gallons shall be exempt from regulation, including inspection, plan review and professional installation requirements.

Winnebago

Approved at their annual meeting held on Sept. 8.

State

We support driver recertification including education and behind-the-wheel exam for an individual with 2 or more driving violations within 2 consecutive years.

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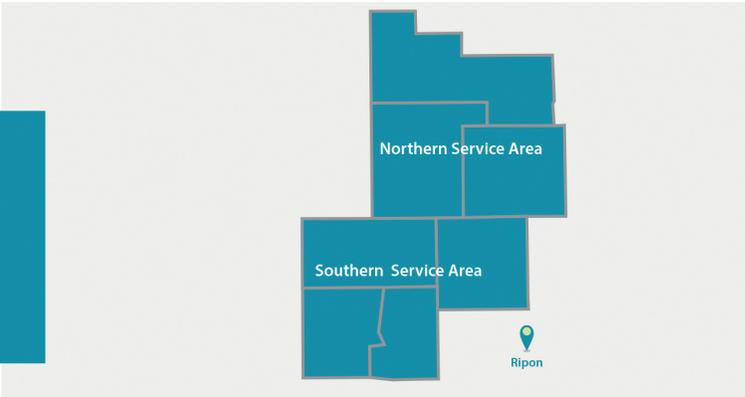
"It Takes a Team" is the theme for the membership year 2022-2023. This year's membership campaign is pitting districts against each other head-to-head to see who can hit their membership goals.

Introducing the District 5 membership mascot:

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District Discussion Meet Held

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. The District 5 Discussion Meet was held on Aug. 31 at the Marquette County Extension Office.

The following members participated: Nate Zimdars, Fond du Lac County; Collin Bays, Adams County; Alana Voss-Biermeier, Juneau County; Lynn Leahy, Waushara County; Chad Bruss, Green Lake County.

Congratulations to Nate Zimdars, Chad Bruss and Lynn Leahy who advanced and will represent the district at the state contest held during the WFBF YFA Conference in December.



District 5 Discussion Meet contestants (from left): Collin Bays, Adams County; Alana Voss-Biermeier, Juneau County; Chad Bruss, Green Lake County; Lynn Leahy, Waushara County; and Nate Zimdars, Fond du Lac County.



Adams County

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A Message From The President



Kay Olson

Adams County Farm Bureau President

As I sit here contemplating what to say it feels like we have come to the end of another Farm Bureau year.

We did not make our goals set by WFBF this year. We needed to get 20 new members and make sure we were able to get our renewals in by

Sept. 30. With that being said we lost a total of about \$1,800. With the loss of this money, we will most likely have to cut back on some of our programming.

Our monthly meetings, the fourth Thursday of each month, have been done virtually via Microsoft Teams. If you want to attend those virtual meetings, please let one of your board members know and we will make sure you get the message on how to attend. It will be a board decision when we go back to meeting in person.

The Ag in the Classroom committee looks forward to being invited back in the classrooms this year. We miss teaching the students, but we do understand the restrictions due to the pandemic.

We sponsored the prizes for the Land and Water Conservation poster contest. Each winner in each category received an art kit as his or her prize.

We also sponsored several FFA and UWEX events such as FFA National Convention, FFA Pancake Dinner and Tractor Safety by giving the 10 kids a slow-moving vehicle sign. We supported the 4-H and FFA

members at the county fair.

We opened our Ice Cream Booth at the fair and want to make sure we thank the volunteers who helped.

We also want to thank Eric Schultz, Eric and Tammy Garz and Doreen Olson for repairs done to our fair booth and their donations.

We supported community events such as the Gunderson Memorial Hospital Fundraiser.

I want to thank Joe Seis for his years of service on the Adams County Farm Bureau board of directors. Joe decided to step off the board this year. I also want to welcome new board member Birdie Johnson who was elected to the board at our county annual meeting.

So, when I say it feels like an end to our year you can see why. September is what WFBF considers the end of our year. I have just touched on a few things that we have done and accomplished with the help of your membership dollars. I thank you for helping us provide these programs to our youth and organizations.



Adams County Farm Bureau President Kay Olson at the county annual meeting held on Oct. 9.

A Message From The President



Reuben Hopp

Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau President

As this Farm Bureau membership year comes to an end, I want to give you an overview of everything that has happened during the past year.

We had nine delegates attend the WFBF Annual meeting last December at the Kalahari Resorts and Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells.

The Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom offers an annual essay contest for fourth- and fifth-grader students. Each year the topic has specific lesson plans, activities and other resources that teacher and volunteers and home school parents can use to teach about Wisconsin agriculture.

This year Rosey O'Conner a student at St. Paul's Lutheran school in Mt. Calvary was the Fond du Lac County essay winner. The county also purchased 40 copies of the Ag in the Classroom book of the year and a copy was sent to all the elementary schools in the county.

In June, Kelly Pollack organized a promotion and education activity to celebrate June Dairy month. The first boy and girl born in June were mailed gifts from the county Farm bureau that included a \$40 gift certificate to Poco Pizza. In June, we also donated toward the county's June Breakfast on the Farm event.

This spring, we awarded five \$1,000 scholarships. Recipients included: Izzy Badtke, Sam Mess, Kaylee Mess, Cameron Pokorny and Kaitlyn Pokorny.

Grant Buwalda one of our previous year's scholarship winners is now an active member of the UW-River Falls Collegiate FFA and serves as an officer.

We also made our annual donation to the Salvation Army. Late in the year we received 90 chairs from the Salvation Army for the fair food stand and made an additional donation for the chairs. We also made our annual donations to the county's 4-H endowment fund and the county fair.

One of our goals as a county Farm Bureau is to help as many youths as possible to learn about Wisconsin agriculture and support them in as many ways as we can.

The county also continues to make improvements to the fair food stand building. This year, we replaced the fiberglass wall, ceiling and siding in the kitchen of the Country Café.

Many thanks to Steve Sable and Roger Grade for their work on the

building improvements. The Fond du Lac County Fair was held in July and our Country Café was in full swing. Thank you to fair stand committee members Roger and Sandy Grade, Sarah Breuer, Steve and Janice Sabel and Elmer and Etta Held. Also, thank you to all the volunteers that helped make it a success. We couldn't do it without all of our volunteers.

Even though the county fair food stand is our largest fundraiser, the county also participated in the Brandon Brat fry in August and raised more than \$1,000 to help fund our programs.

The YFA committee organized a booth at the Alto Fair again this year. The committee decided not to do their annual pizza sale this year, but instead in a popcorn fundraiser for their committee.

We also spend time focusing on membership. This year we were able to make our new voting goal of signing 50 new members in the spring of the year and we received the \$1,000 bonus. We also made a voting and total gain in membership and the county received an additional \$1,800 bonus. Special thanks to our volunteer members workers, especially Trayton for his continued hard work in membership.

This year we recognized Dale Theel at our annual meeting with the County's Service to Agriculture Award for his many years of service on the county Farm Bureau Board of Directors. Thank you, Dale.

I want to thank our board of directors for their faithfulness and participation at all of our meetings. It's a pleasure and honor to serve as your county president and work with such a great board. I also want to thank Becky Hibicki our District Coordinator for the hard work she does for us.

And of course, I want to thank you. For your membership in this organization. Your support allows our county Farm Bureau to continue to be success. Here is to another successful Farm Bureau year in 2023. God bless you.



Board member Roger Grade (right) presented the County Service to Agriculture Award to Dale Theel at the county's annual meeting held in September.

Wanted: County YFA Chair

The county is looking for a new Young Farmer and Agriculturist chair.

Thank you to Jenny Leahy who served as the county YFA chair for several years. If you are interested in getting more involved in the county YFA program, please contact Jenny Leahy with questions at 920.979.3213.

Why YFA?

The Young Farmer and Agriculturist program is for Farm Bureau members between the ages of 18 and 35. It provides members with an opportunity to enhance their leadership skills while networking with their peers. Many of the young members who have participated in the program have gone on to become active county, state and national Farm Bureau leaders, as well as respected leaders in their communities.



Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau Board of Directors



Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau Board of Directors (from left): Steve Sabel, Jenny Leahy, Christine Duscheck, Roger Grade, Reuben Hopp, Chris Pollack, Trayton Greenfield, Bill Maedke, Earl Sippel, Tim Haack, John Ruedinger, Ray Halbur, Elmer Held, Mark Horsch; not pictured: Kevin Giebel and Mark Steffes.



A Message From The President



Peter Badtke

Green Lake County Farm Bureau President

Hello Green Lake County Farm Bureau member.

Just a quick review of what your county Farm Bureau has been up to in the last year. Natasha Paris represented the county in the Young Farmer Discussion Meet at the annual meeting in December 2021, she did a great

job but was unable to win the contest. Chad Bruss graduated from the WFBF Leadership Institute class, congratulations to Chad for this accomplishment. Jim Hebbe, Dave Wilke and I were delegates for the policy resolutions as well.

On Jan. 26, six Green Lake County members attended Ag Day at the Capitol. This is really a nice event to hear what issues are going on around the state and gives us an opportunity to visit our legislators and discuss the issues in our county.

In April, we held our second annual pork roast serving more than 300 pork meals in a couple of hours. The 2022 Green Lake County Fair was a huge success. Thanks to the volunteers who helped in any way. This year,

Grasee Electric donated some LED lights for the food stand. Retzlaff Milk Transport donated 2,000, 16 ounce milk chugs, that went over well and the Green Lake Dairy Promoters donated \$500 of ice cream for free ice cream on each piece of pie. Thanks to these generous people. On Aug. 20, we in partnered again with the Green Lake Association and held the sixth annual Conservation Field Day at the Dave and Wayne Albright farm. 150 people attended to learn about cover crops, CRP, agronomy and visit White Creek.

The Green Lake Farm Bureau also gave out four scholarships in May. This years winners were Gabby Huitema, Cassady Nitz, Julia Franke and Kasie Badtke. Best wishes to these scholarship recipients.

Our county annual meeting was held on Sept. 13 at the Farmview Event Barn, a big thanks to Jean and Bob Bahn for hosting the county in their beautiful barn. Natasha Paris was elected as a director to the board and Chad Bruss was elected to serve as the new Young Farmer chair. Also, Chad Bruss, Dave Wilke and I will represent the county as delegates at the WFBF Annual Meeting in December.

There are many opportunities for you to get involved, reach out to myself or any board member.

Thanks again for your continued membership, Farm Bureau gives you a voice locally, statewide and nationally.



Green Lake County President (left) recognized Dave Albright (center) and Wayne Albright (right) for hosting the 2022 Green Lake Association Conservation Field Day.



Women's Committee Chair Irene Kutz (left) recognized Jean Bahn (right) as the county's women of the year at the county annual meeting held at the Farm View Event Barn on Sept. 13.

Green Lake County Board of Directors



Green Lake County Board of Directors (from left): Pete Badtke, Natasha Paris, Dave Wilke, Jordan Paris, Al Weckwerth, Jim Hebbe, Dave Gneiser, Steve Kutz, Irene Kutz and Chad Bruss; not pictured: Emily Strahota.

YFA
(Young Farmer and Agriculturist)

Bowling

Sunday, January 15
12:30 p.m.

The 300 Club of Green Lake
W1802 County Road A
Green Lake, WI 54941

FREE Bowling and Snacks!

Questions, contact YFA Chair Chad Bruss at
920.229.2494






A Message From The President



Kip Weber

Juneau County Farm Bureau President

Thank you to those who attended our county annual meeting held on Sept. 29 at the Hustler Cooperative Creamery. This was a new location for our annual meeting, that worked well. A memorial award was

presented to the Carl Degner Family in honor of the many years Carl served on the Juneau County Farm Bureau Board of Directors.



Kip Weber presented Tonra Degner and her family a plaque in honor of Carl Degner's service to the Juneau County Farm Bureau. (from left): Robin Degner, Matt Degner, Tonra Degner, Ryan Degner and Juneau County Farm Bureau President Kip Weber.

Our Young Farmer and Agriculturist (YFA) Committee organized a trap shooting with several neighboring YFA Committees on Oct. 2 in Kendall.

Thank you to those who attended. Sally Turpin and Alana Voss are co-chairing the county YFA Committee. Also, congratulations to Mitch Giebel who was named a finalist in the new YFA 35 Under 35 contest.

I want to welcome new Juneau County Farm Bureau board member Matt Degner. Your county Farm Bureau has a great group of board members who are committed to promoting agriculture in Juneau County.

Wishing you and your family only the best during the upcoming holiday season.



County Farm Bureau Board of Directors (from left): Sally Turpin, Pat Stanek, Amy VanderMark, Matt Schmidt, Tonra Degner, Kip Weber, Brian Bires and Matt Degner; not pictured: Kelly Green.



A Message From The President

Aaron Wachholz

Marquette County Farm Bureau President



Hello, Marquette County member.

Fall is in the air, and what glorious weather we are having. Bright blue October days and hitting the 60s and 70s are a farmers dream for harvesting. Happy harvest to you and I pray it is a successful and safe one.

Now for some exciting news happening in and around Marquette County. Did you know that there is a new custom slaughter plant being planned just over the Marquette County line near Kingston? It is going to be a farmer-owned

cooperative called Five Star Harvest Cooperative. I was elected an officer of this new co-op board.

We have been meeting as a board since early January 2022. So far, we have incorporated as a legal entity, and we are in the process of setting our by-laws. Anyone can join the co-op who needs animals processed. Those who choose to join as a member of the co-op, will be charged a one-time

fee for membership that is fully transferable to family. Your membership will include a butchering slot for one beef and one hog per year and can be booked at any time you choose.

Members also will receive a significant discount on services rendered with patronage dividends to be paid in the future. Each member will receive one vote as well at the annual meeting of the co-op. Additional Class B stock also can be purchased to secure more beef or hog spots as well.

The co-op is looking at purchasing a few acres of land four miles over the Green Lake County line on County B. The board's hope is to build and be operational by fall of 2023. The new facility is being planned to slaughter 30 to 40 beef and 10 to 20 hogs per week.

If you or someone you know is interested in investing in the future or needing spots for his or her livestock every year without the endless phone tag, this co-op is for you. For more information about Five Star Harvest Cooperative, please contact me at 608.369.2634.

God bless and keep you in this bountiful time of year. Whether there is a lot or a little in the bins and silos when harvest is done, we can give thanks in any and ALL situations that God is good, and He provides all our needs. Happy holidays.

County Farm Bureau Board Directors



(from left): Victoria Wachholz, Dennis Fenner, Victoria Smith, Bob Blum, Aaron Wachholz, Heather Schwochert, Dillion Schwochert, Al Klapoetke, Chris Smith, WFBF President Kevin Krentz, Jordan Bittelman and Kaycee Bittelman; not pictured: Tammy Hamilton.

YFA Members Tour Lavender Farm



On Sept. 10, county YFA chair Victoria Smith (right) organized a tour for YFA members to the New Life Lavender Farm near Baraboo. If you want to get involved in the county YFA program and get information on upcoming events, contact Victoria at 608.369.1486.

Waushara County

A Message From The President



Mike Leahy

Waushara County Farm Bureau President

As the harvest season winds to a close, here is an update on what the Waushara County Farm Bureau has been working on.

We had another successful food stand at the fair. Thanks to Paul Jarvis, Kyle Thom and the rest of the food stand committee

and the volunteers. Your hard work and dedication was what made it as successful as it was. I want to recognize Bernadette Krentz. Bernadette has decided to step away from the board after 52 years of service. Her wisdom and passion will be missed. Thank you, Bernadette.

This year, we have a couple of board members taking on new roles. Miranda Ewald is our new Young Farmer and Agriculturist chair. The YFA program is for members between 18 and 35 years old. The YFA program offers opportunities for leadership and skills development, along with the chance to meet and network with peers. Lynn Leahy is the new chair of the Ag in the Classroom Committee. On a local level, county Ag in the Classroom coordinators and other volunteers help arrange teacher trainings, workshops, set up agriculture lesson plans, talk about careers in agriculture, order materials and more. I look forward to the direction and enthusiasm that Miranda and Lynn bring to their committees.

There is something exciting being developed by your Waushara County

Farm Bureau. A committee led by Sara Stelter and made up of members Adam Jones, Miranda Ewald and Lynn Leahy are developing the Waushara County Farm Bureau Educational Ag Resource Manual.

This resource, which will be available online and distributed to area schools, will supply member contact information and resource material that teachers can use to incorporate real life ag into lessons. Be it through local speakers, tours or interviews. This resource is the first step in connecting our members and community stakeholders in an ever-widening rural urban divide. This guide will be distributed to local schools.

It appears water quality and quantity issues continue to be at the forefront of everyone's concerns. We will continue to have a seat at the table as the DNR and legislature work through the findings of the central sands water study. As an organization we continue to move forward being on the front line of the issues that you, our members, find important.

In conclusion, the board continues to work hard promoting agriculture and sharing the passion we have for this wonderful way of life. I look forward to the exciting challenges this next year will bring.

I hope you had a bountiful and safe harvest.



Bernadette Krentz (center) was recognized for service to the Waushara County Farm Bureau. Also pictured, WFBF President Kevin Krentz (left) and Waushara County Farm Bureau President Mike Leahy (right).

Meet: Miranda Ewald, New County Young Farmer and Agriculturist Chair



Hello. My name is Miranda Ewald. I live in Redgranite. I am 22 years old. I am extremely new to the Farm Bureau world and am very excited to have taken on the role of YFA Chair.

Before becoming a member of Farm Bureau, I was very involved in 4-H and had many leadership roles within the organization such as being club president for five years, a youth representative on the

livestock and leaders' association board, along with being the Leaders Association president after I graduated out of 4-H. I am very excited to be taking on a new leadership role in the Farm Bureau.

Outside of being involved in Farm Bureau and 4-H, I am very involved in my family's farm, where we raise dairy cattle and have recently gotten involved in the produce side of farming. I also work at Lost-Elm Dairy in Berlin, where we milk about 60 registered Jerseys and show cattle.

Once again, I am extremely excited to be taking on this role and cannot wait to work with other YFA members.

Please contact me at miranda.ewald@icloud.com or 920.647.1441.

President's Report



Amanda Volp

Winnebago County Farm Bureau President

Wishing a happy fall to my fellow Winnebago County Farm Bureau members.

It is one of my favorite times of the year with the leaves turning, cooler sweatshirt weather and of course harvest. We have had mild weather so far and everywhere I look someone is out in the field combining, trucks are hauling grain and

farming equipment is taking up the roads. I love it.

It has been a busy summer. Updates from the county:

- On May 7, we hosted our third annual Drive By Steak Fry for May Beef Month. We sold 150 steak plates and cheeseburger bags. The event was held at Brighton Acres where we set out tables and chairs for those who wished to 'dine in.' Poppy Family Farms brought a cow and calf pair that customers saw firsthand and asked questions about. This year, we had a meat cut ID challenge and raffle baskets filled with beef products. Local 4-H and FFA members gave a helping hand at the event with food prep and consumer education on beef animals that counted as a livestock point at the county fair. As always, the feedback we received was spectacular and people still appreciate the reason for the event.
- June Dairy Month was a success with the promotional events at the Udder Tuggers Wisconsin Timber Rattlers game in Appleton on June 3 and our Drive-Thru Grilled cheese event held at Ewald Farms in Winneconne on June 25.
- National Ice Cream Day was July 16 where we did a promotional event at Leon's Frozen Custard in Oshkosh. Did you know that ice cream sundaes were invented in Two Rivers in 1881?
- The Winnebago County Fair was the first week in August in Oshkosh. Our Farm Bureau food stand had a record-breaking year and the committee did an outstanding job raising funds used for activities throughout the year. At almost any time of the day the line of customers was out across the road. We brought back the daily menu special item that corresponded with what animals were being exhibited during the day. For dairy day we had 'Charlies Cheese Curd Burger,' for swine

day we had 'Brock's BLT,' for beef day we had our famous bacon cheeseburger and for Saturday we were all about the kiddos and had popcorn chicken. Needless to say, those specials sold out quickly. Hot menu items that will always make a comeback were deep fried cheese curds, roast beef sandwiches, homemade French fries and the hot ham and cheese sandwiches. Thank you to Beck's Meats, Pickett Produce and Festival Foods for their support. And to the many FFA students, members and non-members who volunteered their time to help make it run smooth, we couldn't do it without you.

- Our county annual meeting was held on Sept. 8 at Brighton Acres. With close to 50 people in attendance we updated members on events happening on the county level and state levels, along with listening to local legislators. Food was catered in from Parker Johns in Oshkosh and as always Adam and Gina at Brighton Acres take such good care of us and support of our events.
- Congratulations to our very own Winnebago County Farm Bureau Secretary/Treasurer, Linda Mullins, on being accepted into the WFBF Leadership Institute for 2023-2024. This is a year-long leadership training program that consists of five, multi-day sessions that provide hands-on learning on agricultural issues, leadership development and speaking skills, interaction with Farm Bureau staff and government leaders at the state and national levels and networking with other participants. The final event is a trip to Washington, D.C., with the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Board of Directors in June of 2024. Past Leadership Institute graduates from our county have been myself, Charlie Knigge and Jaime Remer. We are so proud of Linda and can't wait to see where this journey takes her.

Looking ahead, the WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference will be held in Wisconsin Dells at the Kalahari Resorts and Convention Center on Dec. 2-5.

On Jan. 14, 2023, we will have our second annual Community Night at Brighton Acres.

For more information about this event and future events that will be taking place in our county during the next several months be sure to stay tuned to our Facebook page, Winnebago County Farm Bureau.

I pray that the harvest season has been safe and bountiful for you and continues to be as we finish out the year. God bless.

Dairy Promotion Committee Update

By Linda Mullins, Winnebago County Dairy Promotion Committee

The Winnebago Dairy Promotion Committee was busy with summer. We elevated the pregame experience at the Timber Rattlers Udder Tugger weekend in celebration of June Dairy month.

We also hosted a grilled cheese event in June. We shared delicious grilled cheese, custard and cheese curds with local folks as they drove around our host farm. Families got to see plenty of animals as well as learn a little bit about sustainability practices on a farm.

We didn't stop there, we also spent an afternoon at Leon's in Oshkosh to celebrate Ice Cream month in July. Families got to meet two baby calves and even submit name ideas. The winner received a fun prize pack.

Our committee was joined by so many supportive groups this summer, Winnebago County Fair Association and the Fairest of the Fair, Miss Oshkosh, local 4-H and FFA chapters, Alice in Dairyland and a whole bunch of fantastic volunteers. We could not do all we do without everyone's help.

Stay tuned for our winter holiday activity. Be sure to 'Like' and follow us on Facebook Winnebago County Dairy Promotion.





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