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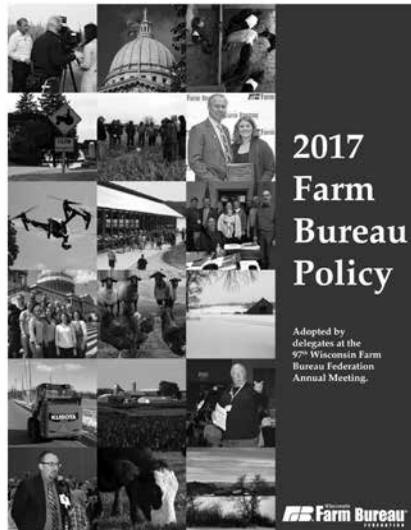
### Save the Date: Marinette County Policy Development Meeting

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 **Tuesday, September 12**, at the Pound Village Hall in Pound.

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
- The farm bill



For more information, please contact District 7 Coordinator Wes Raddatz at 866.355.7346 or wraddatz@wfbf.com.

**Policy Development Meeting  
7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12,  
Pound Village Hall, Pound**

### Volunteer for the Marinette County Fair Ice Cream Stand By Ryan Staidl



Please contact Ryan Staidl to sign up to help at this year's Marinette County Fair ice cream stand.

This year the Marinette County Fair is **August 25-28**. We are looking for anyone who is willing to come have a good time, while scooping ice cream.

Anyone who helps for five or more hour receives a free meal at the fair worker's banquet and Christmas party.

To sign up to help, please call me at 715.938.2713.



### We Want to Hear from You By Cindi Wautier

The Marinette County Farm Bureau board of directors really wants your input.

Your thoughts and ideas will help us make sure Farm Bureau is serving our members to the best of our ability.

What can we do for you? Do you want more learning experiences, social events, farm tours, commodity promotion activities?

Let us know. We want to make Marinette County Farm Bureau stronger and more beneficial for you, our members.

Please contact Marinette County president Ryan Staidl at 715.938.2713 or Cindi Wautier at cindi.wautier@gmail.com.





# COUNTYnews

MARINETTE COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION



## Marinette County Farm Bureau Advocates for Ag at Breakfast on the Farm

By Cindi Wautier

Marinette County Farm Bureau advocated for agriculture at breakfast on the farm.

Young Farmer and Agriculturist members Mitch Bushmaker and Lonnie Bushmaker shared their passion of ag with youth and adults with the My American Farm game kiosks and prize raffle. Fun was had by all.

If you didn't happen to stop by and try out the games at the breakfast on the farm, you can play all the games, videos, digital comic books and more at [myamericanfarm.org](http://myamericanfarm.org) at home on your computer or tablet.

Try them yourself and see how much fun they are, then share the website with your friends so they can try them, too.



The Marinette County Farm Bureau offered some fun prizes for trying out the My American Farms video games.



(from left) Mitch and Lonnie Bushmaker promoted the My American Farm video game display and prize raffle at the Marinette County Breakfast on the Farm.



The My American Farm video game kiosk gave kids a chance to try out the interactive games they can play at home.

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## Marinette County Members Meet Building Farm Bureau Membership Challenge

Two Marinette County members who took the '2x4' membership challenge by signing their names on the District 7 Membership Challenge board achieved their goals of signing two new members by April 1.

Wayne Staidl and Cindi Wautier were honored along with 20 other successful District 7 membership workers at the District 7 Build-

ing Farm Bureau '2x4' pizza party held on April 18 at the Shawano Four Seasons Resort in Shawano.

A special thank you to these 'Farm Bureau Proud' membership volunteers.



Wayne Staidl and Cindi Wautier met the '2x4' membership challenge to get two new members by April (Wayne wasn't available for the photo).



Twenty-two membership workers were honored at the District 7 building Farm Bureau '2x4' pizza party for signing two new members by April.

## President's Report



I hope everyone is having a good summer, after a very trying spring and early summer.

The District 7 YFA Discussion Meet and the District 7 Policy Meeting will be held on **Monday, August 28**, at the Shawano 4 Seasons Resort in Shawano. More detailed information about this meeting is available in Adam Kuczer's article in this newsletter. Marinette County Farm Bureau will reimburse your cost to attend this meeting and I urge everyone to go.

Once again this year, we will be running the ice cream stand at the Marinette County Fair, our biggest fundraiser. It's also a great dairy promotion, and I hope you will consider helping at the stand.

The Marinette County annual meeting is **Tuesday, October 10** at Peppino's Pizza LLC in Peshtigo. We are still checking into ideas for our key note speaker for the event, but there also are a lot of important business items that take place at the annual meeting that we need your input on.

Please put the date on your calendar and plan to attend.

I am working with other board members trying to come up with other new ideas for fun events for the county members. I want to hear your thoughts and ideas on the subject.

**Ryan Staidl**  
Marinette County Farm Bureau President

## District 7 Director's Report

**SAVE the DATE**

On **Monday, August 28**, will be the District 7 Policy Development Meeting and Young Farmer and Agriculturist (YFA) Discussion Meet.

This will be the first time in District 7 history that the two meetings are being held together for an enjoyable night of learning.



The Policy Development Meeting will feature WFBF Local Affairs Director Steve Boe talking about

his newly created position, and how he will interact with county Farm Bureaus around the state to enhance their effectiveness on local issues.

The YFA Discussion Meet competition will feature a panel of YFA members discussing the topic: **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?**



## Register Now for the 2017 Wisconsin Ag Open

This year's Wisconsin Ag Open will be held 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](http://wfbf.com/aboutwfbf/foundation/wisconsin-ag-open).



## 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 [wradddatz@wfbf.com](mailto:wradddatz@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 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.



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## There are Benefits to Your Farm Bureau Membership:

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<b>Supplies and Products</b> ..... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case IH</li> <li>• Caterpillar</li> <li>• FS-GROWMARK Patronage</li> <li>• Grainger</li> <li>• Office Depot</li> </ul>	<b>Insurance</b> ..... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rural Mutual Insurance Company</li> <li>• Farm Bureau Financial Services</li> </ul>	<b>Travel</b> ..... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AAA</li> <li>• AVIS Car Rental Discount Program</li> <li>• Budget (NEW)</li> <li>• Choice Hotels International, Inc.</li> <li>• Wyndham Hotel Group</li> </ul>
	<b>Protection</b> ..... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$500 Reward Protection Program</li> <li>• Accidental Death Policy</li> </ul>	

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

## Save the Date: Succession and Estate Planning Workshop



Marinette County Farm Bureau, Oconto County Farm Bureau and the Rural Mutual Insurance agents will sponsor a Farm Succession and Estate Planning Workshop on **Wednesday, November 8**, at Romy's Holiday Inn in Kelly Lake.

The workshop will begin at 10:30 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided courtesy of the Marinette County and Oconto County Rural Mutual Insurance agents.

This no obligation workshop will help you understand the options that can help you create your succession plan. Even if you already have a plan, you may want to attend to see if anything may have happened recently that might make it advantageous for you to make changes.

Please RSVP by **November 1** to District 7 Coordinator Wes Raddatz at [wrraddatz@wfbf.com](mailto:wrraddatz@wfbf.com) or 866.355.7346.



Oconto UW Extension agent Sarah Mills-Loyd shared advice at the succession planning workshop presented by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau three years ago in Kelly Lake. Another workshop will take place on Wednesday, November 8.

## 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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The board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Pound Village Hall.

## Save the Date: Marinette County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, October 10  
**Location:** Peppino's Pizza LLC Peshtigo  
**Details:** 6:30 p.m. - Registration  
 7 p.m. - Meal served  
**Hope to see you there!**

October



## Attention YFA Members: We Want YOU!

\* **WANTED:** \*

**First Time Attendees**

Join us for the 2017 Wisconsin Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Agriculturists Conference  
December 1-3 at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

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Never attended the Young Farmer and Agriculturist Conference? Now is your chance to experience this conference for FREE! You will network, learn and have fun with engaging speakers, educational workshops, contests and more.

If you are a first-time attendee, Rural Mutual Insurance will pay the conference registration fee for you and a guest and two nights lodging at the Kalahari Resort. Registration fee includes registrant meals, workshop sessions and entertainment. **BUT HURRY!** This sponsorship is limited to 50 individuals/couples! Complete the short application by August 15 at <http://bit.ly/YFARuralSponsorship>

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**REWARD**

**Qualify for Cash - Refer A Friend**

Any YFA member who refers a first-time attendee who is accepted for sponsorship and attends the event will qualify for a \$100 cash award.

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