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Save the Date: Langlade County Policy Development Meeting

Maybe it's not an election year, but politics is still in the news.

So is Farm Bureau policy, so let's get it started at the grassroots level. Come and participate in your county Farm Bureau policy development meeting at 7:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, September 20**, at the Insight FS office board room in Antigo.

Some current issues in the news that you might consider bringing your opinions to the meeting about are:

- Water quality
- Labeling and marketing of agricultural products
- Farm bill

Please RSVP by September 19 to Tom Houdek at 715.627.2156.

Policy Development Meeting
7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20
Insight FS Office Board Room, Antigo



2017 Farm Bureau Policy

Adopted by delegates at the 92nd Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting.

Farm Bureau

YFA Planning Trip to the Edgar Steam Show By Joe Markgraf



Langlade YFA member Jake Bula placed third in the tractor pull at the Langlade County Fair.

I want to highlight that at the Langlade County Fair, Jake Bula one of our YFA committee members placed in the annual tractor pull. He got third in the 17,000 pound class. Owner of the tractor is Nagel Dairy LLC. **Congratulations Jake.**

The YFA is planning on taking a trip to the Edgar Steam Show on **Sunday, August 27**. It should be a great fun and educational event for an end of August day.

If you want to come along with the group, please contact the YFA chair Joe Markgraf at 715.216.3868.

Also, please contact Joe if you have other ideas that would be fun to do as a group this fall, i.e., farm tour, haunted corn maze, etc.

Lunch and Learn with Wisconsin Farm Bureau

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 of 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.





COUNTYnews

LANGLADE COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION



Spring Ag in the Classroom Farm Tour Is Successful By Christy Sveda-Schreiber



Kindergarten students got a chance to be farm kids for a day at Sveda Farm's tour.

May 25 was a beautiful day! Gwyn and Cadence gave another great kindergarten class, a tour of Sveda Farms LLC.

The students and chaperones enjoyed visiting our cows and the cows enjoyed the cookies the students treated them with, too.

Gwyn explained what we feed our cows and what it takes to care for them. Cadence introduced our newest calf addition to them. We had a naming contest and they named him Blackie, which I guess was fitting since he was all black except for his white socks and white tipped tail.

Gwyn and Cadence showed them the equipment needed to plant and harvest the crops to feed the animals throughout the year. They finished with chocolate chip cookies, ice cream, cheese and milk.

Thanks for reading and have a safe and bountiful fall.



Students drew cow's numbers and got to meet the animal and learn about it.



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Music in the Park Fundraiser Draws a Crowd By Dick and Judy Bolen



Tom and Janice Houdek helped at the Music in the Park fundraiser.

On June 8, Langlade County Farm Bureau held its first Music in the Park fundraiser. Barbecue sandwiches, chips, pie and ice cream, root beer floats, soda and water were served.

The music, a polka and variety band, was on hand for the entertainment. The crowd, though not real large, was fed and good comments were heard.

The board would be willing to do this again if our organization is selected to be able to cater one of the Music in the Park events next year.

We want to thank our members who helped make this a success with their donations of time and products.



The Langlade County Farm Bureau buffet table awaited the crowds as the Music in the Park event was about to begin.

President's Column



The 2017 Langlade County Fair was held July 26-30 in Antigo. It was a great show with the buildings filled with livestock, small animals and other youth and adult projects and exhibits. Six trophies, donated by the Langlade County Farm Bureau, were awarded to youth exhibiting beef animals.

A special thank you to the 'Antigo Daily Journal' for providing photos of the winners pictured below. Congratulations to the young people taking part in the fair.

Tom Houdek
Langlade County Farm Bureau President



Lily Nagel, reserve champion purebred market steer and reserve champion overall market steer. She is pictured with Korbin Schroeffer.



Alison Peters, grand champion market steer and champion purebred, with Aaron Wickersheim.



Lily Nagel, supreme champion beef breeding female and champion crossbred female. Mia Schroeffer held the trophy sponsored by Langlade County Farm Bureau.



Brodren Bunnell, reserve champion crossbred, with Nolan Bunnell.



Brodren Bunnell, champion purebred, champion showmanship, with Gavin Bunnell.

Promotion and Education Report By Bev Brecklin

When you are reading this, we will be into the fall season. With May being so cold and wet and then, June followed with more rain, I know you will agree with me, that it has been a different kind of year for sure. and ... we can't do anything about the weather.

I had another surprise on July 8, when my husband became sick. He had the chills, a fever and just felt unwell. Early morning on the 9th of July, I took him into the emergency room to find out he had pneumonia in both lungs and sepsis.

I knew sepsis was a bad thing just by the sound of it! It's blood poisoning. He was hospitalized for four days.

It seemed strange to get that sick in the summer. Then, I thought I wouldn't be able to get my annual beef promotion done.

Somehow, I managed to do the beef promotion at Copp's Food Center in Antigo on July 11, the day before I brought my husband home from the hospital.

I want to thank Mason, the meat department manager

and staff for assisting me that day over the lunch hour.

I feel I had enough tourists and visitors that were heading up north. When I left, there were many recipe brochures, etc., provided by the Wisconsin Beef Council for future customers to take. I would say that the beef promotion was a success.

In closing, I want to thank our Farm Bureau friends and family for your well wishes and prayers for my husband Patrick. It is very much appreciated.

Stay well and have a safe fall harvest season.

Until next time.



Bev Brecklin created another successful beef promotion in July at Copp's Food Center in Antigo.

Rural Mutual Insurance Announces Farm Dividend Program

Rural Mutual Insurance Company, premier insurance provider for Wisconsin families, businesses and farms, announces a new dividend program that enables the company to use its financial success to reward farm policyholders for their loyalty to Rural Mutual and commitment to Wisconsin agriculture.

The Rural Mutual Farm Dividend Program is the first of its kind and will return up to 5 percent of farm policyholders' annual earned premium.

Starting in 2017, Rural Mutual farm policyholders may qualify for the Dividend Program if their farm policy has been in force with Rural Mutual for more than one year and is in effect at the end of the year for which the dividend is declared. Dividend calculations will be based on the finan-

cial results of Rural Mutual Insurance Company and its farm product over a three-year period.

If dividends are earned, a check will be mailed or delivered by your Rural Mutual agent shortly after the farm policy renews in the subsequent calendar year. Dividends are not guaranteed and are authorized solely at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

To learn more about Rural Mutual Insurance Company's Farm Dividend Program, visit www.ruralins.com/farm-dividend.



American Farm Bureau Foundation Grants and Scholarships

The American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture has two important applications due **October 15**. The White-Reinhardt Scholarship provides opportunities to the 2018 National Ag in the Classroom Conference for full-time educators or volunteers that actively participate in classroom ag literacy programs or events are now available.

This scholarship program provides travel expense funds to attend the national conference and then use the information gained to expand their outreach to students regarding food, fiber and fuel. The 2018 National Ag in the Classroom Conference is in Portland, Maine, on **June 26-29, 2018**. The White-Reinhardt Mini-Grant Program funds

projects that will increase agricultural literacy. New this year, county and state Farm Bureaus may apply for \$1,000 grants for education programs for grades K-12 in order to initiate new ag literacy programs or expand existing programs.

Grants are available on a competitive basis. The application deadline for the first cycle is **October 15** and **April 15** for the second.

For more information, visit www.agfoundation.org or contact foundation@fb.org.



There are Benefits to Your Farm Bureau Membership:

Financial <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AgriPlan Medical Reimbursement Program • Farm Bureau Bank 	Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AgriVisor • The Country Today 	Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ScriptSave® Prescription Drug Savings Card • Life Line (NEW)
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For complete details visit wfbf.com/benefits-membership.

An Often-Overlooked Tax Deduction By Darlene Eckerman

Today any farm must consider itself a business. A business under one hundred employees is considered a 'small' business and has many advantages attached to that.

When you count your expenses are you keeping track of all your meal and entertainment expenses? How often do you go out to eat? How often do you go out and not talk about your farm or family business? We live that day in and day out.

That meal then becomes a tax deduction. Receipts are not needed for meals under \$75 dollars so you are able to go back and make a log of all those meal expenses for the past year of 2017.

What is needed though is the: Date, where you went, who you went with, how much was spent including the tip and what business was discussed.

Put this on your phone, on a calendar or on your computer. There are even good phone apps for this. Make sure all your meal and entertainment expenses qualify and pick up those legitimate tax savings.

If you have questions, please contact me at 715.623.2520 or deckermantax@gmail.com.



YFA Contest Training Night Is a Success By Brian Preder



Potential District 7 contestants for the three YFA contests met to get the application basics from WFBF Director of Training and Leadership Development Wendy Kannel (standing) and a few 'tips' from 2016 WFBF Discussion Meet winner Kristi Fiedler (second from right).

We had a good turnout of Young Farmer and Agriculturist members at the contest training session on May 23 at the CRI Resource Center in Shawano.

WFBF Director of Training and Leadership Development Wendy Kannel provided the information new contestants need to feel comfortable with the applications for the Young Farmer Achievement Award, the Excellence in Agriculture Award and the YFA Discussion Meet.

Some past participants in the contests also were on hand to give helpful tips for success.



Humor Corner By Wes Raddatz, District 7 Coordinator

A sports writer interviewed a college football coach about his star player. "He's great on the field," the writer noted, "but how is he in the classroom?"

"He makes straight As," the coach responded. "That's terrific!"

"Yes, but his Bs and Cs are a little slanted."

Megahertz: What you feel when your lap top falls on your foot.

A woman should not ask for help from her brother, because he can't be a brother and assist her, too.

Many young people today are still willing to strive for success ... if they can start from the top and then move up.



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Save the Date: Langlade County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 18

Location: Langlade County Fairgrounds, Clover Room, Antigo

Details: 7 p.m., dinner will be sponsored by Insight FS

Hope to see you there!



Langlade County Farm Bureau Is Now on Facebook

Search for 'Langlade County Farm Bureau' on Facebook and you will find the latest information and notices about events going on in Langlade County Farm Bureau.

Please 'Like' us!



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 7 Coordinator Wes Raddatz at 866.355.7346 or wraddatz@wfbf.com or can be ordered at no cost directly from the WFBF office in Madison.