

# St. Croix County Farm Bureau

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## Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

# *You're Invited* **Annual Meeting** St. Croix County Farm Bureau

Tuesday, September 9 • 8 p.m.

### Baldwin Legion

410 Maple Street, Baldwin, WI 54002

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 county board directors. WFBF Executive Director of Governmental Relations, Paul Zimmerman will be the keynote speaker discussing the new implement of husbandry laws and other current legislative issues. Wisconsin Farm Bureau President Jim Holte will also be in attendance at this year's annual meeting.

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 in Wisconsin Dells.

**Please plan on attending and let your voice be heard!**

Questions? Contact District Coordinator Katie Mattison at 715.418.0975.

## River Falls Days Parade

The St. Croix County Farm Bureau made a donation to the Pierce County Farm Bureau to assist in the continued tradition of handing out milk and cheese curds at the River Falls Days Parade in July. With the help of the Town and Country 4-H Club and Pierce County 4-H Ambassadors, 4,800 cartons of milk and 80 pounds of cheese curds were distributed to parade goers as part of a dairy promotion.



4-H members from the Town and Country 4-H Club led by April Daniels along with some Pierce County Farm Bureau members posed for a photo before the River Falls Days Parade.



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ST. CROIX COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

## Another St. Croix County Fair in the Books

The St. Croix County Fair came to a close for another year but not before many fairgoers stopped by the Farm Bureau food stand to



One of the most popular items on the menu at the fair stand was the cheese curds! Randy Roquette helped fry up the curds from the Ellsworth Co-op Creamery.

enjoy some delicious food, including the famous Ellsworth cheese curds. This year the St. Croix County Farm Bureau served up 1,500 pounds of cheese curds!

Thank you to Tim Jackson of Munson Hybrids for his generous donation of water. Also, thank you to the many volunteers who helped make



Fritz, Lynn, Brittany and Julie posed for a picture while volunteering at the Farm Bureau food stand.

it another successful year, specifically Melanie Peterson and Jenny Mueller who always do an outstanding job of organizing this event.

Profits from the food stand are used to support many area organizations and activities. Some of these include donations to local food pantries, dairy promotion events, Ag in the Classroom support and scholarships for local high school seniors.

## Oven Donation Completes Food Stand Renovations

St. Croix County Farm Bureau recently renovated the food stand at the county fairgrounds. Some of the updates to the building include a new serving window and relocation of the deep fryers and other appliances to better utilize space.

To top off the remodel project, St. Croix Electric generously donated an oven to the St. Croix County Farm Bureau. Mark Pendergast, President and CEO of St. Croix Electric, visited the food stand during the fair to dedicate the oven.



The new oven was dedicated at the St Croix County Fair. Pictured is Randy Roquette, Mark Pendergast (President and CEO of St. Croix Electric), Melanie Peterson and Jenny Mueller.

## 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](mailto: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

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## President's Message



It is time for one of St. Croix County Farm Bureau's most important events of the year...the county annual meeting. The annual meeting is an event in which our "grassroots" efforts take place; when we will vote on resolutions that will be passed on to the WFBF Annual Meeting to set Wisconsin Farm Bureau policy goals.

Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Director of Government Relations, Paul Zimmerman will be our speaker. He will be discussing the new Implements of Husbandry law and other current legislative issues. Our District 9 Director and WFBF President Jim Holte will also be in attendance and speaking during the meeting.

We recently had another very successful year at the county fair. Thanks to everyone who came out and volunteered

throughout the week at the Farm Bureau food stand. I hope you all enjoyed working with your friends and neighbors.

I look forward to seeing you all at the annual meeting!

**Dave Kruschke**  
St. Croix County Farm Bureau President

## One-Day Training Offers Resources, Education

Classroom teachers and Ag in the Classroom volunteers gathered at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls on July 23 for a day of learning and fun. Attendees heard from the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board and Wisconsin Maple Syrup producers before heading to White Pine Berry Farm, owned by Irma and Greg Zwald, for a tour and lunch.



**Rachel Sauvola, agriculture instructor with the school district of New Richmond, shared her passion for agriculture and spoke to the group about connecting with your local FFA program.**

The afternoon continued with a tour of the college's greenhouse facility, presentation by New Richmond High School agriscience teacher and FFA advisor Rachel Sauvola about connecting with your local FFA program and UWRF ag education professor Dr. Jim Graham who discussed agriculture, food and natural resource standards. There was also an opportunity to learn how to utilize agricultural resources in the classroom and demonstrations from the Soybean Science Kit.

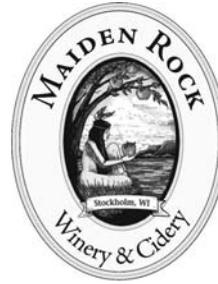


The group toured the UW-River Falls greenhouse facility.



Greg Zwald took the group on a tour of his farm, White Pine Berry Farm.

## Cider Apple Production Workshop and Orchard Walk



Herdie Baisden and Carol Wiersma, owners of Maiden Rock Apples, Cidery & Winery and their orchard staff have offered to host and lead an informative and educational workshop specifically on the topic of commercial cider apple production. Herdie and Carol have been at the forefront of a trend towards

local production of hard ciders and wines. They have more demand for their hard cider product than they do apples for making cider, so they graciously offered to host this workshop to bring awareness and knowledge of cider apple production to western Wisconsin orchardists.

**Thursday, September 11**

**12:30 p.m. – Sign-In ; 1-5 p.m. – Event**

**Maiden Rock Apples, Cidery & Winery**

W12266 King Lane, P.O. Box 34  
Stockholm, WI 54769

Registration Fee: \$5 Per Person

Pre-Registration Recommended Before September 4

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## Nominations Being Sought for Teacher of the Year

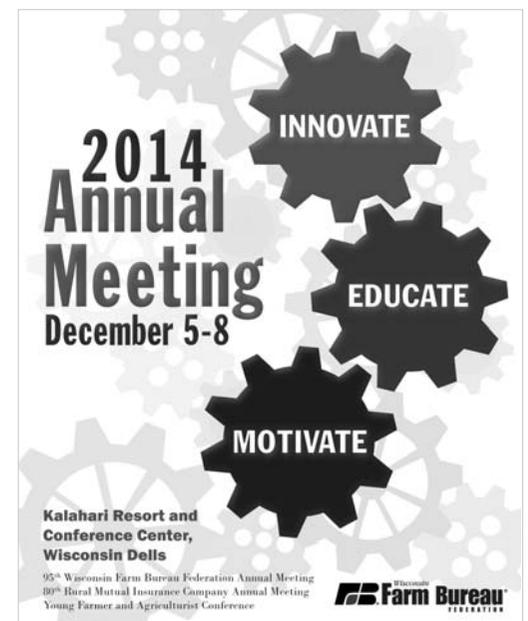
Do you know a teacher who does a great job teaching about agriculture? If so, please encourage them to fill out an application for the Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom Program's Outstanding Teacher Award.

Agriculture in the Classroom (AIRC) 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 AIRC 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 AIRC website ([wisagclassroom.org](http://wisagclassroom.org) – found under the quick links section on the right hand side of the page) and are due (postmarked by) **October 15.**



## 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).

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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 snow mobiles.

The discount will be stackable with other Polaris discounts, promotions or rebates that may be provided by Polaris from time-to-time. 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



## Sign Up for Ag Newswire

Visit [wfbf.com](http://wfbf.com) to receive this required reading for the agriculture community right to your email inbox every week.



## Welcome New Members

Linda Anderson  
Mike O'keefe

Welcome to Farm Bureau

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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 preventing 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

## 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.