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We invite you to come celebrate our Pierce County Farm Bureau year and take part in our annual business meeting . . .

**Pierce County Farm Bureau
Annual Meeting
Thursday
September 15**

Save the date to visit with your farm neighbors and take part in setting policies that your Farm Bureau works to support.

All Farm Bureau members are encouraged to attend this important meeting to help create policy resolutions and vote in elections for the county board directors.

Please plan on attending and let your voice be heard!

Time & Cost

- 7:30 p.m. - Business meeting with dinner to follow.
- Free.

Location

Martell Community Center
W5581 U.S. Highway 63
Spring Valley, WI 54767

For More Information

Please contact Dean Bergseng at 715.425.6404.



We invite you to come celebrate our St. Croix County Farm Bureau year and take part in our annual business meeting . . .

**St. Croix County Farm Bureau
Annual Meeting
Wednesday
September 14**

Join friends and neighbors at the St. Croix County Farm Bureau annual meeting where we will celebrate accomplishments, create policy, vote for directors and elect delegates for the WFBF Annual Meeting.

The guest speaker is Greg Zwald who will talk about his position as a member on the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection board.

Door prizes will be awarded!

Time & Cost

- 7:30 p.m. - Dinner followed by the business meeting.
- Free.

Location

Baldwin American Legion
Post 240
410 Maple Street
Baldwin, WI 54002

RSVP

By **September 7** to District 9 Coordinator Katie Mattison at kmattison@wbf or 866.355.7349.

Wanted: Individuals to Serve on State Committees

District 9, including Ashland, Bayfield, Barron, Chippewa, Douglas, Dunn, Iron, Pierce, Polk, Rusk, St. Croix and Sawyer counties, is seeking individuals to serve on the following state committees:

- **Promotion and Education:** Duties include attending state committee meetings, promoting and work-

ing with county Promotion and Education Committees in District 9, taking an active role in the planning of district events.

- **Young Farmer and Agriculturist:** Duties include attending state YFA committee meetings, promoting and working with county YFA committees in

District 9 and promote and encourage participation in the YFA program.

For more information, questions or if you are interested, please contact District 9 Coordinator Katie Mattison at kmattison@wbf.com or 866.355.7349.





COUNTYnews

PIERCE COUNTY FARM BUREAU | ST. CROIX COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

Young Farmers and Agriculturists Visit Capitol Hill

Twenty seven of Farm Bureau's youngest leaders became lobbyists for a day while meeting with Senators Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin and their representatives in the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, D.C., on June 8. The topics discussed included trade, immigration, wolves, food labeling and the farm economy.

The June 6-10 trip was available to Farm Bureau members active in the Young Farmer and Agriculturist (YFA) Program.

While in Washington, D.C., the young leaders met officials from the American Farm Bureau Federation and the U.S. Department of Agriculture where they discussed topics pertaining to wetland conservation, food safety and telecommunication and broadband expansion. The trip also included a visit to the New Zealand Embassy where discussions included trade and the global agricultural economy.

Members who attended the Washington, D.C., trip were: Sean and Jennifer Beres, Alex Bringe, Nate and Karyn Eckert, Nick Entringer, Becky Hasburgh, Brad and Christa Hoffman, Josh Huber, Peter Kimball, Michael Leahy, Lee and Megan Meinholz, Erik and Amanda Melin, Cassie Olson, Derek Orth, Keith and Kelly Oudenhoven, Jeff and Katrina Pionek, Leslie Svacina, Adam Wehling, Dustin and Aimee Williams, and Nate Zimdars.



YFA DC Fly-In Attendee's Perspective



Peter Kimball, Pierce County Farm Bureau.

I traveled to Washington, D.C., with YFA members from across the state to meet with elected officials, attend briefings and see the sights.

We visited the USDA and met the director of the Milk Protection Program (MPP) who shared the program and some of the challenges.

The next stop was the New Zealand Embassy. We learned about agriculture in New Zealand and the challenges with exporting goods.

We stopped at the American Farm Bureau headquarters where we were briefed on three topics that we were asked to bring to the Capitol as well as the tactics on communicating what we were asking our congressmen and senators to act on.

A group of us met with Representative Ron Kind and shared concerns. We discussed immigration reform and the impact it has on our farms

and asked for a new system so that we can get help to manage our farms.

The second topic discussed was trade, in particular the Trans Pacific Partnership. We asked Congressman Kind to take the lead on getting Congress to adapt the partnership that will open markets for milk, meat and grain products in Asia.

The third topic that we discussed was food labeling laws. We asked for a uniform labeling system across all states so that individual states cannot add labeling mandates that other states don't have.

Later, we met with Senators Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin and had the same discussions.

This trip was a great opportunity to visit the nation's Capitol and enjoy the history that Washington, D.C. offers. It was rewarding to share the experience with others who are passionate about Farm Bureau and agriculture.

Thank you to FS GROWMARK, Rural Mutual Insurance and Pierce County Farm Bureau for a great opportunity.



Leslie Svacina, St. Croix County Farm Bureau.

In June, I was part of the Young Farmer and Agriculturist Washington, D.C., Fly-In, and was one of four members from District 9. The week was a mixture of business and sightseeing.

We met with staff at the USDA and learned about dairy, FSA and rural broadband programs; visited the New Zealand Embassy and learned about the country's agriculture and views on trade talks; and the American Farm Bureau and reviewed topics impacting agriculture and received tips on how to share farming and ag stories with lawmakers.

These meetings prepares us for the congressional visits, which included a visit with Representative Sean Duffy's staff, Senator Tammy Baldwin and Senator Ron Johnson. I didn't realize how important these visits were until we were going through our prep meetings and then visited with staff and lawmakers.

It became very clear that if we, in agriculture, don't speak up about topics that are impacting our farms and jobs, no one will, or if someone does, it may not be in our best interest. This is even true for those lawmakers who might not agree with our viewpoints. They need to know where their constituents stand on topics. Our voice does matter and needs to be heard, especially if we're young farmers.

I look forward to being more involved in policy development, Ag Day at the Capitol and encouraging members to discuss how these topics impact their work in agriculture.

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Farmer Frolic 5K Run/Walk

Join the District 9 Young Farmer and Agriculturist members on **Saturday, September 10**, at the second annual Farmer Frolic 5K run/walk.

Participants will run or walk a route in the beautiful countryside of Dunn County, while learning more about local food, Chippewa Valley agriculture and your family's health.

After the run/walk, you can attend the Chippewa Valley Farm City Day, a free one-day event for the family. There will be fun, interactive booths where you can learn more about agriculture in the Chippewa Valley, walk or ride on a tractor-driven wagon around a dairy farm, sample local dairy products and the kids can participate in a kiddie tractor pull.

The Farmer Frolic 5K run/walk and Chippewa Valley Farm City Day will be held at Alfalawn Farm, W2859 220th Street in Menomonie.

For more information, visit <http://farmerfrolic5k.shutterstock.com/> or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/farmerfrolic5k.



Register NOW For the Ag Open

The Wisconsin Ag Open is on **Monday, September 12** at Christmas Mountain Village in Wisconsin Dells.

The format will be a four-person team scramble and registration includes 18 holes with a cart, gift bag, food and beverage and golf contests, mulligan sales and door prizes.

The event supports the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation's efforts to expand agricultural leadership, 4-H and FFA program, agricultural literacy efforts and other education, youth and leadership programs.

For more information or to register, please visit wfbf.com/aboutwfbf/foundation/wisconsin-ag-open.



Pierce County President's Message



Dear Farm Bureau members,

In early June, my wife and I took a bus tour to Niagara Falls and Toronto, Canada. It was great to see a different area of the country and seeing the falls was well worth the long drive to get there. At that time, crops here in Pierce County were as good as any we saw in northern Illinois, northern

Indiana and southern Minnesota.

On July 5, some parts of the county received some needed rain and unfortunately, other parts received major damage to crops, bridges, buildings, etc. Here is hoping for a prosperous remainder of summer.

The summer is full of fairs, tractor pulls and parades. On July 8, we distributed 4,500 cartons of chocolate milk and 100 pounds

of cheese curds during the River Falls Days parade. The Town and Country 4-H Club members helped.

The Pierce County Fair is **August 11-14**. This year there will be a bus to the fairgrounds from the high school parking lot, Zion Lutheran Church, Courthouse Annex parking lot and the baseball field parking lot. A round-trip ticket will cost \$1 and the bus will run on Friday and Saturday from noon to 11 p.m.

We also are preparing the little red milk stand. Please remember, we can always use help in our milk stand. I hope to see you at the fair!

August 4 is the first meeting of grassroots policy development for Farm Bureau. Please let us know if you want to attend or have comments to share.

Dean Bergseng
Pierce County Farm Bureau President

Annual Pierce County Dairy Breakfast Successful

Approximately 1,400 visitors enjoyed breakfast on June 18 at the LeAllan and Mary Jo Huppert farm west of Ellsworth.

In addition to Dad's Belgian Waffles, guests were treated to deep-fried Ellsworth Creamery cheese curds and Flat Pennies Ice Cream Cookie sandwiches. Walking tours of the 160-cow dairy and its facilities were available in addition to activities for kids and an antique tractor display.

"We were very pleased with the turnout for our event," said Dale Hines, chair of the Pierce County Dairy Promotion Committee. "The weather cooperated and that helped us out. In addition to the breakfast hosts, the Huppert family, more than 50 farmers, agribusiness people, 4-H and FFA members put a lot of time into making our Pierce County Dairy Breakfast a success so we were very pleased that our efforts were enjoyed by so many people."



A long line of people waited to get their delicious breakfast at the 2016 Pierce County Dairy Breakfast.

It's Almost Fair Time

This year, the Pierce County Fair will be August 11-14. Pierce County Farm Bureau will once again have their Little Red Barn featuring milk and cookies. We encourage you to volunteer to work a shift. It's a great place to see, as well as serve, friends and neighbors.

If you are interested in helping, contact Monica Krings at 715.495.6286 or Dean Bergseng at 715.307.4976 if you are able to help out. And, if you can't help out, at least make sure to stop by and have a bite to eat!

Many hands make light work. Thank you in advance for your help!

We will see you at the fair!



Pierce: Welcome New Members

Randall Erickson, Mikayla Freund, Gina Klecker, Samuel Larsen, Josh Leisen*, Dan Matzek, Taylor Rohrshuib*, Nathan Sears* and Jason White.

*Denotes voting membership.

Calling All Members!

Pierce and St. Croix County Farm Bureaus are seeking individuals interested in serving on the board of directors.

Board meetings are held once a month with St. Croix County at 8 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month and Pierce County at 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. We want you to join us.

For more information, questions or if you are interested, please contact District 9 Coordinator Katie Mattison at kmattison@wfbf.com or 866.355.7349.



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Dairy Promotion Event Held

On May 14, Double Good 4-H Club members and St. Croix County Farm Bureau members distributed 1,500 half pints of chocolate milk at the Syttende Mai parade in Woodville.

Pictured are St. Croix County board members Randy Roquette and Dave Kruschke, who helped get ready for the parade.



New Richmond FFA Family, Friends and Alumni Hosts June Dairy Day

By Rachel Sauvola, ag instructor and FFA Advisor, New Richmond School District

Once upon a time in New Richmond, bankers and city business folks engaged in cow milking contests whereby trophies were won. A hat was designed each year and purchased by farmers and community members. Area youth groups passed out cheese or ice cream at local banks.

Somehow that was lost over the years. So the New Richmond FFA and FFA Family, Friends and Alumni members decided to bring back the celebration that honors farmers during June dairy month.

Last year, members handed out milk and sold cheese curds and ice cream. Everyone had a bigger goal in mind--a dairy breakfast, like those celebrated in other parts of the state.

June 4 marked the comeback of Dairy Day in New Richmond when the New Richmond FFA Family, Friends and Alumni group hosted a pancake breakfast and family activities behind Doyle's Farm and Home.

The theme of the event was simple, to celebrate and salute the American farmer. Activities included a petting zoo with dairy animals owned by New Richmond FFA members including a cow and calf owned by Austin Raymond of the Raymond Dairy, dairy goats owned by Garrett Beukema and a Guernsey heifer owned by Haley Beukema.

A fleet of pedal tractors were donated by the Gillis family and Roger Neumann and family. Face painting was courtesy of FFA members wielding brushes, while the New Richmond Area Centre provided a milk mustache 'selfie' station.

Children milked wooden cows to see how it's done and Leslie Svacina and Amanda Stout with the St. Croix County Farm Bureau shared important information from the Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom program.

Frontier Ag and Turf brought some great big tractors for the kids - both big and little. Fun was had by all.

Paul Beukema made the pancakes and the Terry Dorr grilled sausages that were provided by Deer's Food Locker.

Thank you to the New Richmond FFA and Family, Friends and Alumni members who made the day possible. Many plans are being made for next year.

A shout out to the sponsors that made the first event a success including Frontier Ag and Turf, Farm and Home, Powers Liquid Waste Management, Johnson Motors, the Centre, McDonald's, Stephens Sanitation, Munson Hybrids, Deer's Food Locker, St. Croix County Farm Bureau, Ellsworth Cooperative Creamery, Minuteman Press, Super America and Bernard's of New Richmond.



St. Croix County Farm Bureau members Leslie Svacina and Amanda Stout provided interactive activities from Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom.

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It Pays to be a Member

R. Paul Reinhardt and his wife Mary have been saving dollars using the Farm Bureau ScriptSave Benefit.

ScriptSave is a prescription savings card. Your entire household can use the card for instant savings that average more than 44% with potential savings up to 75% on brand name and generic medications. The card also offers discounts on diabetic supplies, hearing care and active living supplies.

You can sign up by calling ScriptSave directly at 800.700.3957. Mention Group #703A to identify yourself as a Wisconsin Farm Bureau member. You also can sign up online at www.scriptsave.com. Login using Group #703A.

This is not an insurance policy, but a prescription savings benefit available at participating pharmacies.

Paul and Mary have been successfully using the benefit about a year and a half. Paul and Mary do not currently subscribe to Medicare Part D and having been using ScriptSave instead. Paul estimates that he saves enough annually on his prescriptions to just about pay his car insurance.

If you are not using this benefit, please follow Paul and Mary's lead to see what savings might be available to your family. Paul and Mary live in Rusk County Wisconsin in the Bruce Area near Pulaski Lake. This benefit also helps pay for a little fishing gas.



Farm Facts Brochure is Available

Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom is proud to introduce the newly-revised 2016 Wisconsin Farm Facts brochure. The brochure highlights Wisconsin's diverse agriculture industry and it's interactive.



To order the brochure, visit wisagclassroom.org and use the resource form.

St. Croix: Welcome New Members!

Scott Brahma*, Matt Brihn, Zachary Frost, Wendy Germain, Larry Mickelson*, Douglas Monteith, James Murtha, Craig Paulson, Dennis Shilts, Amanda Stout*, Paige Weiske and Sophia Wolff.

*Denotes voting membership.

Attend the St. Croix County Farm City Day

By Ryan Sterry, St. Croix County UW-Extension Agriculture Agent



Everyone Welcome! Service Animals Welcome

Directions:
 From New Richmond: Take HWY 65 approximately 4 miles North of New Richmond to 210th Ave. Take 230th East to 150th Street. Take 150th Street North (parking will be off from 150th Street). Watch for signs.

Check us out at: www.sccfarmcityday.com or on Facebook

Events:

- Guided Farm Tour
- Petting Barnyard
- Exhibits and Displays
- Farm Machinery Exhibit
- Musical entertainment
- Schottler Dairy Milk Buds will provide wagon rides with miniature pony teams

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The 2016 Farm City Day will be held at the Kruschke family's Crisdhorn Farm near New Richmond on August 13.



Every year we have 4-H members and families volunteer at Farm City Day. This is a great community service project, and can be fun, too.

As always, it takes a tremendous volunteer force to host a successful event like Farm City Day. There are opportunities to help serve lunch, ice cream, assist with the petting barn yard and more.

The event will take place rain or shine and everyone is welcome. Find us on Facebook or visit www.sccfarmcityday.com.

For more information or if you want to volunteer and are at least 10 years old or older, or if you want to volunteer to driving tractor, a tour guide or with registration, please contact the UW-Extension office at 715.531.1930.

If you want to volunteer to serve water, food, milk or scooping ice cream, please contact Rosemary Donahoe at 715.684.9060 or donahoe.rm@gmail.com.