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Marinette County Farm Bureau SUMMER PICNIC

Join Us...

WHEN: Monday, July 7 • 6:30 p.m.
(meal served at 7 p.m.)

WHERE: Pound Community Park in Pound

WHAT TO BRING: Please bring a dish to pass.

WHAT'S PROVIDED: The Marinette County Farm Bureau will provide the main course and beverages.



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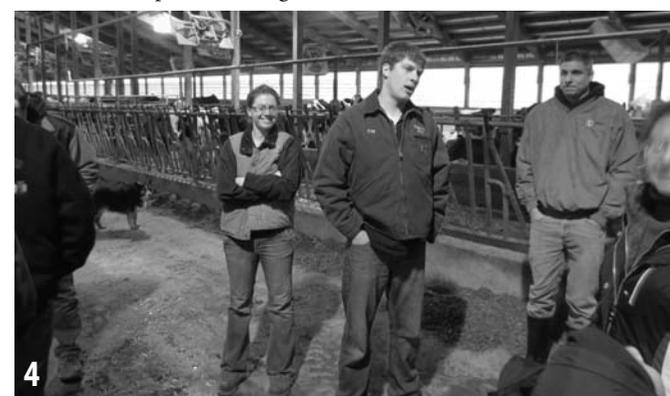
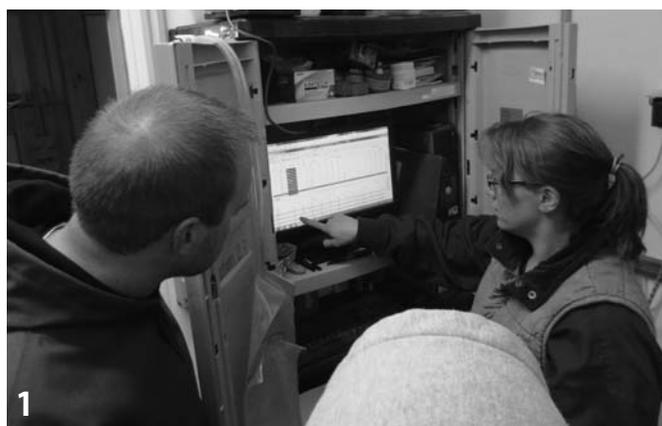
MARINETTE COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

District 7 YFA Members Tour Valley Line Dairy By Kristi Fiedler

On April 26, twenty-six people attended the Valley Line Dairy District 7 YFA Tour near Oconto Falls and three of them are now new Farm Bureau members. Valley Line Dairy is operated by Oconto County Farm Bureau members Troy and Patty Sellen. The highlights of the tour were the new transition barn and refurbished calf barn with automatic calf feeders. Cow health and comfort is the number one priority for the Sellens. This was demonstrated by the improvements made to the facilities and the passion shown

throughout their presentation. Thank you to Troy and Patty Sellen for letting us tour their farm and sharing their story.

After the farm tour, everyone met at the nearby Oconto Falls Town Hall for some pizza, beverages and social time.



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Captions;

1. Patty Sellen explained how the calf self-feeding system computer reports help her manage calf health.
2. Visitors checked out the calf barn's computerized calf self-feeding system.
3. Everyone enjoyed some pizza and conversation after the tour.
4. The Sellens (center), told YFA visitors about the many changes they've made to improve cow comfort and productivity.
5. Patty Sellen talked about the new transition barn's maternity and new-born calf nursery facilities.
6. Patty Sellen explained how she keeps the calves healthy and frisky.

District 7 YFA Report By Brian and Kristi Fiedler

Spring has finally arrived! We wish you all a safe planting and hay making season.

YFA Members! Mark your Calendars!

There are great opportunities for YFA members in District 7 to participate in district and state events. Remember that these activities are available to voting members ages 18-35.

Discussion Meet: The District 7 Discussion Meet has been set for **Thursday, August 7** at the CRI Resource Center in Shawano. Dinner will be at 7 p.m. with the discussion starting at 8 p.m. The Discussion Meet is an activity designed to build crucial skills in young, active farmers and agriculturalists. By participating, members build basic discussion skills, develop a keen understanding of important agricultural issues and explore how groups can pool knowledge to reach consen-

sus and solve problems. This year's topic is: How can young farmers and ranchers work to encourage membership growth and member engagement for the county, state and national Farm Bureau organizations?

Achievement Award: The ideal candidate(s) for the Achievement Award is an individual or couple involved in production agriculture with a majority of their income subject to normal production risks. Selection of the winning YFA competitor is based on his/her efforts in production agriculture and leadership achievement. Participation in this program with individual recognition and the resulting publicity will help build the organization. **Applications are due July 1, 2014.**

Contests & Awards

Excellence in Agriculture: The Farm Bureau Excellence in Agriculture Award Program is designed as an opportunity for YFA members, while actively contributing and growing through their involvement in Farm Bureau and agriculture, to earn recognition. Participants will be judged on their involvement in agriculture, leadership ability, involvement and participation in Farm Bureau and other organizations (i.e., civic, service and community). The ideal candidate(s) for the Excellence in Agriculture Award is an individual or couple who do not have the majority of their income subject to normal production risk. **Applications are due July 1, 2014.**

If you are a YFA member and are interested in participating in any of these activities, please contact Kristi Fiedler, District 7 YFA Representative at 920.737.7640 or kfiedler@crinet.com.

Marinette County "Ag and Me Essay Contest" Winner

Overall, 29 fourth and fifth grade students participated in the 2014 Essay Contest. This year's topic was "Wisconsin gardens provide many food choices for us". Marinette County Farm Bureau supplied 15 schools in Marinette County with the Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Book of the Year, "First Peas to the Table" as well as supporting lesson plan information and other resources for the teachers to use to help students to participate. In addition, MCFB donated the same book to libraries throughout the county.

The winning essay was written by Maya Carviou of Marinette. Maya's parents are fellow Farm Bureau members, Mark and Dawn Carviou. Maya is a fifth grade student at St. Thomas Aquinas in Peshtigo. Maya received a \$25 cash prize for her winning entry. Additional winners were second place, Livia Benson, and third place, Clara Junemann. Livia received a \$15 cash prize and Clara received a \$10 cash prize. All participants in the essay contest received a coupon for a free dish or cone of ice cream from Culver's in Marinette. Thanks to all the participants, Culver's in Marinette and to the judges for their help.

Wisconsin Gardens Provide Many Food Choices for Us

When many people think of meals, they think of pizza and hot dogs. They don't think of the other choices that are healthier for you like salads with ingredients that you have grown. Eating freshly grown veggies and fruits is very important and probably the most important food choice someone can make. Gardens are not a hard task to accomplish and when you live in a house with at least a small yard, you can still make a garden. Apartments in the city offer you space on the rooftop so you can make a garden for your family and neighbors. Wisconsin may not be called the garden state, but programs like this one help kids understand how important it is for families and schools to promote gardening. Some programs donate cabbages or other plants to schools and certain grades so they can grow that food in the summer. Some city blocks in big cities are donated to the residents so they can grow a section of fruit if their yard is too small. Eating healthy gets your day going. Some families grow enough food so they can donate to a farmers market for others that can't grow a certain veggie. Things that people can grow and that are edible are sweet corn, cucumbers, egg plant, muskmelon, peppers, tomatoes, watermelon, zucchini, cilantro, basil, mint, tricolor sage, blue berries, strawberries, lemons, leaf lettuce, radish and sweet peas. There are a lot of choices for people with different taste buds. All you have to do is get out here and discover them.

The 2014 Farm Bill A guest column by Congressman Reid Ribble



Standing Up for Wisconsin Agriculture

As Wisconsin's lone member of the House Agriculture Committee, I have worked hard to be a voice for Wisconsin's agriculture, food and forestry sectors since I arrived in Congress. I took this responsibility seriously during the process of writing the 2014 Farm Bill.

While the road to final passage was long and complicated, I believe that the final product represents a step forward for Wisconsin agriculture. The 2014 Farm Bill will save taxpayers \$23 billion from the previous bill. The bill eliminates direct payments to farmers who were previously paid regardless of market conditions, and it also repeals or consolidates nearly 100 additional programs.

Representing America's Dairyland, I am pleased with the dairy policy reforms included in the bill. The Farm Bill offers dairy farmers a voluntary margin insurance program that will help them manage risk and will work well for Wisconsin farmers of all sizes. I also worked with my Wisconsin colleagues to ensure that the bill did not include provisions that would have unfairly harmed Wisconsin farmers.

In the weeks and months ahead, I'll continue to be a voice for Wisconsin agriculture as Congress tackles issues ranging from energy to trade to transportation.

New Program Announced - Our Food Link

Many of you might be familiar with a program called 'Food Check-Out Week'. Historically, this week has been used to celebrate the week that many families have earned enough income to buy their groceries for the year. As our Farm Bureaus are able to get more active and engaged and there are more opportunities to meet with consumers throughout the year, the American Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee worked hard to design a program that could meet the needs of Farm Bureau's that work tirelessly promoting agriculture all year at various events.

'Our Food Link', which replaces Food Check-Out Week, is a year-round program that county and state Farm Bureau volunteers can use to effectively reach consumers of all ages and backgrounds with information about today's agriculture. The AFBF has designed a planning toolkit to help counties get started thinking about projects that will engage people in your community. It includes sample activity ideas, media outreach sample text, program graphics and plenty of room to customize Our Food Link to your area. You can find more information about this program online at: www.fb.org/index.php?action=programs.ourfoodlink.

If you have an idea to help promote one of the many agricultural commodities in Marinette County, please let us know. Maybe you're willing to host a farm tour for consumers, or maybe it is to write an article for the county newsletter to share more about what you do. Maybe you aren't a farmer and you've got questions about how things on farms work or you might be an agri-business owner willing to open up your doors and play host to some of our Young Farmer and Agriculturist members. Whatever your idea is, we'd like to hear it. Please feel free to express your comments to Amanda Staidl at 715.582.0928 or email Wes Raddatz at wraddatz@wfbf.com. Our Food Link is full of opportunities and we're looking forward to making agriculture stronger in Marinette County using them!



There are Benefits to Your Farm Bureau Membership:

Auto	Health	Supplies and Products
• General Motors Discount	• ScriptSave® Prescription Drug	• Case IH
Communication	• Savings Card	• FS-GROWMARK Patronage
• AgriVisor (NEW)	• Stroke Detection Plus	• Grainger
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• Farm Bureau Bank	Protection	• AVIS Car Rental Discount Program
	• \$500 Reward Protection Program	• Choice Hotels International, Inc.
	• Accidental Death Policy	• Wyndham Hotel Group

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

District 7 Board Report



Hello District 7 Farm Bureau members,

This has been a long, cold, snowy winter. I'm sorry I have missed several of your counties' monthly board meetings and activities, but we have had some major health problems in our family that we have been working through.

Spring came back in March, however winter didn't leave. This has shortened the planting season so drastically that getting the nutrients and fertilizer to the fields plus tilling and planting has become a rat race. No matter how hectic the days, don't compromise safety, be courteous in traffic and take some time with the ones near and dear to you.

The IOH (implements of husbandry) legislation was signed into law April 23 and took effect in May, however, some parts won't go into effect until 2015. Information about IOH is available on wfbf.com/legislative/ioh.

I hope to see you this summer at your county meetings and activities.

Wayne Staidl
District 7 Board Member

Humor Corner By Wes Raddatz

Joke # 1:
Isn't it strange that a \$20 bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a small amount when you go shopping?

Joke # 2:
A blonde calls Delta Airlines and asks, "Can you tell me how long it'll take to fly from San Francisco to New York City?"

The agent replies, "Just a minute."

"Thank you," the blonde says, and hangs up.

Joke # 3:
A man is recovering from surgery when the Surgical Nurse appears and asks him how he is feeling. "I'm OK, but I didn't like the four letter words the doctor used in surgery," he answered.

"What did he say?" asked the shocked nurse.

"Oops!"

Joke #4:
Let the spring in your stride banish the winter in your heart.

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The board meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Pound Community Center.

President's Report



Marinette County Farm Bureau has had a very good year so far. The Ag in the Classroom program has been more active this year with the essay contest and with classroom presentations. We've welcomed another board member, Dan Klimek. The June Dairy Month Breakfast on the Farm is at the Keith and Nancy Hartwig Farm on

June 29, look for the Ag in the Classroom table while you're there. Remember that the county picnic is July 7 in Pound.

Ryan Staidl
Marinette County Farm Bureau President

YFA Report By Ryan Staidl, Marinette County Farm Bureau YFA Chair

I am looking for anyone who is interested in competing in the YFA Excellence in Agriculture Award, Achievement Award or the Discussion Meet. Visit wfbf.com for information about these special personal development opportunities.

Let's fight HUNGER

1 ACRE

at a time.

INVEST AN ACRE PLEDGE FORM

Fill out your PLEDGE FORM and allocate a DONATION AMOUNT.

DELIVER YOUR CROPS

DELIVER YOUR CROPS WITH YOUR DONATION FORM TO THE GRAIN ELEVATOR.

100% OF YOUR DONATION FUNDS LOCAL HUNGER RELIEF

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As a farmer, you take pride in feeding the world, but did you know there's a great need to feed the hungry right where you live? That's why the **Invest An Acre program** is asking you to give an acre of hope by donating a portion of your crop sales to fight hunger directly in your community. **Your donation will be doubled**, up to \$675,000 nationally, by the Monsanto Company, so just the value of one bushel can provide as many as 100 meals. Imagine the impact of donating the value of one acre — the equivalent of thousands of meals for families in your community!

MONSANTO MATCHES YOUR DONATION, DOUBLING YOUR IMPACT.

THE LOCAL FOOD BANK WILL DISTRIBUTE THE DONATION TO FEED PEOPLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

INVEST AN ACRE AND FEED YOUR COMMUNITY.

Visit HarvestToEndHungerWI.org for easy steps to enroll in this life-changing program. Made possible by generous support from UnitedHealthcare.

*Engagement in Invest An Acre is one way to participate in Harvest to End Hunger Wisconsin. ©2014 Harvest to End Hunger WI

Participating Food Banks

Across Wisconsin, the six food banks affiliated with the Wisconsin Association of Feeding America Food Banks™ each have their own service area and procure and distribute food to thousands of food pantries, meal programs, and other hunger relief agency programs in the state.

*The mission of the Wisconsin Association of Feeding America Food Banks is to coordinate, support and enhance the work of Feeding America food banks that serve the state of Wisconsin by obtaining more food and funds, raising public awareness, and creating the partnerships necessary to end hunger. Together, we are striving forward toward a hunger-free Wisconsin.

For more information on becoming a partner please contact:

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Enclosed is a donation for the Invest An Acre Program.

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Amount Donated: _____

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Date of Donation: _____

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