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Contractors include Bassett Mechanical, Team Industries, August Winter & Sons, Aroz, CR Meyer, Johnson Controls, Piping Service, Tweet Garot and Van Ert Electric, as well as many smaller businesses.

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Carolyn Ott and Kyla Dewick of the Wrightstown FFA chapter have been named national finalists this year in the Animal Systems category of the competition. The National FFA Agriscience Fair is a key competition that is part of the annual National FFA Convention & Expo, Oct. 30 through Nov. 2 in Indianapolis. To qualify, FFA members working as individuals or teams in grades 7-12 are required to conduct a scientific research project pertaining to the agriculture or food science industries and win their state’s FFA agriscience fair.

Individuals or teams compete in one of six categories: animal systems; environmental services/natural resource systems; food products and processing systems; plant systems; power, structural and technical systems; or social science, and in six divisions: individuals in grades 7-8, teams in grades 7-8; individuals in grades 9-10, teams in grades 9-10; individuals in grades 11-12, and teams in grades 11-12.

First-place winners in each state have qualified for the national pre-qualifying judging. The panel of judges reviewed entries and selected a maximum of 12 in each category and division to move on to the national competition. For a complete list of results, check ffa.org/participate/awards/agriculture-science-fair/

The 2019 National FFA Agriscience Fair is sponsored by Cargill, John Deere and Syngenta. The National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 669,989 student members who belong to one of 8,630 local FFA chapters throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The organization is also supported by 459,514 alumni members in 2,236 alumni chapters throughout the U.S.

Deer hunters can help Lions help others

For deer hunters who want to put deer hide to good use, the Kaukauna Lions Club is sponsoring a deer hide collection. All proceeds from the deer hides are used for the Wisconsin Lions Camp to help serve the needs of others.

The Wisconsin Lions Camp began in 1956 and has been dedicated to providing a quality camp experience for Wisconsin youth and adults with disabilities. See more at wlf.info.

UA 400 members, teams vie for selection to compete in National FFA Agriscience Fair

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FFA members attend leadership conference

Devon Nowak, Emily Eiting and Johanna Bowers from the Wrightstown FFA, pictured with Wisconsin FFA Vice-President Daniel Clark, attended the Wisconsin FFA Section IX Sectional Leadership Conference Oct. 3, hosted by the Denmark FFA Chapter. FFA members participating in this event became familiar with FFA programs and activities FFA members and their chapters can participate in throughout the 2019-20 school year and how to set up a chapter program of activities.

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