

# Sawyer County Farm Bureau

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## Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation



*You're Invited*  
**Annual Meeting**  
Sawyer County Farm Bureau

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**Monday, September 15 • 7 p.m.**  
**Stone Lake Fire Hall**  
N6070 Stone Lake Road, Stone Lake, WI 54876

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Save the date to visit with your farm neighbors and take part in setting policies that your Farm Bureau works to support. All Farm Bureau members are encouraged to attend this important meeting to help create policy resolutions and vote in elections for the county board of directors.

**Wisconsin Farm Bureau President Jim Holte will be in attendance.**

This fall, Farm Bureau members across the state will be forwarding resolutions on ag issues including high capacity wells, energy exports, drones, climate change and agricultural enterprise areas. These resolutions will then be presented at the WFBF Annual Meeting to be held December 6-8 at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

**Mark your calendars and please plan on attending and let your voice be heard!**

**CASH DOOR PRIZES** will be given away!

For more information, contact Dale Beissel at 715.266.3414.

## Implements of Husbandry Info Meeting held

More than 50 farmers and town and county officials attended a presentation at the Ladysmith Library on July 14 to learn more about the new Implements of Husbandry (IoH) law on how farm machinery operates on Wisconsin roads. This legislation was authored by Senator Jerry Petrowski and Representative Keith Ripp. It was signed into law by Governor Walker on April 23 as Wisconsin Act 377.



**Cheryl Skjolaas, UW-Extension Agriculture Safety Specialist, Paul Zimmerman, Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Executive Director of Governmental Relations and Mike Klingenberg, Wisconsin State Patrol informed the group on the new implements of husbandry law.**

This legislation updated the definition of implements of husbandry, extends weight limitations from a maximum single axle weight of 20,000 pounds to 23,000 and the maximum gross vehicle weight from 80,000 to 92,000 pounds. The law also addresses length and width limits, safety concerns to lighting and rules of the road. It requires farmers and large equipment operators to obtain permits from their local town, county or state units of government, depending on the roads the equipment will be operated on.

Thank you to Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation's Paul Zimmerman, University of Wisconsin-Extension Agriculture Safety Specialist Cheryl Skjolaas and Wisconsin State Patrol's Mike Klingenberg for presenting these new law changes about farm machinery on Wisconsin roadways to farmers, law enforcement, elected town and county officials.

For more information on the IOH law please visit the WI DOT website at [www.agvehicles.dot.wi.gov](http://www.agvehicles.dot.wi.gov).



# COUNTYnews

SAWYER COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

## 2014 Dairy Breakfast Draws a Crowd Photos by Otto Wiegand, Sawyer County Agriculture Agent

The Sawyer County Dairy Breakfast was held on Saturday, June 21 at the Sawyer County Fairgrounds in Hayward. Nearly 1,300 people were served a menu of pancakes, sausage, cheese, ice cream, strawberries, whipped cream, milk and coffee. Sawyer County Farm Bureau in sponsorship with the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board, hosted the event.



Farm Bureau members helped make pancakes and sausages for the dairy breakfast.

Throughout the morning, visitors were entertained with music by Larry and the Drifters, a petting zoo and tractors. New to this year's breakfast was a Moo Mania Comedy Show.

A special thank you goes out to Jim Henchel for organizing the event and to the many sponsors and volunteers who helped make this day a success. This includes donations from IGA Marketplace—Hayward, Kemps, Ferrel Gas, Zawatowski Cranberries—Ocean Spray, Jump River Electric, Springbrook Dairy, Hayward Lions, Sawyer County Civil Air Patrol and Sawyer County 4-H.

This event would not be possible without the many volunteers who helped serve food including Sawyer County 4-H members and leaders, and the Sawyer County Farm Bureau board of directors and members.

Proceeds from the event will be used to benefit 4-H activities in the county including the ice cream for the 4-H food stand at the county fair, trophies for the livestock show and many other 4-H events that happen throughout the year.

Thank you to everyone who came out and enjoyed the Sawyer County Dairy Breakfast!

**Captions (top to bottom):**  
4-H members assisted with serving food and clearing tables.

Larry and the Drifters provided musical entertainment to dairy breakfast visitors.

WRLS 92.3 was at the Sawyer County Dairy Breakfast with a live radio broadcast.

2014 Musky Fest royalty posed for a photo at the Dairy Breakfast.



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## Members Attend District Policy Meeting

Sawyer County Farm Bureau members attended a district-wide policy meeting on August 5 at The Tee Away in Ladysmith. The meeting's purpose was to develop resolutions that will be discussed and possibly proposed by each county Farm Bureau. Members from Dunn, Chippewa, Rusk and Sawyer counties were in attendance.

Topics discussed included: wildlife, drones, big data, UW-Extension and high capacity wells.

As a grassroots organization, it is Farm Bureau members on the county level who create and set the policy goals of the state's leading farm organization. The Wisconsin Farm Bureau is often asked to get involved in issues affecting production agriculture and rural Wisconsin both in Madison and Washington, D.C. This fall, Farm Bureau members across the state will be forwarding resolutions on a variety of issues to the WFBF Annual Meeting.

Farm Bureau members discussed issues important to farmers and agriculturists in northwest Wisconsin.



## Sawyer County Welcomes Pat Brown

By Dale Olson, Administrator



Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation Department has hired Pat Brown as the coordinator of the wildlife damage and non-metallic mining programs. Pat assumed a portion of these programs last year and hit the ground running. Many of you have already worked with him and found him to be knowledgeable in his field... and yours.

Pat is a Marine veteran and attended the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. He is a long-time resident of Hayward and lives there with his wife Renee. Pat enjoys duck and grouse hunting and has been rumored to have fished a time or two.

Tim Seidl is still with the department and has been promoted to the County Conservationist position. Like many other government programs, staff funding from the state Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection does not allow the position to work on any DNR programs. Sawyer County has always maintained that a good working relationship between our employees and the agricultural community trumps grant funding priorities. However "money talks."

Please notify the department when damage FIRST occurs by calling 715.634.8288 extension 5.

## District YFA Representative's Message



Hello everyone! I'm Cindy Bourget, and with Katie's new, exciting position as the District 9 coordinator, I have taken on the position of the District 9 YFA Representative. I am very excited to work with everyone and help our counties and district grow in agriculture.

A little bit about me: I work for the Dunn County UW-Extension Office with the 4-H and Youth Development Programs. When I'm not busy with the 4-H members (which has been really busy with fair season upon us, as I'm sure you all can relate too!) my husband and I help on my parents' dairy farm in Elk Mound. I am also hoping to finish up my graduate degree in school counseling by the end of next year. My husband, Al, and I have been married for four years and we are expecting our first child in November. We are beyond excited to meet our next generation 4-H and Farm Bureau member!

If you have any questions about the YFA program, or ideas to become involved, please don't hesitate to contact me at 715.505.7676 or cindy.m.bourget@gmail.com.

Thank you to everyone for the warm welcome, and I can't wait to work with you!

**Cindy Bourget**  
District 9 YFA Representative

## Nominations Being Sought for Teacher of the Year

Do you know a teacher who does a great job teaching about agriculture? If so, please encourage them to fill out an application for the Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom Program's Outstanding Teacher Award.

Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) annually recognizes a Wisconsin teacher or a teaching team for their achievements in teaching students the importance of agriculture while integrating agricultural concepts across a curriculum.

Certified teachers currently integrating agricultural concepts into non-agricultural curricula in the pre-K through high school levels are eligible to apply. Applications may be from an individual teacher or a teaching team. Certified agriculture education instructors are not eligible. Teachers must utilize agricultural information and/or materials within the classroom curriculum in an effort to assist students in learning the importance of agriculture. Learning activities may include, but are not limited to, understanding agriculture's impact on personal lives, our national heritage, the environment, national security and the economy. Innovative and interdisciplinary programs are encouraged.

The state winner(s) will receive a plaque and \$500 towards the 2015 National AITC Conference in Louisville, KY. They will also represent Wisconsin as the state's nominee for the Excellence in Teaching about Agriculture Award Program presented by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Ag in the Classroom program.

Applications are available from the Wisconsin AITC website ([wisagclassroom.org](http://wisagclassroom.org) – found under the quick links section on the right hand side of the page) and are **due (post-marked by) October 15**.

## Welcome New Members

**Harley Bernard \*\***  
**Rory Braenne**  
**Kyle Cummings \*\***  
**Ellen Gordon \*\***  
**Robert Johnson**  
**Holly Leudke \*\***  
**Sharon Peterson \*\***  
**Mary Beth Varchmin**

\*\* Denotes Voting Membership

## Mini-Grants Available for Teachers



Do you know a teacher looking to incorporate agriculture into their classroom? Are they looking for additional funds for their project? Then, help us spread the word and encourage teachers to apply for a mini-grant through Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom and Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation. Grants up to \$100 are being offered to pre-school through high school teachers, in a public or private school system, to fund projects that promote agricultural literacy in the classroom. Grants can be used for innovative lessons, activities, resources, presentations, school fairs and other creative ideas. Projects should focus on integrating agriculture into a variety of curriculum areas.

**Applications are due on October 15.** Recipients will be notified by November 15. A project report is then due by June 15. For an application, visit [wisagclassroom.org](http://wisagclassroom.org), and find the application under the quick links section on the right side of the page.

## WFBF Seeks Photos for Rural Route

Wisconsin Farm Bureau members live and work on some of the most beautiful pieces of land. WFBF would like to highlight those sights and special moments with your families and friends in the *Rural Route* magazine.



Please email your photos (high resolution jpgs, 4x6 inches at 300 dpi) to [lsiekmann@wfbf.com](mailto:lsiekmann@wfbf.com).

## There are Benefits to Your Farm Bureau Membership:

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- \$500 Reward Protection Program
  - Accidental Death Policy

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

## Consider Donating to the WFBF Silent Auction



Donations are now being accepted for the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation's silent Auction held in conjunction with the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Annual Meeting, December 6-8, at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells.



The money raised during this event is used for ag literacy efforts through Ag in the Classroom, and funds the activities of our Young Farmer and Agriculturist, Women's and leadership Institute programs.

Donation forms can be found at [wfbf.com/aboutwfbf/foundation/silentauction](http://wfbf.com/aboutwfbf/foundation/silentauction).

## Time to Ride

Did you know that starting July 1, anyone who has been a Farm Bureau member for at least 30 days can get \$200-\$300 worth of discounts on Polaris ATV, UTV and gem electric vehicles? The newest Farm Bureau member benefit is a manufacturer rebate on most Polaris products except for snowmobiles.

The discount will be stackable with other Polaris discounts, promotions or rebates that may be provided by Polaris. In order to get the rebate, members need to print a certificate at [www.fbverify.com/polaris](http://www.fbverify.com/polaris) (just like GM) and be a member for 30 days.

### Details

- All full size utility and sport vehicles (UTV) - \$300
- All full size all-terrain vehicles (ATV) - \$200
- All gem electric vehicles - \$300



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## District Director's Message



We are entering a time of year when many county Farm Bureaus are getting ready for their annual meetings. As members, we have the opportunity to create the direction for our organization. It seems that each month brings an important issue to agriculture.

We need many voices to find the best solutions to each of these issues. They may range from proposing new laws to prevent the change of a current regulation. As farmers we must speak up, or risk having someone else making decisions we find difficult to live with. Please take the time to join your neighbors for a meal and conversation that can keep farming a great business and way of life.

**Jim Holte**  
 WFBF President, District 9 Director

**2014 Annual Meeting**  
 December 5-8

**INNOVATE**  
**EDUCATE**  
**MOTIVATE**

**Kalahari Resort and Conference Center, Wisconsin Dells**

95th Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting  
 80th Rural Mutual Insurance Company Annual Meeting  
 Young Farmer and Agriculturist Conference

**Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation**

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