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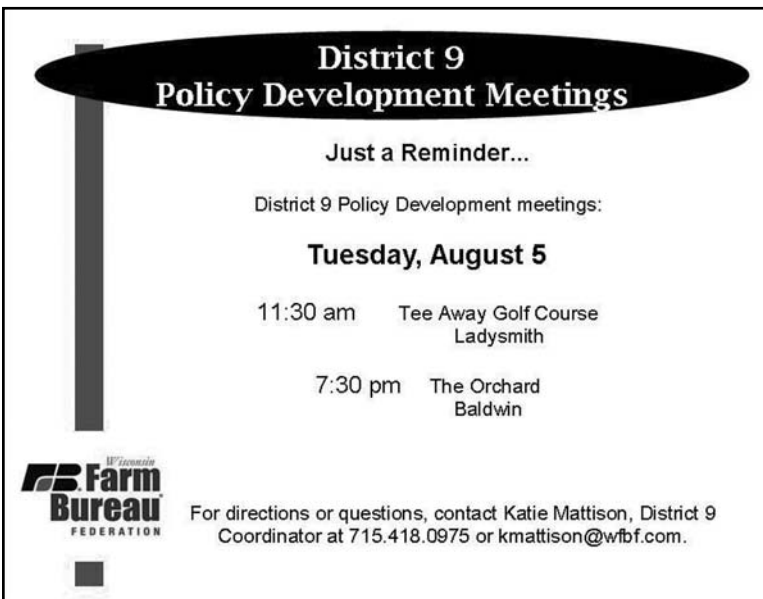
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## Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation



**District 9**  
**Policy Development Meetings**


Just a Reminder...

District 9 Policy Development meetings:

**Tuesday, August 5**

11:30 am Tee Away Golf Course  
Ladysmith

7:30 pm The Orchard  
Baldwin

 For directions or questions, contact Katie Mattison, District 9 Coordinator at 715.418.0975 or kmattison@wbf.com.

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Farm Bureau News

## Rural Mutual Sponsors YFA Conference

Again this year, Rural Mutual is generously offering sponsorship for those who have never attended the WFBF YFA Conference in the past to become involved in our organization by attending this year's event. From the applications received by August 15, Rural will select up to 100 first-timers to receive sponsorship to the conference. Sponsorship will include the conference registration fee and two nights lodging at the Kalahari Resort.

In addition, Rural recognizes that it is critical for these new members to have a mentor at the county level. Thus, any YFA who refers new YFA members who are selected for sponsorship to attend this year's event may qualify for a \$100 cash award (you must be present at the Friday, December 6 banquet and program to collect the cash award).

All participants must be Farm Bureau members by September 30, 2014 to qualify for sponsorship. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Tracy Pape, Rural Mutual Insurance Company, at 608.828.5401 or tpape@ruralins.com.



### Want to get away?

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation's Young Farmer and Agriculturist (YFA) Conference will be held **December 5-7, 2014** at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells. Make plans now to join other YFA members for this exciting event!

Top-notch speakers, great entertainment, a unique networking opportunity and a weekend of family fun – and you are invited to attend, as our guest!




**2014 Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation**  
Young Farmer and Agriculturist Conference

**AGENDA**

**Friday, December 5**

Afternoon: Free Time  
3:00 p.m. Registration/Check-in  
5:00 p.m. First-Timers' Orientation  
6:00 p.m. Banquet and Program  
7:30 p.m. District YFA Meetings  
8:30 p.m. YFA Reception/Entertainment  
Featuring Mantz Brothers Band

**Saturday, December 6**

7:00 a.m. Registration/Check-in  
8:00 a.m. Discussion Meet Contestant Orientation  
8:30 a.m. Discussion Meet Quarter Finals  
10:30 a.m. YFA Buffet Brunch and Program  
12:30 p.m. Excellence in Ag Presentations and Achievement Award Interviews  
1:30 p.m. Discussion Meet Semi-Finals  
2:00 p.m. Trade Show opens  
2:40 p.m. Breakout Learning Sessions  
4:30 p.m. Reception – Trade Show  
6:00 p.m. Farm Bureau Extravaganza!  
8:30 p.m. Free Time

**Sunday, December 7**

7:30 a.m. Morning Devotional  
8:30 a.m. Collegiate Discussion Meet Final  
9:30 a.m. YFA Discussion Meet Final  
10:30 a.m. Buffet Brunch and Program  
• Announcement of YFA Contest winners  
12:00 p.m. YFA Conference Ends

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[www.facebook.com/WisconsinYFA](http://www.facebook.com/WisconsinYFA)

### A special offer from Rural Mutual Insurance Company

If you've never attended this event before, Rural Mutual wants to sponsor you and your family. Just complete the sponsorship application on the back of this form and send it to the address at the bottom of the page. You may apply as an individual or as a couple, but don't delay - only 50 double-occupancy rooms are available, and the deadline to apply is August 15!

If you are a Farm Bureau member age 18-35 and are selected for sponsorship, Rural Mutual will pay the conference registration fee for you and your spouse/guest and two nights lodging at the Kalahari Resort. Registration fee includes registrant meals, workshop sessions and entertainment. If selected, you will be notified by September 12, and additional details regarding the conference will be mailed to you with a conference registration form that you will be required to complete.

### Refer a Friend - Qualify for Cash!

Any YFA member who refers another who is accepted for sponsorship and attends the event will qualify for a \$100 cash award. (Limit: One award per family - you must be present at Friday night's banquet to qualify.) See referral form on reverse side.





# COUNTYnews

DUNN COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

## Implements of Husbandry Informational Meeting Held

More than 200 people attended a presentation at the Dunn County Judicial Center on April 28 to learn more about the new Implements of Husbandry (IoH) laws on how farm machinery operates on Wisconsin roads. This legislation was authored by Senator Jerry Petrowski and Representative Keith Ripp. It was signed into law by Governor Walker on April 23 as Wisconsin Act 377.

This recently signed Wisconsin legislation updates the definition of Implements of Husbandry, extends weight limitations from a maximum single axle weight of 20,000 pounds to 23,000 and the maximum gross vehicle weight from 80,000 to 92,000 pounds. The bill also addresses length and width limits, safety concerns to lighting and rules of the road. The legislation will require farmers and large equipment operators to obtain permits from their local town, county or state units of government,



Mike Klingenberg, Wisconsin State Patrol (left), Paul Zimmerman, Governmental Relations with Wisconsin Farm Bureau (center) and Cheryl Skjolaas, Agriculture Safety Specialist with UW-Extension (right) informed the group of the changes with the Implements of Husbandry.

depending on the roads the equipment will be operated on.

Thank you to Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation's Paul Zimmerman, UW-Extension Agriculture Safety Specialist Cheryl Skjolaas and Wisconsin State Patrol's Mike Klingenberg for presenting these new law changes about farm machinery on Wisconsin roadways to farmers, law enforcement, elected town and county officials.

For more information on Implements of Husbandry please visit the WI DOT website at [www.agvehicles.dot.wi.gov](http://www.agvehicles.dot.wi.gov) or [wfbf.com/legislative/ioh](http://wfbf.com/legislative/ioh).

## Meet Katie Mattison, New District 9 Coordinator



Hello Farm Bureau members!

Summer has finally arrived and it is an exciting time of year with new beginnings. I am excited to begin a new chapter in my life serving as your District 9 Coordinator.

I would like to share a little bit about myself. I grew up in Amery on my parents' elk farm and was very involved in 4-H and FFA. In 2005, I graduated from UW-River Falls with a bachelors degree in agriculture business and have spent the past 8 years as an agricultural lender. I am also a 2013 graduate of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Institute and recently served on the WFBF YFA Committee representing District 9.

I have a passion for agriculture and I look forward to working with all of you to promote this great industry. If you have any questions, comments or ideas please feel free to contact me. I would love to hear from you.

**Katie Mattison**  
District 9 Coordinator

## Help at the Dunn County Fair - July 23-27

Help is needed for all shifts in the Farm Bureau Food Stand. Shifts are flexible and every hour you can help is appreciated! Contact Dale and Cindy Quilling at 715.235.2213 or Lynn Klatt at 715.235.0718 if you are interested in helping.

Spend some time with neighbors and meet new friends at the fair!

Proceeds from the fair help:

- Support local 4-H and FFA programs
- Donations to organizations including the Ronald McDonald House, Stepping Stones Food Pantry, Menomonie Free Clinic
- Ag in the Classroom programs
- Young Farmer and Agriculturist programs
- Women's events and programs



## Find Your Name and Win

Don't forget to look for your name in this newsletter! If you find your name you could win \$10 towards next year's membership dues. All you have to do is read your newsletter, search for your name in a box (see example below), and if you find your name, you have 30 days to contact Geri Wolfe at 715.962.3809 to let her know.

Good Luck!

For Example:

Name

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## Dunn County's Shoreland Vegetative Buffer Submitted by Bob Colson, Dunn County Planner/Zoning Administrator

The Dunn County Shore Land/Wetland Ordinance regulates a variety of wetland and shoreland areas. This article focuses on the new requirements to establish and maintain a vegetative buffer.

The purpose of the vegetative buffer zone is to protect water quality, fish and wildlife habitat and natural scenic beauty. Areas regulated by the vegetative buffer include all the lands in the unincorporated areas of Dunn County which are either;

A. Within 1,000 feet of the ordinary high-water mark (OHWM) of navigable lakes, ponds or flowages or

B. Within 300 feet of the OHWM of navigable rivers or streams.

Beginning July 1, 2015, waterfront landowners, including agricultural landowners, will be required to establish and maintain a 35-foot vegetative buffer zone, measured landward from the OHWM. The following are some examples of the vegetative buffer as it relates to agricultural land.

A minimum of 35 feet of land free of row crops and seeded to grass, alfalfa or other close-growing crop shall be maintained from the OHWM. This buffer may be reduced to a 20 foot minimum, provided the land owner can prove that the buffer or cropland field has a phospho-

rus index of two or less. Cropland converted to a vegetative buffer may be harvested.

Pasturing of livestock within the vegetative buffer zone is allowed if done in accordance with an approved Natural Resource Conservation Service 578 Managed Grazing Plan.

This is a brief overview of the vegetative buffer. For answers to specific questions or to request a copy of the ordinance contact Bob Colson, Planner/Zoning Administrator, at 715.231.6522 or by email at rcolson@co.dunn.wi.us.

## Elk Mound Student is Ag in the Classroom Essay Winner

Issie Hollister, a fourth grade student from Elk Mound, is the Dunn County winner of the Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest. Wisconsin fourth and fifth graders were asked to write a 100 to 300 word essay with the theme, "Wisconsin Gardens Provide Many Food Choices for Us."

Issie is the daughter of Rick and Jodi Hollister. Mr. Hahn is her fourth grade teacher at Mound View Elementary School in Elk Mound.

Dunn County Ag in the Classroom coordinator Kay Gilbertson (left) along with fourth grade teacher Mr. Hahn (right) presented Issie Hollister with a certificate and prizes for being the Dunn County Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest winner.



### Here is Issie's essay:

Raymond Dohm

Growing a garden makes people feel great! Growing a garden of even a couple of fruits or vegetables can make people feel happier and healthier, because it takes only 6 steps, they provide food that is healthy and delicious, and you can grow them in tons of places.

My first reason growing a garden makes people feel happy and healthier is because it takes only six steps.

First, plant your seedlings. Then water your seedlings. Next, put them in a spot with plenty of sunshine. Then harvest your own food. Clean your food off. Finally, enjoy!!

My second reason growing a garden makes people happy and healthier is because the fruits and vegetables are healthy and delicious.

I know for a fact that your body appreciates healthy food. I remember when I was only four or five, my dad had a huge bowl of grapes. He told me, "Eat as many as you want." Now, he wasn't thinking I would eat as many as I did. I ended up eating the whole bowl. When I was finished, I was running around outside and I didn't even have a belly ache!

My last reason why growing a garden makes people feel happy and healthier is because a garden can be grown in MANY different places.

A couple of months ago, I planted some seeds. I used some supplies and an area that had enough space for plants to grow. I put them in a window and BAM the seeds were growing in no time!

So, overall, growing a garden makes people feel happy and healthier because it takes six steps, gardens provide healthy and delicious food, and you can grow them in MANY different places. So sometime, you should try growing your own food!

## YFA Members Attend "Farmland"

On May 1, members travelled to Oakdale, MN to see the new film, "Farmland." Most Americans have never stepped foot on a farm or ranch or even talked to the people who grow and raise the food they eat. Farmland takes an intimate look at the lives of farmers and ranchers in their twenties, all of whom are responsible for running their farms. Through this film from award-winning director, James Moll, you'll step inside the world of farming for a first-hand glimpse into the lives of young farmers and ranchers. Learn about their high-risk/high-reward jobs and passion for a way of life that has been passed down from generation to generation, yet continues to evolve. Director James Moll traveled across the country meeting young farmers and ranchers. To watch the trailer and to catch a glimpse of stories shared during his interviews visit the website: [www.farmlandfilm.com](http://www.farmlandfilm.com).



YFA members from District 9 travelled to Oakdale, MN to see a showing of the new film, "Farmland".

## Dates to Remember

### July

9-13

Northern Wisconsin State Fair – Chippewa Falls

23-27

Dunn County Fair

### August

5

District 9 Policy Development meetings

14

District 9 YFA Discussion Meet

15

WFBF Institute Class IX applications due

15

YFA Conference sponsorship forms due

### September

8

Wisconsin Ag Open Golf Outing

23

Dunn County Farm Bureau annual meeting

## There are Benefits to Your Farm Bureau Membership:

<b>Auto</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Supplies and Products</b>
• General Motors Discount	• ScriptSave® Prescription Drug	• Case IH
<b>Communication</b>	• Savings Card	• FS-GROWMARK Patronage
• AgriVisor (NEW)	• Stroke Detection Plus	• Grainger
• The Country Today	<b>Insurance</b>	• Office Depot
<b>Financial</b>	• Rural Mutual Insurance Company	<b>Travel</b>
• AgriPlan Medical Reimbursement Program	• Farm Bureau Financial Services	• AAA
• Farm Bureau Bank	<b>Protection</b>	• AVIS Car Rental Discount Program
	• \$500 Reward Protection Program	• Choice Hotels International, Inc.
	• Accidental Death Policy	• Wyndham Hotel Group

Alvin Robinson

For complete details visit [wfbf.com/benefits-membership](http://wfbf.com/benefits-membership).

## 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Dunn County Dairy Promotions Breakfast Held

Despite the cold, rainy weather, more than 1,100 people came out for the Dunn County Dairy Breakfast. Attendees enjoyed a delicious breakfast featuring all-you-can-eat Dad's Belgian waffles with a variety of syrups, sausage, pudding...and it wouldn't be a dairy breakfast without milk, ice cream and cheese curds from Ellsworth Cooperative Creamery.

Other activities at the breakfast included Elmwood Sacred Heart Catholic Church's bake sale, face painting by Paint Me First, Milk Buds horse drawn wagon rides, farm and pasture tractor drawn wagon rides, antique tractor and car displays, a petting zoo and door prize giveaways.

The 2015 Dunn County Dairy Breakfast will be held on June 6 at Maple Hills Dairy.



Attendees waited in line to enjoy a great breakfast.



The Dunn County Dairy Breakfast was held Saturday, June 7 at County Line Farms near Elmwood.

## Crop Scouting and Fungicide Trial Field Day

Submitted by **Katie Wantoch**, Dunn County UW-Extension

The UW-Extension Offices of Chippewa, Dunn and Eau Claire County are co-hosting Crop Scouting and Fungicide Trial Field Day on July 29 at Chippewa Valley Technical College's West Campus in Eau Claire. This field day will feature updates from UW-Extension specialists Dr. Damon Smith (field crops pathologist) and Bryan Jensen (IPM coordinator). As featured will be fungicide trials on corn along with more than 50 varieties of corn seed and more than 30 varieties of soybean seed planted at CVTC's plot. For more information contact Katie Wantoch at Dunn County UW-Extension at 715.232.1636.

## WFBF Seeks Photos for Rural Route

Wisconsin Farm Bureau members live and work on some of the most beautiful pieces of land. In *Rural Route* WFBF would like to highlight those sights and special moments with your families and friends.

Please email your photos (high resolution jpgs, 4x6 inches at 300 dpi) to [ssutton@wfbf.com](mailto:ssutton@wfbf.com).

*(Due to the high volume of photos received, we are unable to include every photo.)*



## Institute Applications Due August 15

The Farm Bureau Institute is a year-long premier leadership training course at a graduate level whose mission is to produce strong and effective county Farm Bureau leaders. The training focuses on personal growth and development, public speaking, working effectively with all forms of media, creativity training, understanding the role and functions of WFBF and Rural Mutual Insurance Company, training on working with government at the local, state and national levels, working to bridge the generational divide among volunteers, consideration of current national and international agricultural issues and completion of a Farm Bureau Personal Development Leadership Plan.

To obtain a copy of the application and to learn more about the program, please visit [wfbf.com/programsevents/leadership-training-institute](http://wfbf.com/programsevents/leadership-training-institute).



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## Watershed Display Available

What is a watershed? A watershed is a defined land area that captures rainfall and other precipitation and funnels it to a particular river, lake or stream.

Dunn County Farm Bureau has an interactive watershed display for use at your event. If you would like to use this display or would like more information, please contact Geri Wolfe at 715.962.3809.



## Save the Date!



Dunn County Farm Bureau's annual meeting will be held **Tuesday, September 23**. Watch your mail for more information.

## Welcome New Members

Chad Amundson\*\*  
 Scott Baier\*\*  
 Monica Bertsch  
 Stephanie Butler\*\*  
 Matthew Dexter  
 Mark Dietsche\*\*  
 Robert Jensen\*\*  
 Kelly Jensen\*\*

Avis Kragness  
 Jared Longdo\*\*  
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