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Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

Drone Training and Cow Signals Courses Available through Northcentral Technical College



Northcentral Technical College is pleased to partner with the Wausau Downtown Airport and local drone operators to present drone training for the central Wisconsin area.

Whether you are considering purchasing a small drone as a gift this holiday season or looking to gain more information on operating drones recreationally or commercially, these courses are for you.

These courses will be offered at the Wausau Downtown Airport, 725 Woods Place, Wausau.

Drone Operator Training Series

This series of short courses will go in-depth on drone piloting topics and best practices. Lead by an experienced drone pilot and featuring guest lessons by area flight instructors, these courses will prepare you to be a better, safer and smarter drone pilot. This series will also prepare students and businesses to take



the FAA's Part 107 Remote Pilot Exam; upon completion of an exam, students would be certified to operate a drone for commercial or business purposes.

Students may attend only those sections that interest them or the full series to better prep for the Part 107 exam.

Module 1: sUAS Landscape

In this class, students will begin to understand the sUAS landscape, with various topics including knowledge of different types of drones, their features and operations as well as the different industries in which they are used.

Thursday, December 14
6-9 p.m.
\$20

Cow Signals Series Courses

Transition Cow Diseases

This course will cover common causes, signs, and symptoms of fresh cow diseases. Part 1 is classroom/lecture based, while Part 2 will build upon classroom learning by using the Northcentral Technical College animals to perform fresh cow exams and identify the diseases. It is recommended that participants take Part 1 prior to participating in Part 2.

Part 1
Tuesday, December 5
6-8 p.m.

Part 2
Tuesday, January 9, 2018
6-8 p.m.

Cow Disease Prevention

This course will focus on nutritional and management tools used to prevent and reduce fresh cow disorders.

Tuesday, February 6, 2018
6-8 p.m.

Management of Cow Lameness

This course will focus on identifying lame cows in the early stages, along with common causes of lameness and the management tools used to combat lameness.

Tuesday, March 6, 2018
6-8 p.m.

Pricing

The Cow Signals Series is \$49 to attend all sessions or \$15 per individual session.

Location

Northcentral Technical College Agriculture Center of Excellence, 6625 County Road K, Wausau, WI 54401.





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Grassroots Policy At Its Best During County Annual Meetings



Price County Farm Bureau president Sally Denzine.

This gathering is a time for members to elect directors to the board and vote on policy critical to our grassroots organizations. Below is a list of resolutions your County board of directors presented at their annual meetings. All resolutions passed and were shared with the WFBF Policy Development Committee for review.

The WFBF Policy Development Committee is made up of volunteers from across the state. Last year the committee reviewed 500 resolutions submitted from county Farm Bureaus. If you have

questions or concerns or you believe that there is another issue that needs to be dealt with, then be sure to make your voice heard by contacting your county board member.

Price County State

1. We support managed grazing as an approved method of stream bank management and managed wetland areas. **Natural Resources and the Environment: End**
2. We are in favor of appropriate, uniform and consistent regulation and increased fines across the state for farms that intentionally, willfully or neglectfully allow manure to enter waterways or wetlands. **Natural Resources and the Environment: Nutrient Management Regulations**
3. We support requiring all animal drawn vehicles to have a slow moving vehicle sign, effective lighting and reflective tape on public roads. **Transportation: Safety**
4. We support more equal distribution of state road funds to rural areas. **Transportation: Highways**
5. We oppose the future stewardship fund land purchases and call for the ending of the stewardship fund. **Land Use: Stewardship Program**
6. We support the issuing of more bear permits. **Hunting and Wildlife: Bag Limits**
7. We support a hunting season on cougars in the state of Wisconsin. **Hunting and Wildlife: Hunting Seasons**
8. We support uniform training of milk inspectors to reflect current technology, construction and production practices.
9. Inspectors should be required to attempt contact with the farmer/farm manager upon arrival. **Dairy Inspection**
10. We oppose false, misleading, negative or deceptive marketing and promotion and/or label claims such as food products derived from the use of biotechnology.
11. We oppose use of 'all-natural' and 'GMO free' synonymously with 'organic' as a way to avoid producer certification as an organic grower.
12. We oppose any product labeling that states or implies that organic food is in any way superior to other farm products.
13. We are in favor of term limits for legislators.

Federal

1. We support the new farm bill to minimize/eliminate the use of the word subsidies due to the negative connotation.
2. We are in favor of term limits for legislators.

Taylor County State

1. We are in favor of appropriate, uniform and consistent regulation and increased fines across the state for farms that intentionally, willfully, or neglectfully allow manure to enter waterways or wetlands.

Natural Resources and the Environment: Nutrient Management Regulations

2. We support managed grazing as an approved method of stream bank management and managed wetland areas. **Natural Resources and the Environment: End**
3. We support a hunting season on cougars in the state of Wisconsin. **Hunting and Wildlife: Hunting Seasons**
4. We support a cap on the maximum fines to farmers by government agencies for potential environmental impacts. **Natural Resources and the Environment: Liability**
5. We support amending the current fence law to landowners utilizing fences to contain animals be required to build and maintain patrician fences. If both property owners utilize the fence they should split the cost of the fence. **General Government: Fences**
6. We support a minimum of 12 hour notice given to the farmer/farm manager before an inspection to allow the farmer/farm manager to be present during inspection. **Dairy Inspection**
7. We support the farmers right to decide how their checkoff dollars are spent. With all imported, into Wisconsin, products paying the same check off fee.
8. We support conversations amongst dairy farmers and creameries/cheese processors to create a multi-tiered program to aid in supply management.
9. We support defining family farms as farms that pull the majority of their workforce from their own family.
10. We support to strike the 30/20 program initiative.
11. We support the revision of line 20 of dairy labeling. We urge that only milk derived from Wisconsin and manufactured in Wisconsin to be labeled as Wisconsin Cheese.
12. We support the formation of family farm(s) such as LLPs, LLCs, corporations.
13. We oppose further consolidation of agriculture supply companies and agricultural financial companies.

Federal

We support streamlining regulations required by USDA for local meat processors.



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Price County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting



In September, Price County Farm Bureau held their annual meeting with Kim Bremmer, owner of Ag Inspirations, as our guest speaker.



DID YOU KNOW?

In Price County, agriculture accounts for \$40 million in economic activity.

District 8 Discussion Meet and District YFA Update

By Beth Schaefer, District 8 YFA Committee Chair



(from left) Katie Zoromski, Marathon County; Will Litzer, Marathon County; Ryan Klussendorf, Taylor County; and Jill Niemann, Marathon County. Ryan, Katie and Jill will be representing District 8 at the Discussion Meet in December.

Earlier this fall we hosted the District 8 Discussion Meet in conjunction with the District Policy Development meeting at Randall's Beers and Cheers in Abbottsford. We want to thank our judges: Clark Turner, Jolynne Schroepfer and Steve Boe.

YFA Achievement Final Four

Congratulations to Ryan and Lindsay Prah (Marathon County) and Hank and Shannon Boschma (Marathon County) for being named to the Achievement in Agriculture Award Final Four.



YFA and Promotion and Education Consumer Confidence Committee

Calling ag-vocates. District 8 YFA and Promotion and Education are teaming up to create a consumer confidence committee.

If you are passionate about telling your ag story and helping consumers understand how food is produced safely, humanely and with care, we need you.

If you want to be a part of this committee, please contact me at eporior.schaefer@gmail.com or Lauren McCann at lauren.l.mccann@outlook.com.

Visit the YFA events calendar for upcoming events and details. Don't see your event? Email me the details and I will add it to the calendar.

But in case you didn't know ...

December 1-4: WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference, Wisconsin Dells.

2018 Events and Ideas

We will be setting the district calendar of events and activities for the upcoming year. Please send your ideas for new activities, your dates for YFA events that your county is hosting and any other tidbits to me or Ashleigh so that I can get them shared on the YFA calendar of events.



Dairy Management Meeting to be Held



The UW-Extension will host a Dairy Management Meeting at 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on **Wednesday, December 13**, at Five Star Supply, N13539 State Highway 73, in Withee.

Cost: \$10, includes lunch and handouts

RSVP: By December 11 to Clark County UW-Extension at 715.743.5121.



Topics:

10-11 a.m. - Pre- and post-milking procedure; Sandy Stuttgen, UWEX agriculture agent, Taylor County.

11-11:45 a.m. - Managing somatic cell count; Heather Schlessler, UWEX agriculture agent, Marathon County.

11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Lunch

12:30-1:15 p.m. - Environmental conditions and mastitis; Zoetis Milk Quality Specialist.

1:15-2:30 p.m. - Dairy cow reproduction; Heather Schlessler, UWEX agriculture agent, Marathon County.

2:30-3 p.m. - Crop updates; Richard Halopka, UWEX crops and soils agent, Clark County.

District 8 Promotion and Education Chair Update



As annual meeting season wraps up, I want to take a moment to thank all of you who attended your county annual meeting and our county leaders for their support and organization.

I was able to attend all but one annual meeting this year. I look forward to another great year serving as the District 8 Promotion and Education Chair.

The 2018 Ag in The Classroom Book of the Year has been announced. The book is "John Deere That's Who!" by Tracy Nelson Maurer. I'm so excited to get the opportunity to talk about something that I'm sure most of the children have seen driving around but do not know the history of. And this is a great chance to get our local John Deere dealers involved.

Update to the Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit

For the past six years the Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit was hosted in partnership by Wisconsin Farm Bureau, Badgerland Financial (now Compeer Financial) and UW Extension. The

partners announced on September 1, their joint decision to discontinue the event.

During the next year, Farm Bureau will re-evaluate the Ag Women's Summit and determine how it can more effectively draw new and repeat attendees and better serve Farm Bureau members. After a full evaluation, Farm Bureau plans to host a new event in Spring 2019 in partnership with Rural Mutual Insurance Company.

There will be an event in 2018 called the IGNITE Conference. This event is a member-engagement conference and will be on **April 5-6, 2018**, in Stevens Point. The purpose is to provide county Farm Bureau leaders with resources and ideas. The IGNITE Conference is sponsored by WFBF and Rural Mutual Insurance Company. This will be the 2018 event of the year that you don't want to miss.

As always if there is an idea or event that you want to try, please contact me or visit the 'Playbook' on the WFBF website.

Lauren McCann

WFBF Promotion and Education Committee Chair

District 8 Coordinator Message



It is hard to believe that another year has come and gone. This marks my fourth year of annual meetings. For me, annual meeting season is much like fall harvest.

Counties have worked all year long, tending to the seeds they have planted, with only a narrow window to showcase

their work and dedication to the industry. This once-a-year celebration also lays out how the year is going to be, much like a fall harvest.

Each year your county membership works to layout policy that directly impacts their members as well as their family farms or businesses.

A friend of mine shared that over the years, farmers have farmed in bad times and in good times, but never have they had to farm scared. Scared that every move they make is going to draw attention from activists who don't understand, scared that one wrong move could end generations of family farming, scared that their livelihood lays in the hands of people that have never sat up all night tending to a calf, sick cow or in putting their entire future in the hands of Mother Nature. As Stephen Covey said, "Strength lies in differences, not in similarities." It doesn't matter if you come from a hobby farm, organic farm, small or large farm; we are in this together. It will take all of us working together to address the issues facing farming.

Nationally and locally, Farm Bureau is working for you while you are busy working the fields, tending to your herds, or



spending those precious moments with your family. We represent all aspects of agriculture with our mission being to "Lead the farm and rural community through legislative representation, education, public relations, leadership development and providing services and benefits to members."

I think J.K. Rowling said it best, "We are only as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided."

I encourage you to tell your story, take a stance not for big or little, conventional or organic, GMOs or non-GMOs but for agriculture and together we can make a difference.

From my family to yours, thank you. Thank you for being a member, for supporting agriculture and being a part of the one percent who feed the other 99 percent. May this coming year be filled with bountiful harvests for you and yours.

Plan to attend the ...

**Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation and YFA Conference
December 1-4
Kalahari Resorts and Convention Center, Wisconsin Dells**



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Taylor County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting



In September, Taylor County Farm Bureau held their annual meeting with guest speaker Rick Ewert, owner of Hemlock Hills Trophy Ranch and president of the Wisconsin Commercial Deer and Elk Farmer's Association.



DID YOU KNOW?

In Taylor County, agriculture accounts for \$972 million in economic activity.