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Save the Date: Calumet County Policy Development Meeting

The Calumet County Farm Bureau will host their annual Policy Development meeting on **Thursday, August 22**, at Ethel's Pub and Grill in Chilton beginning at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in attending is welcome. Dinner will be provided. If you are attending for dinner, please RSVP to District 6 Coordinator Becky Salm at 920.253.5303.

Farm Bureau prepared issue backgrounders on the topics: water quality, labeling and marketing of agricultural products and farm bill.

To review, visit www.wfbf.com under the Government Relations tab 'Policy Development.'



Calumet County Fair Time is Just Around the Corner

Help is needed at the Calumet County Fair on **September 1-4** in the new fair food stand. Shifts on Friday include: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., 2-6 p.m. and 6-10 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and Monday include: 6-10 a.m., 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 2-6 p.m. and 6-10 p.m. Workers receive half off the price of

the Calumet County Farm Bureau annual meeting dinner at The Neighborhood Pub and Grill in Chilton.

To volunteer, please contact Kristin Birschbach at 920.418.1762.

Calumet County Fair
Fair by Day **Festival by Night**

The Biggest Little Fair In Wisconsin ***** Labor Day Weekend *****

SEPTEMBER 1 - 4, 2017

Rural Mutual Open Golf Outing



This year, the funds raised will help support the Calumet County Farm Bureau. The 2017 Rural Golf Outing will be held on **Saturday, August 26**, at Hickory Hills Country Club in Chilton with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. The outing is comprised of 40 teams with four golfers on each team and there will be a costume contest with prizes for the best dressed team.

If you want to take part in this fundraiser by being a sponsor, please contact Dean Gebhart at 920.418.2149. All donations received will be used for prizes and raffles. The cost for each team to participate is \$200 and includes 18-holes of golf, two carts and a meal for each golfer.

To register your team, please contact Randy Pingel at 920.849.1105.

Each year, Rural Mutual Insurance agent Randy Pingel sponsors a golf outing as a fundraiser for Calumet County organizations. Money raised by this event is distributed to these organizations to help fund their activities and events throughout the year.





COUNTYnews

CALUMET COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION



Calumet County Farm Bureau Fair Food Stand Project



Hello,
As a valued member of the community, the Calumet County Farm Bureau is asking for your support for their new building at the Calumet County Fairgrounds. The original building used to make and serve food to fair-goers at the Calumet County Fair has served us well for more than 70 years but is in dire need of replacement.

As we look to the future and our growing needs, a new building is a priority. We hope to improve the grounds and let this new building be a project the whole community can enjoy.

Our profits from our fair food stand are used for the Ag in the Classroom program, young farmer leadership opportunities, scholarships, along with agricultural promotion and education. All of these things help support and build our community. We pride ourselves in being true advocates for agriculture in Calumet County and our fair food stand helps fund our efforts.

You can help us in succeeding. Any support you can give would be appreciated greatly. You may choose to give a one-time donation or can pledge an amount over a time period. As a donor, you will receive recognition in our new food stand and will be mentioned on our Facebook page and news releases.

As we continue to grow our community's agricultural knowledge, we hope you choose to support us. If interested, please contact Kristin Birschbach at 920.418.1762 or Kristin.birschbach@gmail.com or Tiffany Schneider at 262.689.7837 or tpaulus24@gmail.com.

Thank you for your consideration.

Calumet County Farm Bureau



Calumet County Farm Bureau Donation Form

Farm Bureau member name _____
 Contact person _____
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 Email _____

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 Please complete and mail checks made to the Calumet County Farm Bureau by **November 1** to:

Calumet County Farm Bureau
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YFA Bus Tour

Several Sheboygan Farm Bureau members joined other district members as they boarded the bus for three spectacular agricultural tours on April 21.

The first stop was Natural Beauty Greenhouse in Denmark. Natural Beauty is a socially and environmentally conscious greenhouse, leading the way to a greener and more colorful world. They grow a wide range of plants, including young plants for other greenhouses and finished plants for retailers locally and across the country. Natural Beauty produces over 100 million finished and young plants annually for customers throughout the U.S.

Second stop was Pagel's Ponderosa Dairy in Kewaunee. Under the care of 100 employees, they milk 5,000 cows in two barns and 8,300 acres are cropped annually. They put up 100,000 tons of feed for silage. Pagel's bed with biosolids from their methane digester. We also visited the calf barns.

The final stop included Von Stiehl Winery in Algoma. The Schmiling brothers who grew up in Von Stiehl Winery now

own and operate it. The older brother Aric uses the most modern equipment known to wine making as he artfully crafts fine wines. The younger brother Brad likes romance and history and manages the business.

The Civil War-era building, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, features a tasting room, a 10,000-square foot production facility, three Civil War-era underground limestone tunnels and a spacious outdoor terrace with Lake Michigan views.

Von Stiehl's 30 plus grape and fruit wine recipes use top-quality ingredients from local fruit (Door County cherries), as well as West Coast-grown grapes (Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon). We were able to taste six different types of wines of our choice at the end of the tour.

Thank you to Natural Beauty, Pagel's Ponderosa and Von Stiehl for hosting us. What marvelous opportunities we have in our district.



Sheboygan County is Home to District Essay Contest Winner



For the fifth time in six years, Sheboygan County has had the District 6 winner in the essay contest reported coordinator Liz Gartman. There were 132 entries and the winner was Trinity Halseth from Random Lake Elementary School in Sheboygan.

Trinity Halseth posed with teacher Mrs. Barber and District 6 Coordinator Becky Salm.

Wisconsin fourth and fifth grade students were asked to write a 100- to 300-word essay with the theme, 'Tell us about cranberry production in Wisconsin during one of the four seasons.' A total of 2,818 Wisconsin students wrote essays for the competition sponsored by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation, Insight FS and We Energies.

Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom program provides teachers and K-12 students with an understanding of how their food is produced. The program works with existing curricula to provide information on our nation's largest industry: agriculture. Ag in the Classroom program is carried out by a network of local educators, volunteers and representatives from agricultural organizations and businesses. The goal is to help students gain awareness of the role of agriculture in the economy and society, so that they become citizens who support wise agricultural policies.

Trinity's essay

Cranberries Year Round

In 2004, the cranberry was named our official state fruit. Today, Wisconsin grows approximately 60% of the nation's supply of cranberries. We could be known as the cranberry state.

Cranberries grow on low trailing vines in sunken beds called bogs. The plants are perennial, meaning they survive year after year. The oldest can grow over 100 years old. Cranberries love sandy soil. The cranberry takes a long time to grow, at least 16 months.

You can see that while the berries are ripening, the buds for next years crop are already growing on the vine, so farmers have to take care of two seasons worth of cranberries at one time.

Water is one of the most precious resources for cranberry farmers. A 2,000-acre farm uses only 130 acres to grow cranberries, the rest is a series of reservoirs and watersheds, which run naturally along the farm and will borrow the water during the growing season and put it back in when finished with it. Twice a year the farmers flood the bogs, first in December for winter productions. This is when the plants grow dormant and their blanket of water insulates the vines from harsh winter frost. In the spring the bogs are drained and the cranberries pink flowers bloom.

Today many farms hire bees to pollinate the fields. By mid-June the fruit begins to grow. The berries start out green then turn white around August and finally red in the fall. The funny thing about cranberries is they do not really sweeten as they ripen like most fruit. They are a naturally tart fruit whether they are red or white.

In conclusion cranberries are lots of work. They need lots of care and love to grow big and strong all year.

Calumet County Farm Bureau Announces Scholarship Recipient



Lillian Feider is the recipient of the Calumet County Farm Bureau's higher education scholarship. Lillian Feider, daughter of Tim and Angie Feider of New Holstein, received the board of directors' \$500 scholarship. Lillian graduated from New Holstein High School in June and plans to attend UW-Platteville in the fall to pursue a degree in animal science with a pre-vet emphasis. She was active in FFA, showed rabbits and hogs and participated in soccer and band.

Congratulations Lillian, the board of directors wishes you lots of luck with your future in agriculture.

For more information on the Calumet County Farm Bureau's scholarship program, please contact Sean VanderHeiden at 920.418.4292.

Sundae on the Farm Fun for All



Families showed up on June 25 to Faust Farms in Chilton for Sundae on the Farm. Ag in the Classroom Coordinator Tom Young provided a fun trivia to test the knowledge of all the children and adults alike. Farm Bureau Princess poses in the barn in front of one of the 70 registered cows.

Upcoming Events

August

- 15 Rural Mutual YFA sponsorship forms due
- 15 WFBF Leadership Institute Class applications due
- 22 Calumet County Policy Development Meeting
- 26 Rural Mutual Open Golf Outing

September

- 1-4 Calumet County Fair
- 26 Calumet County Farm Bureau annual meeting
- 30 Membership year end

October

- 31 WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference registrations due

December

- 1-4 WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference

There are Benefits to Your Farm Bureau Membership:

Financial

- AgriPlan Medical Reimbursement Program
- Farm Bureau Bank

Supplies and Products

- Case IH
- Caterpillar
- FS-GROWMARK Patronage
- Grainger
- Office Depot

Communication

- AgriVisor
- The Country Today

Insurance

- Rural Mutual Insurance Company
- Farm Bureau Financial Services

Protection

- \$500 Reward Protection Program
- Accidental Death Policy

Health

- ScriptSave® Prescription Drug Savings Card
- Life Line (NEW)

Travel

- AAA
- AVIS Car Rental Discount Program
- Budget (NEW)
- Choice Hotels International, Inc.
- Wyndham Hotel Group

For complete details visit wfbf.com/benefits-membership.

Member Benefit of the Month



Have you used any of your Farm Bureau member benefits lately?

A long-standing Farm Bureau member benefit is the \$500 Reward Protection Program.

The reward is paid to a qualifying individual

who provides information that leads to the arrest and conviction of any person who commits the crime(s) of arson, theft or criminal damage to a Farm Bureau member's property where the reward sign is posted.

There are \$500 Reward signs as well as windows-adhesive decals available.

The \$500 Reward signs or window stickers are available by contacting your WFBF District 6 Coordinator Becky Salm at 866.355.7345 or bsalm@wfbf.com or can be ordered at no cost directly from the WFBF office in Madison.

Lunch and Learn with WFBF



Wisconsin Farm Bureau is excited to announce a new Lunch and Learn series for members to learn not only more about Farm Bureau but to also build personal and professional development skills.

On the first and third Wednesday each month, from noon to 12:30 p.m., join Wisconsin Farm Bureau members and staff for personal and professional development opportunities.

The first Wednesday of the month will offer a webinar on topics ranging from advocacy to working with legislators and Farm Bureau programs to engaging consumers. The third Wednesday of each month will feature a tour of farms from Wisconsin's diverse agriculture industry.

Follow Wisconsin Farm Bureau on Facebook to stay up to date on webinar topics and information on how to register and request to be added to the WFBF Commodity Tour group on Facebook. **We can't wait to join you for lunch!**

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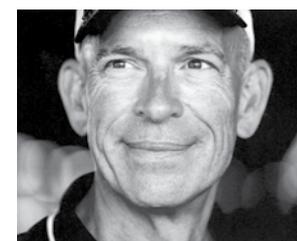
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Save the Date: Calumet Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

Join us at 7:45 p.m. on **Tuesday, September 26**, at The Neighborhood Pub and Grill in Chilton for the Calumet County Farm Bureau annual meeting.

You won't want to miss this year's speaker: Don Niles, who is the president of Peninsula Pride, a farmer-led watershed in Door and Kewaunee counties. He also is a veterinarian and co-owner of Dairy Dreams farm. He will speak about farmer-led watershed groups and share how Peninsula Pride got started.



Dairy Dreams Dairy is owned by two partners, John Pagel and Don Niles.

These two long-time friends decided to build a modern dairy in northern Kewaunee County. Over the years, the dairy has grown from 1,400 to 2,800 cows, along with young stock, at the same site.

"We have always stressed superb cow care as the cornerstone of our farm," said Don. "Attention to detail to 'all things cow' is a central core commitment. Along with caring for our animals comes a commitment to farm the shallow soils of northern Kewaunee with a similar degree of care. We are very focused on leaving the next generation with a successful farm that is a welcome neighbor."

Register for the 2017 Ag Open

This year's Wisconsin Ag Open will be on **Monday, September 11**, at Christmas Mountain Village in Wisconsin Dells. 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 information, visit wfbf.com/aboutwfbf/foundation/wisconsin-ag-open.

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