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Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

Langlade County Farm Bureau Policy Development Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 19

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Insight FS Office, 2311 Clermont Street, Antigo

All members are welcome to attend. Bring your thoughts and ideas for policy proposals to bring before the Langlade County Farm Bureau annual meeting or come to listen and comment on the discussion. Snacks and beverages will be available during the meeting.



A Successful Spring Farm Visit By Christy Sveda-Schreiber



Kids met cows at the Sveda Farm tour.

Hello Farm Bureau members,

In May, we hosted the Pleasant View Elementary kindergarten class at the farm. They enjoyed meeting the cows and newborn calves. We let them feed the cows some special treats. I enjoyed watching this because the kids eyes got so big and they threw the treats when the long slobbery tongue came out, and the cows look at them like, "Come on, I can't reach it like that." After the excitement, we discussed how cows are cared for and what and how we feed them. They saw the machinery we use to plant, harvest and store the food for our cows.

The visit ended with cheese, ice cream, homemade chocolate chip cookies and ice-cold milk.

Thanks for reading. Have a safe and prosperous fall harvest.



A dairy lunch was served after the tour.

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Fun Times at the Langlade County Fair By Tom Houdek

The Langlade County Fair was held on July 25-29 in Antigo. It was a great show with the buildings filled with livestock, small animals and other youth and adult projects and exhibits. The local Farm Bureau organization donated four trophies to be awarded to youth exhibiting beef animals.

I want to thank the Antigo Daily Journal for providing photos of the winners.

Congratulations to the young people taking part in the fair.

Congratulations to Alison Peters, Brandon Lucht and Isabelle and Madalyn Matuszewski.

The trophies were sponsored by Langlade County Farm Bureau.



Alison Peters



Brandon Lucht



Isabelle Matuszewski



Madalyn Matuszewski

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District 7 YFA Discussion Meet and District Information Meeting

Date: Monday, September 10

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Shawano 4 Seasons Restaurant, 201 N. Airport Road, Shawano

A family-style meal will be served at 7 p.m. The cost will be covered by your County Farm Bureau.

All Farm Bureau members are welcome to attend.



Young Farm Bureau Members Advocate in Washington, D.C.



District 7 YFA members Brian Preder and Brittney Muenster attended the Washington, D.C., Fly-In.

Farm Bureau's young leaders became lobbyists for a day while meeting with Wisconsin's congressional delegation in Washington, D.C. on June 6.

The issues discussed were trade, immigration and the farm bill.

The June 4-8 trip was available to Farm Bureau members active in the Young Farmer and Agriculturist Program.

The program provides members between the ages of 18 and 35 with an opportunity to enhance their

leadership skills while networking with their peers.

"This YFA trip was the experience of a lifetime," said Brittney Muenster, an Outagamie County Farm Bureau member and dairy farmer. "The program dramatically increased my confidence when advocating for agriculture."

While in Washington, D.C., YFA members met officials from the American Farm Bureau Federation and the U.S. Department of Agriculture where they discussed issues pertaining to federal crop insurance, Conservation Reserve Program and changes to

dairy's Margin Protection Program.

A visit to the New Zealand Embassy on June 5 included a conversation on trade and the global agricultural economy.

The 21 young leaders met with Senator Tammy Baldwin, staff from Senator Ron Johnson's office and their member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Brian Preder
WFBF YFA Chair

District 7 Director's Report



Political turmoil, over supply, farm bill and commodity prices that are in the tank.

Now more than ever, you should be standing Farm Bureau strong. Grassroots is where it starts. Your membership, volunteering and ideas are needed.

Policy Development

Yes, it is that time of year. YOU have the ideas to create policy for Farm Bureau. Make sure you take time to get to your policy development meetings in your counties. Please watch for your meeting dates.

We as members need to stay engaged in this financial environment more than ever. I know it is taking a toll on the morale in the agricultural community.

Stay strong, take time to talk with political candidates, listen and tell your story and most important, take time to vote.

So, yes, every one of your memberships for this organization makes a difference.

To the membership volunteers, thank you for what you do. You are the driving force at the grassroots level.

Adam Kuczer
WFBF District 7 Board of Director

Langlade County Breakfast on the Farm Serves Thousands By Judy Bolen

Breakfast on the Farm was held on June 10 and was well attended.

Approximately 2,200 people were served by the Nueske's Catering Service. Free cheese samples were given out by Sartori Cheese and Pete's Distributing.



My American Farm video kiosks stand ready to go in the education tent at breakfast on the farm.

The Farm Bureau My American Farm video game kiosks were a big hit with the kids along with the many other activities for the children.

Farm tours were also provided by the Malys. A good time was had by those who attended.



Kids could try out a few of the My American Farm video games available for them on their home computer or pad at myamericanfarm.org

Plan to Attend the Wisconsin Ag Open Golf

Hosted by the WFB Foundation, the 2018 Wisconsin Ag Open will be held on **Monday, September 10**, at Christmas Mountain Village in Wisconsin Dells.

All proceeds from the golf outing will support the WFB Foundation education and leadership programs such as Ag in the Classroom, 4-H, FFA, WFBF Leadership Institute and Young Farmer and Agriculturist activities.

Open to the public, the Ag Open is for farmers, agri-

business professionals and others who wish to support youth programs.

Registration is \$125 and includes 18 holes of golf with cart, box lunch, appetizers, contests and door prizes.

Sponsorships are available ranging from \$50 to \$1,500.

For information, please contact Darlene Arneson at 608.828.5644 or darneson@wfbf.com.

Promotion and Education Report

Greetings! You will be reading this at summer's end. One wonders where the time does go.

After an April with two huge snowstorms, the weather turned the exact opposite for May with Memorial Day weekend having temperatures at or above 90 degrees. May 26 wasn't a very good day for me as I was heading home on Highway 64 east of Antigo by the airport.

A gal plowed through the stop sign at a pretty high speed and totaled my car. It looked like she was going to stop, but she must have pushed down the gas pedal and there was no way, I could avoid being hit.

I am actually surprised that I am alive and God only knows. I see so many bad drivers that just aren't paying attention or are using their phones.

I have seen vehicles pass farm equipment when there are double yellow center lines on the road or a car will pass big equipment on the shoulder. These people should not be allowed to drive vehicles and you can tell that they didn't come from a farm.

On a lighter note, I did a beef promotion at Pick 'N Save on July 5. With the Fourth of July being on a Wednesday, there seemed to be enough travelers and there were also a few people going north to the Hodag Country Music Festival.

The kids really enjoyed the 'Detective Beef O'Keefe' activity booklet provided by the Wisconsin Beef Council. So, all in all, it went very well, and I appreciated the help I received from David in the meat department and Brittany from the deli.

In closing, let's hope for a safe fall harvest season. Since my motor vehicle accident in the spring, I drive even more defensively than I used to.

So, be safe in the fields and on the roads for sure. For the most part, farmers and rural folks drive better. Take care

Until next time.

Bev Brecklin, promotion and education committee chair



On July 5, Bev Brecklin held a beef promotion at the Pick and Save in Antigo.

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Young Farmers and Agriculturists Attend Washington, D.C., Fly-In

By Brittney J. Muenster



Brittney Muenster participated in an issue briefing session with AFBF staff prior to speaking with legislators.

the meetings we had with our legislators.

Learning how to better tell our stories and how young farmers adapt to every day issues is vital to our continued existence and a priceless skill to have.

Making connections in the agriculture industry also is a necessary piece of the 'farmer puzzle' as networking keeps our minds

In June, I had the privilege of visiting Washington, D.C., with the YFA Fly-In group on behalf of Wisconsin Farm Bureau thanks to the support of our local Farm Bureaus.

As a young farmer, this was an experience of a lifetime. The most valuable aspect of this trip was the program Farm Bureau had in place prepping the YFA participants for



Brittney Muenster and Brian Preder attended the YFA DC Fly-in June 4-8

fresh with ideas and improves our abilities to troubleshoot.

The friendships that I made on this trip are invaluable. I returned home with renewed perspective as an advocate for agriculture and great excitement for what the future holds.

Thank you to everyone who made this trip possible.

In Memory of James Jansen



The Langlade County Farm Bureau board of directors lost one of its longest serving members when James Jansen passed away on July 30.

After serving in the U.S. Navy and working in Milwaukee, Jim moved to Kempster where he owned and operated a dairy farm from 1971 until 1994.

During this time he began serving on the Langlade County Farm Bureau board of directors and continued active participation until his passing.

He also served on the Elcho School Board and Langlade County Board of Supervisors for many years.

Jim is survived by his wife Rose and five children. We will miss Jim and his lively commentary at our meetings.

Music in the Park Fundraiser Planned

By Judy Bolen

Music in the Park was held on June 14. Langlade County Farm Bureau hosted its second Music in the Park fund raiser.

Barbecues, chips, milk, soda, cheese and pies were served. A chorus and the Flag Day ceremony and a one-man-band were the entertainment. The crowd was good and the money raised was for youth and Ag in the Classroom projects. It was a lot of work but rewarding in the end. We want to thank those who helped and donated pies, meat for the barbecues, chips and milk.



The Langlade County Farm Bureau had the dinner table ready for the Music in the Park on June 14.

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Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 10

Location: Insight FS Fertilizer Plant Office,
1922 Edison Street, Antigo

Time: Registration at 6:30 p.m. with meal served at 7 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: Beth Schaefer from the Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin



Humor Corner

By Wes Raddatz, District 7 Coordinator

What vegetable do you eat by first throwing away the outside so you can eat the inside, but then eat the outside and throw away the inside? Corn on the cob

The only thing that's keeping my barn from falling down is that the termites are holding hands.

The artificial intelligence developers have created a computer that's almost human. It still can't think for itself but when it makes a mistake it blames another computer.

On which side does a chicken have the most feathers?
The outside.

