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Featured Events

Wednesday, August 24, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 25, 7 p.m.

Friday, August 26, 8 p.m.

Saturday, August 27, 11 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 28, 1:30 p.m.

Tractor Pull

Trick Pony

Cherry Pie

Tractor Pull

WTPA Tractor Pull

Demolition Derby

Fair Tickets

General admission: \$7

Parking: Free

Advanced Season Pass: \$20

Children under 11 FREE

Veterans Day Special – Thursday: \$4
(If pass is purchased before the fair from
the Veterans Service Office)

Senior Day (62 and older) – Friday: \$4
until 3 p.m.; after 3 p.m., full price

News from the Food Stand By Bonni Miller, Food Stand Manager

Volunteers are still needed for the Farm Bureau food stand at the Waupaca County Fair on August 24-28.

If you can volunteer even a few hours at the food stand, please contact me at 715.281.7431 bonnimiller@yahoo.com.

The food stand committee decided on the same basic menu that has been served during the last several years.

The menu includes hamburgers, hot dogs, grilled cheese sandwiches, breakfast sandwiches, french fries, malts and chili.

New this year is a renewed commitment to serve locally raised products. Members who sell directly to the consumer are encouraged to contact me for more information.

Producers will be selected using a lottery system, provided that they fit within the budget and they will be promoted extensively in local media.

Members who volunteer for at least four hours will get a free meal at the Farm Bureau food stand. Members who volunteer for at least 20 hours will get free admission to the fair, plus four free meals.





COUNTYnews

WAUPACA COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

Women's Committee Hosts Spring Fling Planting Day

By Terri Hamm

About 24 members attended the sixth annual Spring Fling Planting Day on May 14. This year the ladies and gentlemen of the Waupaca County Farm Bureau made a lantern out of a Mason jar.

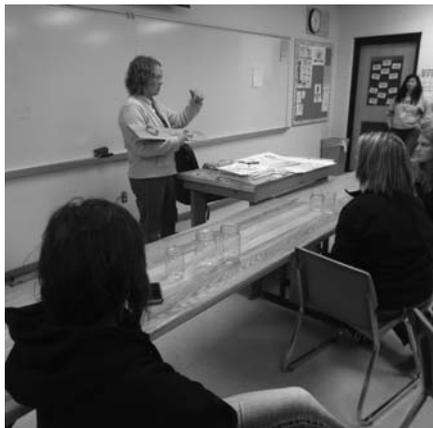
The Waupaca FFA greenhouse sale was successful and they didn't have as many plants left for us as usual so we had to purchase a few in order to have enough. Everyone put together some great looking

arrangements that will beautify their yards and farmsteads for the summer and fall.

To end the event, we enjoyed a delicious lunch.

Thank you to those who came and participated. I look forward to next year. Enjoy your summer!

Some photos from this year's planting day:



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Save the Date: County Annual Meeting

The Waupaca County Farm Bureau annual meeting will be at 8 p.m. on **October 4** at the **Bear Lake Dance Hall**.

Watch your next newsletter for more details.

President's Report



It's already August. This year is going by way too fast. Spring was slow to arrive. Planting started late, but once we were able to get into the fields seeds just flew into the ground. We (farmers) did what we do best. Battling the calendar, clock, and weather: we just farmed.

It was tough getting crops in and harvested this spring, but with patience and a few sleepless nights we got it done. Harvesting first crop was difficult at best. Thank God for haylage and baleage because there were only a few days to make dry hay.

Elections are just around the corner as everyone has seen the campaign ads during the summer. I have the privilege of being on the Volunteers for Agriculture Committee this year. There are a lot of open seats around the state and it will be interesting to see how the elections play out.

For us in Waupaca County, I want to let you know that Representative Kevin Petersen was given the 'Friend of Agriculture' endorsement for his voting record on ag topics.

The Waupaca County Fair is right around the corner. This is a big event because it is the only fundraiser that we have to support our programs. So come on down and have a burger, fries, shake or any of the other great menu items. And better yet, volunteer to help the kitchen staff.

Hope to see you at the fair and don't forget to bring the coupon from this newsletter to the fair food stand for a 50 cent discount on your order.

Until next time, stay healthy, stay happy and stay safe. May God bless you and your family.

Wayne Steingraber
Waupaca County Farm Bureau President

District 7 YFA Report By Brian Preder

As I visit the counties of the district, I am impressed. What impresses me the most is the leadership of our county YFA chairs who volunteered time and skills to develop the next generation of Farm Bureau members. It also is awesome to see the support that the YFA chairs receive from the boards of directors in each county.

In February, we brought together this talented group of YFA leaders for the first District 7 County YFA chair meeting. It was a great opportunity for the YFA chairs to share their experiences and get to know their fellow chairs. We also started planning District 7 YFA events for the upcoming year. Be sure to watch for those. Thank you to the YFA chairs for taking time for the meeting.

The first District 7 event for the year was the Gamblers hockey game on March 19. About 30 members attended and enjoyed an exciting game and pizza afterwards. It was great to have this many members attend the first event of the year. Looking ahead to fall, how about participating in the District 7

YFA Discussion Meet at 7 p.m. on **Wednesday, September 14** at the River Rail Bar and Grill in Shiocton?

The topic that we will discuss is: **Today's food companies employ many tactics to gain a marketing edge. What is the purpose of food labels? How can Farm Bureau work to ensure that consumers understand the labels and have confidence in the safety and quality of their food?**

For more information and the other topics for discussion, visit wfbf.com and search 'YFA.'

Of course I can't mention contests without mentioning the YFA Conference at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells during the first weekend of December. If you haven't attended the conference, we have the 'no excuse reason' to attend--the Rural Mutual Insurance YFA conference sponsorship.

If you want the opportunity to develop your leadership skills, network with YFA members and have a lot of fun, fill out the



District 7 YFA members at last year's District 7 Discussion Meet included Christa Hoffman (right) who won the state Discussion Meet.

application on the YFA web page and return by **August 15**.

I look forward to meeting fellow District 7 YFA members at upcoming events and contests. As always, if you have questions or ideas, please contact me and stay Farm Bureau Proud!

The Farm Bureau Institute Experience By Kristy Erickson



Do you enjoy networking with people of similar interests as you? Are you looking to grow both personally and professionally? Do you have areas to improve when it comes to leadership?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Institute is the place for you.

Since January, I had the privilege to be working with 14 other Farm Bureau members from across the state, sharpening aspects of my leadership skills.

I have learned more about myself as a leader during the first session than what I expected during all six sections. I was pushed out of my comfort zone and had tremendous growth because of it.

The resources, relationships and speakers I was exposed to along the way will be with me for life.

The best is that you can be a part of this tremendous opportunity in 2017. You must apply by **August 15**.

For more information and to see the schedule, visit wfbf.com and find the 'Leadership Training Institute' under the programs and events link.

The application can be downloaded, or you can contact myself at 715.250.1323 or aandkerickson@gmail.com or District 7 Coordinator Wes Raddatz at 866.355.7346 or wraddatz@wfbf.com.



Promotion and Education Committee Meeting

By Katelin Haglund

The newly formed Promotional and Education Committee met for the first time in January.

One of the first projects that the committee is focusing on is the development of a 'Playbook' for Wisconsin Farm Bureau. The purpose of the 'Playbook' is to provide a way to share the great programs and activities that counties and districts have across the state.

The 'Playbook' will include information about the activity and a contact person to reach out to if they are interested in hosting an event.

In April, a 'meetings of the minds' was held in Kimberly, which brought Farm Bureau

members from District 5, 6 and 7. District 5 committee member Michelle Bulaa and myself along with Deb Raemisch presented the 'Playbook' to the group.

The 'Playbook' will be stored on the Promotion and Education web page on the WFBF website. The committee hopes to have enough activities to release the first edition in the fall.

The counties in District 7 have amazing activities that will make great additions to the 'Playbook.' If you have activity that you want to get into the first 'Playbook' or if you have questions, please contact me at 715.210.5384 or at katelinhaglund@gmail.com.



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Policy Development Meeting Invitation

It's an election year and politics are in the news.

So is Farm Bureau policy, so let's get it started at the grass-roots level. Come and participate in your county Farm Bureau policy development meeting at 8 p.m. on **Tuesday, September 6**, at the Manawa City Hall Fire Department Training Room in Manawa.

Some topics that you might consider bringing your opinions to the meeting are:

- **Animal husbandry and welfare.** This might involve tail docking practices, cage-free egg production or commodity group recommended best management practices contracts.
- **Atrazine Prohibition Areas.** Should they be repealed? Expanded? Is weed resistance to the chemical being created by lowered application rates?

- **Rural Broadband Internet Service.** Is it necessary? What about government mandates, funding, etc?
- **Wisconsin Fence Law.** Should the fence law be modified to require livestock farmers to be responsible for maintaining fences to contain their livestock? Should non-farmers be able to require farmers who do not have livestock to construct or maintain their half of the fence? How should disputes be settled?
- **Wetlands issues.** Farm drainage, wetlands enhancement programs and funding, federal and state regulations.



District Report



I was recently reading an article that seemed to hit close to home.

Did you know that 46 million people, which is about 15 percent of the U.S. population, live in rural America?

We and our fellow farmers provide the food and fiber that feeds and clothes our nation and much of the world.

We need to keep rural America strong and economically sound. A lot of national and state funding goes to urban areas rather than the rural areas, which in turn makes it difficult to

attract teachers, new businesses and keep existing businesses flourishing.

We see so many local grocery stores, hardware stores, shopping centers, clinics and movie theaters close because of financial difficulties.

Another thing that seems to be put on the chopping block is the agriculture programs in our schools. This past weekend while at a party, I was asked about agriculture and FFA. "Why isn't FFA in more schools?"

Now that the focus is on growing some of their own food, many do not have the education or background on how to proceed. We need to step up to the plate to keep our schools and rural economy viable.

Wayne Staidl
District 7 State Board Director

Humor Corner By Wes Raddatz, District 7 Coordinator

Why did the banker break up with his girlfriend?
He lost interest.

Everyone likes political jokes.
Until they get elected.

Where do cows go to have fun?
To a-moos-ment parks.

A nephew gushed to his uncle after the holidays,
"Thanks for the electric guitar! It's the best present I've ever received!"
"Can you play it yet?" his uncle asked.
"No, I don't play it," the boy replied. "Mom gives me \$10 a week not to play it in the daytime, and Dad gives me \$15 a week not to play it at night."



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District Meeting Announcement

You are invited to attend the District 7 meeting on **Monday, August 8**, at Anello's Supper Club (yes, it is rebuilt) in Shawano on Green Bay Street. A family style chicken and fish dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m.

An educational and informational meeting will follow with ample time to ask questions.

For more information or to make a reservations by **August 5**, please call Wayne Staidl at 715.582.3671. If there is no answer, please leave your RSVP with names of those attending and what county you are from. I hope to see you there.

Wayne Staidl
District 7 State Board Director

'I'll Get 2' Membership Challenge

Five Waupaca County members who took the 'I'll Get 2' membership challenge by signing their names on the District 7 membership challenge board achieved their goals and were honored at the 'I Got 2' District 7 pizza party on April 18 at the Four Seasons Resort in Shawano.

Congratulations to these Farm Bureau Proud volunteer membership workers.



(L-R) Tom Riley, Lynn Steingraber, Kari Riley and Dan Hintz met their goals for the 'I'll Get 2' membership challenge. Not pictured is Wayne Steingraber.