



## Marinette County Farm Bureau

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### Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

## Grandpa Wayne Brings Home the Prize By Mary Staidl

Recently, Wayne Staidl was the lucky winner of a toy tractor, wagon and rice krispie bars on the Marathon County



Sam Staidl with the tractor, wagon and rice krispie bars that Grandpa Wayne won from a Marathon County YFA contest.

YFA Facebook page, but grandson Sam Staidl was the lucky beneficiary of the goodies.



Rice krispie bars make good hay bales.

## 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

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 Resorts. Registration fee includes registrant meals, workshop sessions and entertainment. This sponsorship is limited to 50 individuals or couples.

For more information or to complete the short application by **August 15**, visit [bit.ly/YFARuralSponsorship](http://bit.ly/YFARuralSponsorship).

## Succession and Estate Planning Workshop Tentative for January

Marinette County Farm Bureau, Oconto County Farm Bureau and the Rural Mutual Insurance agents are tentatively planning a Farm Succession and Estate Planning conference for January 2018.

The complexities of estate planning, especially when farm property and assets are involved, can be very daunting, but they are very important for successfully passing a farm to the next generation.

The Farm Bureaus, Rural Mutual Insurance and Farm Bureau Financial Services will present a no obligation workshop that will help you understand options to create a 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.

Watch for more information and a date for the event in your next newsletter.



Estate attorney Rick Bollenbeck shares advice at the succession planning workshop presented by the Farm Bureau 3 years ago in Kelly Lake.

## Ag in the Classroom Summer Bus Tour Set

Teachers and volunteers are encouraged to spend **July 18-19** on the Ag in the Classroom summer bus tour.

This year, the tour will be in Jefferson County visiting agri-businesses, museums, farms and other venues. The bus tour allows participants to learn more about Wisconsin agriculture, career opportunities and educational lessons and resources about the industry. Some of the venues include Jones Dairy Farm, Hoards Historical Museum, McKay

Nursery, Berres Brothers, Jelli's Market and Mid-State Equipment. The tour will start on Tuesday morning in Johnson Creek and will end on Wednesday afternoon.

Teachers of all grade levels and subjects, home school parents, extension staff, non-traditional educators and volunteers are welcome.

For the schedule and registration, visit [wisagclassroom.org](http://wisagclassroom.org) and click the teacher tab.



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MARINETTE COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION



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## Marinette County Breakfast on the Farm is June 25 By Corey Kuchta



The Denowski Family will host this year's breakfast on the farm.

The Marinette County breakfast on the farm committee is excited to announce that this year's breakfast on the farm will be located at Golden Ridge Dairy LLC in Crivitz on **Sunday, June 25**, from 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

The menu will feature pancakes, eggs, sausages, cheese curds, local maple syrup, applesauce, milk, juice, coffee and ice cream sundaes. Kids' activities will include a petting zoo, Moo-Mania comedy show, kiddie tractor pull, face painting, balloons, kids bouncy play area, airplane candy drop, music, wagon rides, and viewing of the barns and cattle. All for just \$7 for adults, \$4 for kids 6-10 years old and five and younger are free. Many local businesses help donate to the event to help offset the costs.

Proceeds from the event are reinvested into ag-related promotions in Marinette County throughout the year with youth. Over 100 volunteers are needed to feed the over 4,000 people in less than five hours. The committee prides itself in little to no wait in the food lines for the breakfast.

Established in 2001, Golden Ridge Dairy LLC is owned by David and Sheila Denowski along with their son Chad and his wife Kelly.

## Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest Winners Announced



Marinette County essay contest winner Shaelee Brunette with Amanda and Mary Staidl.



Amanda Staidl with essay contest winner Chloe Bulin from Peshtigo.

Shaelee Brunette from Park School in Marinette, received an award and Culver's gift certificate for her winning cranberry essay.

Chloe Bulin from St. Thomas Aquinas Academy in Peshtigo, also received an award and Culver's gift certificate for her winning cranberry essay.

They both won pizza parties for their classes sponsored by Marinette County Farm Bureau's Promotion and Education Committee.



# President's Report



Hello everyone,

It's that time of the year again ... Spring? One day it is nearly 80 and the next they have frost warnings for the evening.

I'm writing this as we are trying to plant corn and soybeans. It is a challenge to get the fields worked and planted between the rain storms.

We are busy in Marinette County with various activities:

- We attended Ag Day at the Capital and spoke with our legislators about issues and budget items that affect our farms.

- We had a pizza lunch and monthly board meeting in Coleman with our county's only FFA chapter. We met a great group of students. The FFA advisor, Cindi Wautier, is on our county Board of Directors.
- We donated the Ag in the Classroom book of the year to each of the county's school's library. The book is about cranberry production.
- We also sent letters to the schools in the county and invited them to participate in the Ag in the Classroom essay contest. We received several essays. We selected the top two essays and sent them to the district competition. We had some very good essays.
- The June dairy month breakfast will soon be here. This year, the breakfast on the farm will be at the Golden Ridge Dairy LLC on June 25, from 7:30 to noon. Dave and Sheila Denowski with their son Chad and his wife Kelly and daughter Tracey and her husband Zack will be welcoming

you to their farm. New this year is the candy drop from an airplane, weather permitting. Various activities are planned such as a petting zoo, tractor rides and more. Marinette Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom, collaborating with the Coleman FFA, is planning to have the My American Farm educational interactive video game kiosks for folks to try out and win some prizes in the process.

Our next activity will be the ice cream stand at the county fair. We can use more help. If you can volunteer, please call me at 715.582.0928. When you are at the fair, please stop and enjoy a cone.

Have a great summer,

**Ryan Staidl**

Marinette County Farm Bureau President

## District 7 YFA Report By Brian Preder

The annual Gambler's hockey game is always a great time for members to socialize and gather with members from around this district.

Following the game, we met with District 6 YFA members at the Green Bay Distillery for pizza and the chance to meet fellow YFA members from the neighboring district. We had more than 100 people attend game and can't wait until next year!

Spring time is here and we are looking forward to the upcoming year. This means it is never too early to be thinking about the chance for a free trip to the Kalahari Resorts for the YFA Conference.

How do you get a free trip to the YFA Conference? Be sure to participate in one of the YFA contests.

You can find information about the Achievement Award, Excellence in Ag and Discussion Meet on the YFA page of the WFBF website. If you have questions about the contests we have you covered! Be sure to watch for information about the upcoming training for the contests.

I can't wait to work with the talented group of YFA members in our district throughout the upcoming year. Have a safe and early planting season.



Last fall, after a meal at the River Rail in Shiocton, District 7 YFA members participated in the District level Discussion Meet. Kristy Fiedler (left at head table) competed at the state and national Discussion Meets.

Members it's time for your input.

The Marinette County board of directors want to change up our organization. What can we do for you? Would you like more learning experiences, more social events, more legal assistance? Let us know.

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

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

## District 7 Director's Report

It has been a very busy few months. The Advocacy Conference in Washington, D.C., was a great experience with the members of the WFBF Leadership Institute Class X. It was great getting to know the Institute class members.

District 7 representative Kristy Erickson did an excellent job speaking up for agriculture when we visited with legislators. AFBF President Zippy Duvall was with President Trump when he signed the Presidential Order to repeal WOTUS. We had a director from EPA that said his agency would follow suit.

There is lots of talk regarding the 2018 farm bill so please voice your concerns to your legislators.

The WFBF Council of Presidents was very well attended, lots of talk on membership and there was a friendly reminder about the \$5 dues increase coming this fall. This was approved at the WFBF Annual Meeting a few years ago.

Ag Day at the Capitol was the highlight after the Council of Presidents. We had a great group of people from District 7 to walk to the Capitol and speak with their legislators.

This year, hot topics were high capacity wells, transportation funding for roads, rural broadband internet accessibility and a few more.

It is great to see how well agriculture is represented by our Farm Bureau members. It was also nice to see the amount of time that legislators and their staff took to listen to us.

I am on my way to visit all of the counties in District 7 to take time and listen to your concerns.

Please take time out of your busy schedule to come to District 7 meetings as they come up this year. Feel free to contact me anytime.

**Adam Kuczer**

District 7 Board of Director



Senator Tammy Baldwin discussed issues with the WFBF Leadership Institute Class X members who attended the Advocacy Conference in Washington, D.C.



Members of the WFBF Leadership Institute and Board members from Districts 6 and 7 met with Representative Mike Gallagher in his Washington, D.C., office to discuss ag issues.



The WFBF Leadership Institute Class X and some of the WFBF Board of Directors met with Senator Ron Johnson in Washington, D.C., in March.

## Ag Ventures Theme is Food Grows Where Water Flows

By Cindi Wautier

Another successful Ag Venture day in the books! On May 12 in collaboration with the Coleman FFA, Marinette County Farm Bureau educated over 320 students all about ag. This year's theme was 'Food Grows Where Water Flows.'



This year's Ag Ventures day theme was 'Food Grows Where Water Flows.' Students learned how cranberries are grown and participated in a demonstration of how they are harvested.



The students learned how fish fit in the aquaponic system that the Coleman FFA has to grow tomatoes and tilapia. The fish grow in water purified by the tomatoes using the fish waste materials.



Ag Venture day participants learned about the machinery that farmers use to raise crops and feed livestock as well as a demonstration about lawn mower safety.



The Coleman FFA green house gave students the opportunity to learn about vegetables and flowers.

Coleman FFA leaders and Ag Venture volunteers took a lunch break. Board member Jerry Rogge (center) chaperoned.



The farm animal petting zoo included a pony, horse, cow, pigs, sheep, goats, a chicken and rabbits. Coleman FFA leaders told the students about the animals and their care.

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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

## Kiosks at Breakfast on the Farm

By Cindi Wautier



We invite you to take a journey and experience My American Farm's interactive, online games that educate as they entertain. The Marinette County Farm Bureau will have interactive farming games from My American Farm kiosks at the breakfast. Come down to play and win prizes.

Check us out at Marinette County breakfast on the farm at Golden Ridge Dairy LLC, W7419 E. 18<sup>th</sup> Road, in Crivitz on **Sunday, June 25**, from 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Golden Ridge Dairy is owned by David and Sheila Denowski. The menu includes pancakes, eggs, sausages, cheese curds, maple syrup, applesauce, milk, juice, coffee and ice cream sundaes.

There will be plenty to do in addition to our video games: Petting zoo, Moo-Mania comedy show, kiddie tractor pull, face painting, balloons, kids bouncy play area, airplane candy drop, viewing of barns and cattle, wagon rides and music.

**Cost:** Adults: \$7; children 6-10: \$4; children five years and younger: FREE.

## Humor Corner

By Wes Raddatz, District 7 Coordinator

"Well Doctor, what did the x-rays of my head show?"  
"Absolutely nothing."

**What is the center of gravity?**  
The letter V.

**Dad, can you help me find the lowest common denominator?**

Haven't they found that thing yet? I remember looking for that when I was in school, too!

**If a frog parks illegally, does it get toad?**

