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SAUK CITY; WIS. – Dan Robinson of Lomira High School has been honored with the Honored Educator Award from the Wisconsin Association of Agricultural Educators (WAAE). Mr. Robinson was presented with this honor at the WAAE Professional Development Conference held June 25-29, 2023 in downtown Oshkosh at the Best Western Waterfront Hotel and Convention Center.

The WAAE Honored Educator Award recognizes members who provide key leadership and input at the local and state level. Members who have at least 20 years of teaching experience are considered for this award.

Mr. Robinson is currently the Lomira High School Agricultural Education instructor and FFA Advisor and has been there for 39 years. Dan has been blessed to work with the Lomira students, community members and the Lomira FFA Alumni. He also had the honor of serving on the WAAE executive committee as a vice president for Section 10. Dan has attended 37 WAAE professional development conferences, and has received his honorary State and American FFA degrees; and he and his wife, Jackie, are lifetime members of the WI FFA Alumni. Dan's FFA chapter has had 115 gold-rated proficiency awards, with four national finalists and one National winner, 93 State FFA degrees, 25 American degree recipients, and one Star American Farmer Candidate in Placement in Agriculture.

Mr. Robinson has had the privilege of having three state FFA officers, Betsy Wagner, Katie Kindschuh and the late Jeff Hicken. The Lomira agricultural education department has expanded from one agriculture teacher to two full-time agricultural education instructors. The expansion has been due to the additional courses in outdoor power and recreation, food processing and recently a farm-to-table classroom. The agricultural program has four classes that are dual credit and receive science credit. In many cases, a successful chapter is due to the advisor's supportive spouse, which he has in his wife, Jackie.

WAAE is the professional association for agricultural educators in Wisconsin. Members include 410 middle school, high school, technical college and university educators. The association's focus is to provide professional development, legislative support and educational resources for teachers to enhance their local agricultural education programs.

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