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Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

Come and Enjoy the Dairy Days of Summer at the Sawyer County Dairy Breakfast

When: Saturday, June 23, from 6:30 to 11 a.m.

Where: Sawyer County Fairgrounds, Hayward

On Highway B, 2 miles east of Highway 27 in Hayward

Cost: \$7 for adults; \$6 ages 4-12; under 3 years old - free

Come and enjoy a hearty breakfast of pancakes with the option of blueberries or chocolate chips, sausage, cheese, ice cream, strawberries and whipped cream, milk, cranberry juice and coffee. **New for 2018: Scrambled eggs.**

You are guaranteed to not leave hungry.

There will be something for the whole family including live entertainment, farm animals, kids' activities and farm equipment.

This event is co-sponsored by Sawyer County Farm Bureau with funds supplied by the Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin. A portion of the proceeds from the event go to support the Sawyer County 4-H.

For more information or if you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Missy Beissel at 715.266.3414.

Keep up with this event on Facebook, visit Sawyer County Dairy Breakfast Thank you to the Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin and the many area business sponsors.

We look forward to seeing you for breakfast!



Come to the 2018 Sawyer County Dairy Breakfast and enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared and served up by our wonderful volunteers. And Don't forget the Ice Cream!!!

Rusk and Sawyer County Members: Your Voice Matters

Plan to attend one of the District 9 Policy Development meetings to be held on:

August 1

Time: 11:30 a.m.

**Location: Tee Away Golf Course
1401 E. 11th Street N.
Ladysmith, WI 54848
or**

Time: 7:30 p.m.

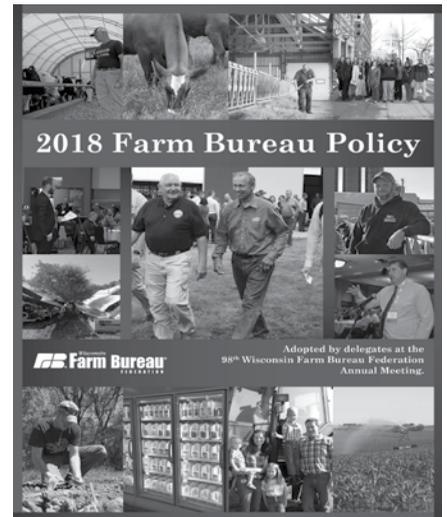
**Location: Stout Ale House Restaurant and Sportsbar
1501 N. Broadway Street #1500
Menomonie, WI 54751**

Raise Your Voice

Wisconsin Farm Bureau is a grassroots organization that works on behalf of farm families and all individuals who support agriculture. That means that we need to hear what's important to you! Please plan to attend one of these important meetings and let your voice be heard!

The District 9 YFA Discussion Meet will precede the Policy Development meeting at the Stout Ale House beginning at 6:30 p.m. **The question to be discussed:** As the Voice of Agriculture, how can Farm Bureau be more inclusive of all agriculture and production practices? This includes, but is not limited to, women in agriculture, organic production, fresh produce, forestry and aquaculture.

For directions, questions or to RSVP, please contact District 9 Coordinator Katie Mattison at 866.355.7349 or kmattison@wfbf.com.





COUNTYnews

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Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest Winners Chosen

Flambeau Student named Rusk County essay contest winner.

Ava Hughes, a fifth-grade student from Tony, is the Rusk County winner of the Ag in the Classroom essay contest. Ava is the daughter of Jenny and Gregory Hughes. Dan Solberg is her fifth-grade teacher at Flambeau Elementary School.

Wisconsin fourth and fifth grade students were asked to write a 100- to 300-word essay with the theme, 'Inventions that have made agriculture great.'

Ava's winning essay:

Barbed Wire

I am doing a essay on barbed wire because I really wanted to know where it was made and why. I also wanted to learn about I because it was made where I used to live.

Barbed wire was invented by Joseph Glidden. Joseph made barbed wire in DeKalb Illinois. Barbed wire was made on October 27 in 1873. Joseph got the idea at the Illinois County Fair from Henry Rose's single stranded wire.

Joseph had a business and he sold the barbed wire to many customers because it was strong, durable and it was cheap. Many people designed barbed wire but Joseph's was better.

Joseph mad it by twisting two pieces of wire together to hold the barb spurs. It changed things for farmers especially on the Great Plains because before Glidden made the fence the farmers had problems with wild animals. They let cattle roam and they would drive them. When they put them in a cage it's made from wood that got shipped overseas and they were expensive. So when Glidden made the fence people noticed that the farmers kept their cattle in the fence to save them and they also noticed that people weren't driving cattle anymore.

Barbed wire changed farming forever by saving the farm animals from other creatures.

Winter Student named Sawyer County essay contest winner.

Kaydence Granica, a fourth-grade student from Winter, is the Sawyer County winner of the Agriculture in the Classroom essay contest. Kaydence is the daughter of Mike and Sarah Granica. Donna Knuckey is her fourth-grade teacher at Winter Elementary School.

Kaydence's winning essay:

The Plow

The first plow ever invented was a walking plow. This plow was mainly pulled by horse, mule or ox. It had two handles, a beam, a vertical hitch, a clevis, a horizontal hitch, a snare or point, a moldboard and braces.

In the 18th Century, oxen and horses were used for powering crude wooden plows. All sowing (planting seeds) was by hand, cultivating was by hoe, hay and grain cutting was with a sickle. ("Crude" means it is not processed yet).

In 1797, Charles Newbold patents the first cast-iron plow. The walking plow was not much different than the cast-iron plow that replaces it. Then in 1819, Jethro Wood patents an iron plow with interchangeable parts so you could change the oil or fuel when it is low. You can change gears.

A few years later, 1834 McCormick patented a reaper that harvests grain; John Lane manufactures plows that are faced with steel saw blades. This made life much better for people that hand cut hundreds of acres of farm crops.

In 1837, the John Deere company began manufacturing steel plows. Many years later in 1865-1875 gang plows and sulky plows came into use by farmers. These plows became popular all around with world.

Now in 2018, lots of people use and love the plows John Deere has developed. Some people like the Amish and Mennonites still like to use the walking plow. Just think, how hard it would be to live in the 18th Century when they had to walk behind plows or reapers being pulled by horses or oxen to plant a field or harvest a crop.

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District 9 County Farm Bureau

MEMBER APPRECIATION PICNIC



To RSVP (appreciated but not required) or for more information, please contact District 9 Coordinator Katie Mattison at kmattison@wfbf.com or 866.355.7349.

You're invited

Dunn County Farm Bureau will host a Summer Member Appreciation Picnic! All District 9 Farm Bureau members are invited.

WHEN:	WHERE:
Thursday, June 28	Russel J. Rassbach Heritage Museum
• 5:30 p.m. - Social	1820 Wakanda Street
• 6:30 p.m. - Dinner	Menomonie, Wisconsin 54751

WHAT'S PROVIDED: Dunn County Farm Bureau will provide pulled beef, buns, fixings, condiments, milk, lemonade, water and utensils.

The picnic also includes admission to the Heritage Museum where you will experience the history of Dunn County through its collection of artifacts and exhibit areas.

WHAT TO BRING: Please bring a dish to pass.

We hope to see you there!

Farm Bureau Member Sign Sales Ending in 2018

Are you looking for ways to spruce up your farm yard or display your Farm Bureau membership?

These single-sided 18" by 24" heavy aluminum all-weather signs are ideal for indoor or outdoor use and can be personalized with up to 14 characters per line.

The cost is \$45 per sign and orders received will be processed by group at the end of each month. With each sign purchased, \$5 is contributed to the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation to support agricultural education and agricultural leadership programs in Wisconsin.

Order forms can be found at wfbf.com/foundation/farm-signs or contact Darlene Arneson at 608.828.5644 or darneson@wfbf.com.

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Like us on Facebook: Rusk County Farm Bureau and Sawyer County Farm Bureau Young Farmer & Agriculturist Program.

Hillan's Awarded 2018 Farm Family of the Year



The 2018 Farm Family of the Year was presented by Rusk County Farm Bureau board member Betsy DuSell to the Hillan family (Eric, Carol and Evan). Evan accepted the award on behalf of the Hillan Family. The Farm Family of the Year was awarded during the Greater Ladysmith Community Awards banquet.

Welcome New Members: Rusk

Thomas Bergmann*, Todd Herricks*, Tyler Huiras*, Dennis Madejski*, Mike Roen*, Sandman Transit LLC*, Elizabeth Schmucker, Ryan Stewart, Sam Stewart* and Tyler Zimmer*.

*Denotes voting member.

Did You Know ...

Rusk County agriculture accounts for \$53.2 million, or 12.4 percent, of the county's total income. This includes wages, salaries, benefits and profits of farmers and workers in agriculture-related businesses. Every dollar of agricultural income generates an additional \$0.41 of county income.

Rusk County Farm Bureau Awards Scholarships

Rusk County Farm Bureau is proud to announce that we have awarded two Rusk County students with scholarships in the amount of \$250. The applicants were asked to complete an application that included their education plans, community and school activities and a recommendation from teachers.

The Rusk County Farm Bureau scholarship recipients are:



Serenity Hetke. Serenity is a senior at Ladysmith High School. She is the daughter of Paul and Janet Hetke. Her plan is to attend the UW-River Falls for dairy science. Serenity is involved in 4-H, FFA, Wisconsin Junior Ayrshire Association, cross country, track and field and music.



Ryan LaPorte. Ryan is a senior at Flambeau High School. He is the son of Daniel and Kimberly LaPorte. He plans to attend the UW-River Falls and major in agriculture engineering. Some of Ryan's activities include: 4-H, FFA, National Honors Society, Junior Leaders and Rusk County Junior Shooting Sports.

Congratulations to the recipients. We wish you the best in your future endeavors.

Hazardous Waste Collection and Disposal for Farmers

By Charmaine Johnson, Rusk County recycling coordinator

Date: Saturday, June 16
Time: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Rusk County Highway Shop

Since 1990, the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection has provided grants and technical assistance for collecting farm chemical wastes and unwanted pesticides.

Formerly known as the Agricultural Clean Sweep, this program has safely collected nearly three million pounds of chemical and pesticide wastes from active and abandoned farms. Farmers and rural property owners will be able to take unwanted farm chemicals and pesticides to the annual Clean Sweep program. Abandoned farm operations also may use this program.

Farm chemical disposal under Wisconsin Clean Sweep must be pre-registered by calling 715.635.2197. Ag producers may dispose of waste chemicals of up to 200 pounds for free. Waste

chemicals exceeding 200 pounds will be taken for a fee.



There also will be additional collections for electronics, appliances, pharmaceuticals, sharps and tires. This is a great opportunity for farmers to get rid of large quantities of tires. Keep in mind that our pharmaceutical collection also includes veterinary medications and sharps from animals.

There are restrictions so for information, contact the Rusk County Recycling Department at 715.532.2167 or visit www.ruskcounty.org/departments/recycling/cleansweep-tire-recycling.

District 9 YFA



**BISON AND BADGERS
 WITH IOWA FARM BUREAU**

Friday, June 29 Time: 5 p.m. Location: Northstar Bison 1938 28th Avenue Rice Lake 54868
 Time: 7 p.m. Location: Badger Brew Coffee Loft/White Stag 3 W. Eau Claire Street Rice Lake, Wisconsin 54868

DETAILS

All District 9 Young Farmer and Agriculturist members are invited to join a bus load of Iowa Young Farmers on Friday, June 29, for a Bison dinner at North Star Bison at 5 p.m. Later we will have a social at Badger Brew Coffee Loft/White Stag at 7 p.m.

There will be refreshments available for purchase at Badger Brew Coffee Loft, with board games and cards available.



RSVP BY JUNE 24

To Julie Wadzinski at 715.432.87409 (call or text). When you RSVP, please note if you are going to attend one or both locations. We need to provide Iowa YFA with a head count for dinner.

* **WANTED:** *

First Time Attendees

Join us for the 2018 Wisconsin Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Agriculturists Conference November 30-December 2 at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

Never attended the Young Farmer and Agriculturist Conference? Now is your chance to experience this conference for FREE! You will network, learn and have fun with engaging speakers, educational workshops, contests and more.

If you are a first-time attendee, Rural Mutual Insurance will pay the conference registration fee for you and a guest and two nights lodging at the Kalahari Resort. Registration fee includes registrant meals, workshop sessions and entertainment. BUT HURRY! This sponsorship is limited to 50 individuals/couples! Complete the short application by August 15 at <http://bit.ly/RuralSponsor18>

REWARD

Qualify for Cash - Refer A Friend

Any YFA member who refers a first-time attendee who is accepted for sponsorship and attends the event will qualify for a \$100 cash award.

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District Director Report



Spring is certainly a time of general optimism for farmers across Wisconsin and the entire U.S. We prepare to plant and care for our crops and livestock. It means long days, but ones that can give much satisfaction.

This year may be different with the reality of low prices for many of the food items we produce. It

places an extra burden on all those who pull on the work boots each morning. To ignore those facts would not make sense. But we are farmers. Planting is what we do. Producing food is what we are all about.

Wisconsin Farm Bureau is active, and will continue to be active, advocating for farmers to give them a better opportu-

nity to be successful. It may be seeking reasonable school lunch programs that will increase demand for dairy products in our schools.

We are strong supporters of trade agreements that help us move grains and meats to markets across the globe. We are active in U.S. Dairy Export activities that work around the world increasing demand for U.S. milk and milk products. We lobby for more effective national dairy and grain policies.

As we move through this busy time of year, we need to be aware of the needs of our families and neighbors. A helping hand or encouraging word can be of great value in difficult times. I wish for you a safe and rewarding spring,

Jim Holte
WFBF President and District 9 Board of Director

John Deere GreenFleet™ Loyalty Program: New Farm Bureau Benefit

Wisconsin Farm Bureau members receive special access to the John Deere's GreenFleet™ Loyalty Rewards program, providing members with a free two-year Platinum 2 membership.

Farm Bureau members are eligible for the following benefits as Platinum 2 status members. Discounts on the following categories of equipment:

- \$350-\$3,200 off commercial mowing
- \$100-\$250 off residential mowing
- \$200-\$350 off utility vehicles
- \$200-\$350 off tractors
- \$500-\$3,700 off golf and sports turf
- 17 percent off manufacture suggested retail price - Commercial Worksite

The Loyalty Rewards Program offers two years of membership, 12 special offers per year through member email, member card, special low rate financing and 10 percent off JohnDeereStore.com.

With GreenFleet, it's easy to become a member, and even easier to start earning rewards. No other loyalty program in the industry gives you this many equipment choices.

For more information, visit www.wfbf.com.



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Welcome New Members: Sawyer

Aaron Ewert*, Richard Ewert*, Mary Ewert*, Andi Helsing*, Richard Mickelson*, Tanner Olson*, Amanda Olson*, Erika Prince*, Shelby Prince*, Linda Prince*, Robert Pyykola, Sam Rohe*, Evan Rohe*, Joseph Roppe, Kyle Roppe, Matthew Stefanski, Dylan Strand*, Dylan Strand*, Cathy Viau*, Jereme Wilson and Katie Winiarczyk*.

*Denotes voting member.

Students Tour Hidden Acres Dairy

On May 23 and 24, Mike, Elaine, Morgan and Dan Robers, Hidden Acres Dairy, welcomed students from Winter and Bruce School Districts to their farm for tours.

42 students from Winter School District and 78 students from Bruce School District toured the farm and viewed a milking, saw first-hand how cows are cared for and enjoyed one-on-one interaction with calves and heifers. Students were excited and asked questions as they observed. After the tour, students and teachers were offered string cheese, ice cream and milk as they sat in the grass and learned a little about machinery.



Sawyer County Farm Bureau board member Mike Robers showed students his farm and talked about how cows are cared for.



Students had hands-on interaction with the calves while they visited the farm.

Upcoming Events

June

- 28 District 9 Member Appreciation Picnic, Russel J. Rassbach Historical Museum, Menomonie
- 29 District 9 YFA event with Iowa Farm Bureau, Rice Lake

July

- 9 YFA Achievement and Excellence in Ag applications due
- 10-12 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days, Wood County
- 31 Aim for 2: Membership deadline to be entered to win a gun; questions, contact District 9 Coordinator Katie Mattison

August

- 1 Policy Development: 11:30 a.m. in Ladysmith at The Tee Away; YFA Discussion Meet, 6:30 p.m. in Menomonie at Stout Ale House; Question to be discussed: As the Voice of Agriculture, how can Farm Bureau be more inclusive of all agriculture and production practices? This includes, but is not limited to, women in agriculture, organic production, fresh produce, forestry and aquaculture; Policy Development, 7:30 p.m. in Menomonie at Stout Ale House.
- 9-12 Rusk County Junior Fair
- 15 2019 WFBF Leadership Institute applications due
- 15 YFA Conference Sponsorship forms due
- 23-26 Sawyer County Fair
- 25 Rusk County Farm Bureau annual meeting

September

- 16 Sawyer County Farm Bureau annual meeting
- 17 Wisconsin Ag Open