




# Calumet County Farm Bureau

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## Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation



The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation invites you to attend

# AG DAY AT THE CAPITOL

## January 24, 2018

Monona Terrace Convention Center • Madison, WI

### Early Registration Deadline: January 18

**Cost: \$25** per person by registration deadline.

**\$30** after deadline and at the door.

### Schedule of Events:

- 11:00 a.m. Registration
- 11:30 a.m. Opening Program
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch
- 12:45 p.m. Legislative Briefing
- 3:00 p.m. Leave for Capitol Visits

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## District Membership Incentives

Know a friend who might be interested in joining Farm Bureau? Feel good about helping your organization grow and get a chance to win some great prizes too!

### Carry it Forward

**First Down:** Volunteer membership workers who sign up at least one new member by **January 31** will receive Farm Bureau popcorn.

**Two-point Conversion:** Volunteer membership workers who sign up two or more new members by **February 28** will have the opportunity to autograph their district's commemorative Farm Bureau Proud Football that will be awarded by a drawing at the end of the membership year to one of those who autographed it.

**Field Goal:** Volunteer membership workers who sign up three or more new members by **March 30** will receive a Farm Bureau Proud Knit Cap.

**Touchdown:** Volunteer membership workers who sign up seven or more new members by **July 31** will receive a Farm Bureau Proud Fleece to be presented at their county annual meeting.

Don't forget this is in addition to the \$20 volunteer membership workers receive for signing any new members throughout the year. Watch for more district incentives coming out soon.





# COUNTYnews

CALUMET COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION



## Calumet County Farm Bureau Celebrates Successes during Annual Meeting

There were about 48 members and guests that attended this year's annual meeting to hear guest speaker Zach Sutter from Peninsula Pride Farms. Zach shared how Peninsula Pride Farms started and how a farmer-led watershed works in a neighboring county.

Supporters of the new fair food stand were recognized and thanked.

The county passed several resolutions that will be shared with the WFBF Policy Development Committee for consideration:

### Federal

1. That action be taken to make into law that the term 'milk' should not be used to label and describe food products that are derived from vegetative plants and trees.
2. We oppose using the non-GMO label on products that are not

currently developed as a GMO, i.e., labeling strawberries as non-GMO when there is no GMO strawberries.

### State

1. That action be taken to make into law that the term 'milk' should not be used to label and describe food products that are derived from vegetative plants and trees.
2. We support the use of tile drainage and being able to apply manure to properly maintained tiled lands.

### Local

1. We support the continuation of the 4-H Extension agent in Calumet County due to the importance of this youth organization.



Calumet County Farm Bureau members took a break from corn silage harvest to attend the 75th annual meeting.



Peninsula Pride board member Zach Sutter share how Peninsula Pride started and answered questions about farmer led watersheds.

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## District Coordinator Update



*"Nobody cares how much you know, until they know how much you care." - Theodore Roosevelt*

Greetings Farm Bureau members,

No one ever said farming was easy. I knew that when I started farming with my husband, now 10 years ago. Our size, location, and much more has changed since we started but we keep going.

This year started off particularly tough in losing our hay ground to winterkill. We prayed for dry days to complete planting. We hoped the hail would miss our corn when storm after storm rolled in. Now, we try to wait patiently as the corn dries to start harvest. Farmers endure. We farm knowing in the blink of an eye it could be gone.

We manage risk, we pray for good times to come.

Why? We care. We care about agriculture, providing for our animals, growing a safe and nutritious product for our consumers. We care about the heritage and legacy of those who farmed before us and try to provide a pathway for those to farm after we are gone. We care about the land, the water, our environment around us.

As a member of Farm Bureau, the state's largest and most influential farm organization, you are a part of an organization that cares. Our members show they care in taking part of the policy development process that empowers our members into positive action.

In addition, programs like Young Farmers and Agriculturists, Promotion and Education Committee and Ag in the Classroom

provide members opportunities to connect and share their stories of caring with consumers young and old.

Thank you for being a Farm Bureau member, caring for the future of agriculture and for participating in this annual meeting. I am amazed by the accomplishments of our members and am very pleased to be a part of the Farm Bureau team.

Farm Bureau is the strong organization that it is because of how much you care.

Agriculture is abundant here and together we will continue to be A Voice for Farmers and A Vision for Agriculture.

Kind Regards,

**Becky Salm**

District 6 Coordinator

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## President's Message



Hello Calumet County Farm Bureau members,

My name is Sean VanderHeiden. I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve on the board of the directors as president. This is my second year serving on the board of directors.

In my first year, I was involved with getting the scholarship re-vamped and with the planning and completion of the new food stand at the Calumet County Fair grounds.

I was born and raised in Chilton with a love for agriculture. I began my ag carrier (career?)

working for a neighborhood farmer doing field work, and then moving into helping with day-to-day operations.

Currently, I work as an agronomist privately for a couple of farms while I am finishing my degree at Fox Valley Technical College.

Being a young person in the industry I have a lot to learn and look forward to serving my community. I look forward to serving you this year and for years to come.

**Sean VanderHeiden**

Calumet County Farm Bureau president

## Farm Bureau Leaders Visit Washington, D.C., to Talk to Legislators

In September, members of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Dairy and Farm Bill Committees and Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Board of Directors visited Washington, D.C. Calumet County's Lyle Ott was the District 6 representative for the Dairy Committee. Farm Bureau leaders became lobbyists for a day while meeting with Wisconsin's congressional delegation on September 13. The issues discussed were the 2018 Farm Bill, dairy policy and immigration reform.

"Wisconsin Farm Bureau members took the opportunity to discuss their concerns with the leaders who make decisions on their behalf," Wisconsin Farm Bureau President Jim Holte said. "These committee members have spent time studying and researching, in-depth, what the future should look like for a 2018 farm bill and specifically the MPP program. The group was highly impressive on the Hill with their questions, concerns and asks."

Attendees also met with officials from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Canadian Embassy along with the U.S. Trade Representative.

Members on the trip also included: Peter Badtke, Ripon; Bill Barlass, Janesville; Joe Bragger, Independence; Dave Daniels, Union

Grove; Lynn Dickman, Plover; Kristy Erickson, Clintonville; Rosalie Geiger, Reedsville; Tim Geiger, Whitehall; Dick Gorder, Mineral Point; James Hebbe, Green Lake; John Herricks, Cashton; Roger Hildebrandt, Hutisford; Jim Holte, Elk Mound; Lloyd Holterman, Watertown; Derek Husmoen, Arcadia; Peter Kimball, River Falls; Kevin Krentz, Berlin; Adam Kuczer, Pulaski; Dan Meyer, Kiel; Arch Morton Jr., Janesville; Rosie Lisowe, Chilton; Lyle Ott, Hilbert; Don Radtke, Merrill; Bob Roden, West Bend; Michael Salter, Black Creek; Renee Schaal, Burlington; Rick Wester, Centuria; and Sam Zimmermann, Ringle.



## Ag in the Classroom Announces Essay Contest

The 2018 Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Book of the Year is written by Wisconsin native Tracy Nelson Maurer. "John Deere, That's Who!" teaches students about agricultural advancements in technology, efficiency and productivity.

Each year, the Ag in the Classroom program holds an essay contest in conjunction with the book of the year for fourth and fifth grade students throughout the state. This year's essay contest topic is, 'Inventions that have made agriculture great.'

"Technology is something that many students don't associate with agriculture," said Darlene Arneson, Ag in the Classroom Coordinator. "This year's book and essay contest will give students the opportunity to explore how technology is helping produce food, fuel and fiber and for teachers to incorporate ag into their STEM curriculum."

Essay submissions must be 100- to 300-words in length and will be

judged on content, grammar, spelling and neatness. The essay contest rules, lesson plans and sample classroom activities are located at [wisagclassroom.org/whats-new](http://wisagclassroom.org/whats-new). Essays are due **April 2, 2018**.

Nine district winners will be selected with one being chosen as the state winner in May by the WFBF Promotion and Education Committee. Each district winner will receive a classroom presentation for their class.

The essay contest is sponsored by We Energies and the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation. Last year, more than 2,800 students participated in the contest.

Questions about the book or how to place an order can be directed to [aitc@wfbf.com](mailto:aitc@wfbf.com).



## Beautiful New Fair Food Stand

Out with the old and in with the new. This year a dream of your county Farm Bureau came true. A new fair food stand. So many wonderful businesses owners and individuals stepped up to help with this project.

Thank you to: Ken's Septic, Moehn Plumbing, Diamond Door's, Mike's Electric, Buechel Stone, GW Construction, Kris Woelfel, Master Plan, Altitude Roofing, Lisowe Welding and Fab (Todd Lisowe), Lisowe and Sons, Evan's

Polishing and Rural Mutual Insurance agent Randy Pingel, who definitely went above and beyond to help organize this undertaking.

Thank you to those who worked hard to make our Calumet County Fair Food stand a success. Without your help, we couldn't do it.

Looking forward to working with you next year.



## Upcoming Events

### December

1-4 98<sup>th</sup> WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference

### January

5-10 98<sup>th</sup> AFBF Annual Convention, Nashville, Tennessee  
19 FFA Farm Forum early registration deadline  
23 Council of Presidents Meeting  
24 Ag Day at the Capitol

### February

1 FFA Farm Forum final registration deadline  
16-17 FFA Farm Forum, Wisconsin Rapids

### March

1 Ag in the Classroom Matching Grant applications due  
30 County Early Bird Bonanza membership cut-off

### April

1 Ag in the Classroom essays due to county essay coordinators  
5-6 IGNITE Conference  
6 Second round of White-Reinhardt Mini-Grant applications due to AFBFA

## Welcome New Board Members



**Simon Regan** grew up near Oostburg, in southern Sheboygan County. His love for agriculture started young, watching neighboring farmers and getting tractor rides whenever possible. He started milking cows when he was 13 for a neighbor until the end of high school when he joined the Marines.

After getting discharged from the Marines, Simon worked as a diesel mechanic for a short while before getting back into farming. He attended Lakeshore Technical College's dairy herd management program and worked for a few area dairy farms prior to moving to Calumet County.

Simon is part-owner of Gold Star Dairy Farms LLC, and does most of the feeding, maintenance and helps oversee the crop and manure work.

He looks forward to being a part of Calumet County Farm Bureau.



Photo courtesy of Wisconsin Communication Team 2017.

Debbi Calaway lives in Jericho; where she lives with her husband Joe. They have two children Brady and Brook, who work on Ditter Farms. Together they raise and show Pinzgauer beef. Debbi served on the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation as president, vice president and secretary of the Wisconsin 4-H Leaders Council. She served on Calumet County's 4-H Executive Board serving as secretary and as vice president. Debbi earned the 4-H Special Leadership Award and 4-H Foundation Volunteer of the Year Award for Calumet County. She is part of the Midwest Pinzgauer Association helping with the youth association and was secretary and treasurer for the Wisconsin Cattlewomen's Association, and also served on the Wisconsin Beef Council.

Debbi is a nationally certified and state licensed first responder and on the Town of Calumet Fire Department. She works as a certified medical assistant for BayCare at the Orthopedic Clinic in Manitowoc and Pain Management in Green Bay.

In her spare time, Debbi enjoys scrapbooking, reading, painting, Pinzgauer cattle and traveling. Debbi looks forward to learning more and serving on the Farm Bureau Board.

## District 6 YFA Discussion Meet

The District 6 YFA Discussion Meet was held on August 8 at the Rural Mutual office in St. Nazianz. There were five very qualified contestants who participated. This year's District 6 topic was: **Formation of family farm corporations is common practice. How can Farm Bureau work to ensure that the public's positive perception of the family farm is not lost?**

The five contestants were Mikayla Kuehl and Ryan Schulz from Kewaunee County and Jamie Propson, David Propson and Kelly Wilfert from Manitowoc County. The three contestants who were selected are Jamie and David Propson and Kelly Wilfert and will move on to compete at the YFA Conference.

If you see the contestants, wish them the best as they move on to the state competition on **December 1-3** at the YFA Conference.



## Calumet County Farm Bureau Searching for 2018 Princess Applicants



The search is on for the new 2018 Calumet County Farm Bureau Princess.

If you have a passion for agriculture and want to share your knowledge with others, apply today.

Duties include parades and appearances at Sundae on the Farm, and the Calumet County Annual Meeting.

### Calumet County Farm Bureau Princess Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name of parents' \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Bureau membership number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

What organizations are you affiliated with? Please list any offices you have held (school, church, 4-H, FFA, etc.)

Why do you want to be the Calumet County Farm Bureau Princess?

What additional information about yourself would you like us to know?

Please submit the completed application to: Calumet County Farm Bureau, P.O. Box 5550, Madison, WI 53705 or to District 6 Coordinator Becky Salm at bsalm@wfbf.com. Due: **December 1.**

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Stay up-to-date on upcoming Calumet County Farm Bureau events by liking us on Facebook.

## Welcome New Members

Please welcome the following individuals/businesses to the Farm Bureau family:

Sarah Adamson\*, Regina Bothe, Jennifer Bradley\*, Garret Carnahan\*, Jessica Fesing, Leroy Fhlug, Al Frank, Albert Frank, David Genslak, Navroop Gill, Navnell Gill, Shannon Gretz, Nicole Hickinbotham, Gloria Hutchinson, Steven Jacobs, Kim Karls\*, Joseph Koehler\*, Kreative Knots, Mark Krueger\*, Don Lisowe\*, Stephen Meier, David Meyer\*, Roger Meyers\*, Shannon Roemer, Adam Sabel, Anna Salazar, William Salkowski, Brian Schmidt\*, Tyler Schmitt, Ryan Schneider\*, Andy Schuh\*, Joel Thorpe, Tim Toepel\*, Richard Voight, Stefanie Voight, Gregory Vollmer\* and Dwayne Walters.

*\*Denotes voting member.*

Calumet County Farm Bureau ended the year with a loss of 19 new voting members and loss of 20 associate members. Please consider thinking of asking a friend to become a Farm Bureau member. Our strength comes in our members.

## IGNITE Conference

Join us for the 2018 IGNITE Conference at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Stevens Point on **April 5-6, 2018.**

IGNITE: Innovate, Grow, Network, Inform, Train, Engage is a statewide information, training and fun-filled member engagement meeting for county Farm Bureau members. The purposes is the strengthen county leaders and Farm Bureau by providing them with program ideas, resources and new skills to carry out the mission of their county Farm Bureau.

More than 20 workshops available following four training tracks: 1. Governance and organization 2. Building Farm Bureau 3. Communicating for agriculture and Farm Bureau 4. Policy, issues and advocacy. No matter what your involvement in Farm Bureau is, this a great opportunity to network with other county leaders and get more involved. Mark your calendars now.

