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Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation



We invite you to come celebrate our Clark County Farm Bureau year and take part in our annual business meeting . . .

Clark County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Tuesday September 20

During the meeting, we will vote on policy, elect directors and select delegates to the WFBF Annual Meeting.

In addition to the regular items of business coming before the members, the board of directors will submit for approval by members a bylaw change to change the name of the women's committee to ag promotions committee.

Time & Cost

- 7 p.m. - Registration
- 7:30 p.m. Meal
- \$5 per person

Location

Loyal Town Hall
W3412 Chickadee Road
Loyal, WI 54446

RSVP

By **September 12** to
District 8 Coordinator Ashleigh
Calaway at 866.355.7348 or
acalaway@wbf.com.

Lots of Fun at the Clark County YFA Volleyball Tournament



The Clark County YFA Committee hosted their annual volleyball tournament at Tommy's Hilltop Bar. Mark your calendars now for next year's tournament on June 10, 2017. We hope to see you there.



COUNTYnews

CLARK COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

Enjoy the Clark County Breakfast at Loyal Corn Fest



The Clark County Farm Bureau board of directors invites you to join them from 7 a.m. to noon on **Sunday, August 28**, for breakfast at Westside Park in Loyal.

Cost:

\$7 for 12 year olds and older
\$4 for kindergarten – 11 year olds
Free for preschool and younger

The breakfast menu is pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, cheese, apple sauce, coffee and ice cold milk. We encourage you to bring friends, family and a healthy appetite.

All proceeds raised from the breakfast will directly benefit the county's scholarship program.

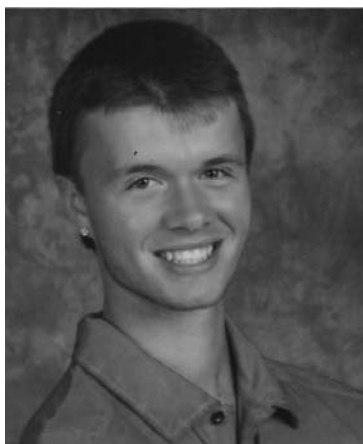
Also, any Farm Bureau member who is interested in volunteering for the breakfast, please contact Clark County president Clark Turner at 715.229.2846 or Clark County treasurer Jim Froeba at 715.255.8159.



Clark County Scholarship Winners Announced

Clark County Farm Bureau was honored to handout \$1,000 worth of scholarships to graduating high school seniors throughout Clark County.

If you know of a high school senior pursuing higher education in 2017, please encourage them to complete the Clark County Farm Bureau scholarship application.



Austyn-Lee Degenhardt is the son of Dennis and Mary Owen. He will attend Chippewa Valley Technical College and is enrolled in the agri-science department with a goal of becoming an agronomist.



Whitney Baehr is the daughter of David and Gayle Baehr. She will attend UW-River Falls and is pursuing a degree in ag engineering.

Congratulations Austyn-Lee and Whitney!

Register NOW For the Ag Open

The Wisconsin Ag Open is on **Monday, September 12** at Christmas Mountain Village in Wisconsin Dells.

Registration is at 9:30 a.m., shotgun start at 10:30 a.m. and there will be appetizers and prizes after golfing.

The format will be a four-person team scramble and registration includes 18 holes with a cart, gift bag, food and beverage and golf contests, mulligan sales and door prizes.

Please note we are limiting the outing to 144 golfers to offer maximum golf pleasure and pace on the course. Registration and payment are needed to secure your spot.

The event supports the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation's efforts to expand agricultural leadership, 4-H and FFA program, agricultural literacy efforts and other education, youth and leadership programs.

For more information or to register by **August 8**, please visit wfbf.com/aboutwfbf/foundation/wisconsin-ag-open.



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District 8 YFA Update By Beth Schaefer, District 8 YFA Representative

Calling all Young Farmer and Agriculturist members. Some exciting events and opportunities are on the horizon including the District 8 Discussion Meet, Rural Mutual Sponsorship for the 2016 WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference and bus trip to World Dairy Expo.

'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?'

Do you have some ideas on how to answer this question? If you are between the ages of 18 and 35, come and share your knowledge and thoughts on this question by participating in the 2016 District 8 YFA Discussion Meet. The Discussion Meet is at 7 p.m. on **Sunday, August 28**, at Abbyland Travel Center and Restaurant in Curtiss. The dinner will follow at 7:30 p.m.

The top three individuals will advance to the state competition held during the WFBF YFA Conference on December 2-4 in Wisconsin Dells.

Never competed before? Check out the 2016 Discussion Meet Manual and Tips for competing at www.wfbf.com. Look

for the updated YFA page for contest details. If you plan to participate or have questions, please contact Beth Schaefer at eaporior.schaefer@gmail.com or 608.577.6845.

This year the District 8 Policy and Development meeting will be held immediately following the YFA Discussion Meet, so come participate or cheer on our district YFA members and stick around to participate in the foundation of our organization – grassroots policy development.

Summer officially started on June 20, but planning for the YFA Conference is in full swing. Mark your calendars for December 2-4, when more than 500 YFA members arrive at the Kalahari Resorts in Wisconsin Dells to learn, compete, network and celebrate with YFA members.

Never been to the state YFA Conference? How about attending for free? That's right, free. Rural Mutual Insurance Company will sponsor the registration and hotel for up to 50 YFA members and their guests who have not attended the YFA Conference.

For an application and details about the Rural Mutual Sponsorship, visit www.wfbf.com. Applications are due **August 15**.

Want to go to the 50th World Dairy Expo in Madison? Want

to enjoy the cattle shows, vendors and networking, but don't want to drive? Catch the YFA bus, and leave the driving to us.

The bus will travel to World Dairy Expo on **Saturday, October 8**, and return after the Supreme Champion is named Saturday afternoon. The bus will tentatively leave from Wausau and pick up in Stevens Point and Westfield. More details, including cost, will be available at www.wfbf.com under the events calendar. Don't miss the 50th World Dairy Expo.

Do you have the next idea for a YFA event? Please share your ideas with Beth Schaefer, State YFA Committee Representative for District 8 at eaporior.schaefer@gmail.com or 608.577.6845.



**Young Farmer and
Agriculturist Program**

Institute Graduates Talk Ag on Capitol Hill



(L-R) Randy Wokatsch, Marathon County; Brad Weber, Wood County; and Bill Mueller, Marathon County.

Farm Bureau leaders became lobbyists for a day while meeting with Wisconsin's congressional delegation in Washington, D.C., on April 13-14.

The topics discussed were trade, immigration, wolves, food labeling and the farm economy. Graduates of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation's Institute leadership course were joined on Capitol Hill by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Board of Directors.

The trip marked the completion of the Institute, a year-long leadership training program available to Farm Bureau members.

"Being aware of political changes and how they can or will affect my farm and life are important to me. The Institute has helped me to think outside of the box when talking with my representatives. I was able to share with them exactly

"Being in the institute program I learned the value of being fearless. By being fearless you can accomplish more in life like having the experience of meeting our representatives in Washington, DC. Having the opportunity to talk and share our experiences and concerns on agriculture issues with them was a benefit. Going through the institute has helped develop my confidence." -Brad Weber

how their decision will impact me," said Janet Clark, a dairy farmer and Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau member.

While in Washington, Farm Bureau members met officials from the American Farm Bureau Federation and the U.S. Department of Agriculture where they discussed issues pertaining to wetland conservation, telecommunication and broadband expansion, food safety and national preparedness for animal disease. A visit to the New Zealand Embassy included a conversation on trade and the global agricultural economy.

In addition to meeting with Senators Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin and their representatives in the U.S. House of Representatives, Farm Bureau members also toured the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives' chambers.

Members of the Institute Class IX



(L-R) Randy Wokatsch, Marathon County; William Litzer, Marathon County; Brad Weber, Wood County; Congressman Sean Duffy; and Bill Mueller, Marathon County.

who attended the Washington, D.C., trip were: Hannah Barthels, Milton; Amanda Carlson, Hartland; Janet Clark, Rosendale; Jayne Dalton, Endeavor; Erin Daluge, Janesville; Will Litzer, Marathon; Kelsi Mayer, Monroe; Bill Mueller, Wausau; Sarah Sacker, Brownstown; Taylor Schuetz, Brooklyn; Kim VandenAvond, Luxemburg; Brad Weber, Marshfield; and Randy Wokatsch, Marathon.

For more information about the Institute, visit bit.ly/WFBFInstitute.



Watch for Ag Transportation Tidbits

Now that the implements of husbandry (IOH) trilogy is complete, but so many questions still remain, there has been discussion of creating a Wisconsin agriculture transportation guide book.

This book will encompass aspects of operating or transporting ag-related equipment and supplies within Wisconsin highlighting both state and federal laws.

Wisconsin Farm Bureau Senior Director of Governmental Relations Rob Richard and Cheryl Skjolaas from the UW-Extension are working with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to write this guide book with a goal of completing it by September 1.

In preparation for the guide book, WFBF is rolling out 'Today's Ag Transportation Tidbit' on social media. These posts are simple, yet important, transportation laws or rules that apply to ag-related equipment and its operation or transport on Wisconsin roads.

Even though you may know these laws, it's our hope that you share them via social media to reach and educate a much wider audience. More importantly, any feedback that you provide will help us prioritize specific issues for the guide book. For example, did you know that it is not legal to pass an implement of husbandry or ag commercial motor vehicle (Ag-CMV) in a no-passing zone?

For other tidbits from WFBF's 'Today's Ag Transportation Tidbit', visit facebook.com/WIFarmBureau.



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District 8 Young Farmer and Agriculturist Farm Tour Recap

By Shannon Boschma, Marathon County YFA Chair



Young Farmer and Agriculturist members from District 8 gathered on April 1 to enjoy a day of learning in central Wisconsin.

Our first tour was at H&S Manufacturing in Marshfield. We learned about the business history and building philosophies of H&S from tour host Ron Zygarlicke. We also enjoyed a tour of the manufacturing plant.

From there we went to the Marshfield Agricultural Research Station auditorium to listen to an insightful presentation from staff with the National Farm Medicine Center regarding farm safety topics and training. While there we enjoyed lunch sponsored by the National Farm Medicine Center and WFBF YFA.

Our next tour was Seehafer's Farm and Creamery in Marshfield. We learned about their agri-tourism venture in starting a creamery on-farm from Nikki Seehafer. Staff from the National Farm Medicine Center also presented some key points to consider when welcoming visitors on farm. Joey Ploeckelman gave a tour of the dairy farm and answered questions about milking practices, feed mixes and calf-heifer raising.

The last tour was at the UW-Marshfield Agricultural Research Station Farm in Stratford. Nancy Esser and Will Cordes presented the group with a lot of interesting information regarding what kinds of trials are conducted on UW research farms, why those trials take place and how dairy farms use and benefit from their findings.

Thank you to the tour hosts: H&S Manufacturing, Seehafer's and Marshfield Agricultural Research Station, the guest speaker from the National Farm Medicine Center and to everyone who participated in the tour. We hope you enjoyed the tour and found it informational.



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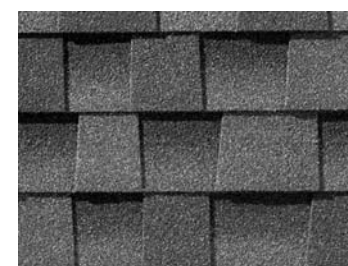
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Faulty Shingles?

By Randy Wokatsch

With the agriculture commodities being what they are, I wanted to pass on some information that I found.



Attention to those who have asphalt shingle roofing on their homes, barns, sheds or other buildings: If your shingles were manufactured by CertainTeed Corporation between July 1, 1987 and December 31, 2005, you may qualify for a settlement because these shingles are defective.

For information and a claim form, visit www.certainteedshinglesettlement.com. Company representatives are available to help as well.

If you have any questions, please call me at 715.443.2457 or 715.506.1355. I completed the form and have received payment. During these trying times every bit helps so please don't hesitate to contact me.

District 8 Policy Development Meeting to be Held

Do you have concerns about what is going on in your county or state? Do you know with your yearly membership dues you are provided an opportunity to change legislation?



Farm Bureau is a grassroots organization and one where everyone's voice is important!

Please join us on **Sunday, August 28**, at the Abbyland Truck Stop. The District Discussion Meet starts at 7 p.m. with a break for a meal at 7:30 p.m. The District Policy Meeting will follow.

For more information or questions, please contact District 8 Coordinator Ashleigh Calaway at acalaway@wfbf.com or 866.355.7348.