



# Marinette County Farm Bureau

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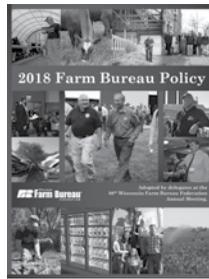
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## Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

### Shawano County Farm Bureau Policy Development Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday September 11  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Wayne and Mary Staidl residence  
N1049 County Road W., Peshtigo

All members are welcome to attend. Bring your thoughts and ideas for policy proposals to bring before the Marinette County Farm Bureau annual meeting or come to listen and comment on the discussion.



### Plan to Attend the Wisconsin Ag Open Golf



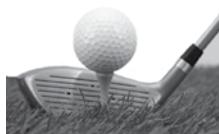
Hosted by the WFB Foundation, the 2018 Wisconsin Ag Open will be held on **Monday, September 10**, at Christmas Mountain Village in Wisconsin Dells.

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, agribusiness 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 [darneson@wfbf.com](mailto:darneson@wfbf.com) or 608.828.5644.



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MARINETTE COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION



## Breakfast on the Farm By Rhiley Peterson

The Marinette County Breakfast on the Farm was a success. Lots of families came out to Carlson's Farm to eat and learn different farming things.

There were some kids interested in the My American Farm video game tablet kiosks, but lots of kids and parents were handed bro-

chures and talked to about the online games and learning website, [www.myamericanfarm.org](http://www.myamericanfarm.org). Check it out for educational agriculture-related video games, educational farm tour videos, digital comic books and more.

All in all, Breakfast on the Farm 2k18 was a success.



Coleman FFA had lots of fun and educational materials for families at the Breakfast on the Farm.



Kids could try out the My American Farm video game kiosks as part of the Breakfast on the Farm experience.

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**YOUNG FARMER & AGRICULTURIST CONFERENCE**

November 30 - December 2

Wisconsin Farm Bureau  
**Young Farmer and Agriculturist Program**



Networking



Entertainment



Engaging Speakers & Workshops



Contests



Fun

**Check out this offer for first time attendees!**

If you've never attended this event before, Rural Mutual wants to sponsor you and a guest. Just complete the sponsorship application at <http://bit.ly/RuralSponsor18>. You may apply as an individual or as a couple, but don't delay - only 50 double-occupancy rooms are available, and the deadline to apply is August 15!

If you are a Farm Bureau member age 18-35 and are selected for sponsorship, Rural Mutual will pay the conference registration fee for you and a guest and two nights lodging at the Kalahari Resort. If selected, you will be notified by September 12, and additional details regarding the conference will be emailed to you with a conference registration form that you will be required to complete.



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**Refer A Friend - Get Some Cash!**

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. (Limit: One award per family - you must be present at Friday night's banquet to qualify.)

**SEE YOU THERE!** Apply Today at <http://bit.ly/RuralSponsor18>

## 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.



## President's Report



I hope everyone is having a great summer, the crops look good considering the late start to planting.

Look for the information on the District 7 Discussion Meet and Policy Resolution Meeting. The Marinette County Farm Bureau Policy Resolution Meeting will be **Tuesday, September 11**, at Wayne and Mary Staidl's.

We will be running the ice cream stand at the Marinette County Fair once again this year, our biggest

fundraiser. The Marinette County Farm Bureau annual meeting is **Tuesday, October 9**, at Peppino's Pizza in Peshtigo.

Any young farmers out there watch to hear from our young farmers on upcoming events.

**Ryan Staidl**  
Marinette County Farm Bureau president



## 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 county. 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

## Young Farmers and Agriculturists Washington DC Fly-In

By **Brittney J. Muenster**

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.



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

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 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 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.



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

## Marinette County Fair Ice Cream Stand Report

By **Ryan Staidl**

The Marinette County Fair is **August 23-26**.

We are looking for anyone who is willing to come have a good time, while scooping ice cream.

A special thanks to the FFA students who are helping to cover some of the shifts as needed.

If you are interested in helping promote dairy products and raise funds to supplement the support Marinette County Farm Bureau gives to Ag in the Classroom and other projects, please call me at 715.938.2713.



## Be a part of the 2019 Leadership Institute by applying today!

The WFBF Leadership Institute is a year-long leadership development program to help you become a strong and effective leader. With six different sessions, you can network with Farm Bureau members and industry leaders and take your personal and professional leadership development to the next level. This program is open to ALL Wisconsin Farm Bureau voting members.

[wfbf.com/programs/leadership-institute](http://wfbf.com/programs/leadership-institute)  
**APPLICATIONS DUE AUGUST 15**

## There are Benefits to Your Farm Bureau Membership:

### Financial

- AgriPlan Medical Reimbursement Program
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### Supplies and Products

- John Deere's GreenFleet™ Loyalty Rewards Program (NEW)
- Case IH
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- FS-GROWMARK Patronage
- Grainger
- Office Depot

### Communication

- AgriVisor
- The Country Today

### Insurance

- Rural Mutual Insurance Company
- Farm Bureau Financial Services

### Protection

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- Accidental Death Policy

### Health

- ScriptSave® Prescription Drug Savings Card
- Life Line

### Travel

- AAA
- AVIS Car Rental Discount Program
- Budget
- Choice Hotels International, Inc.
- Wyndham Hotel Group

For complete details visit [wfbf.com/benefits-membership](http://wfbf.com/benefits-membership).

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



District 7 YFA members Brian Preder and Brittney Muenster attended the YFA DC 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 Brittany Muenster, an Outagamie County Farm Bureau member and

dairy farmer. "The program dramatically increased my confidence when advocating for agriculture."

While in D.C., YFA members met officials from AFBF 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 leaders met with Senator Tammy Baldwin, staff from Senator Ron Johnson's office and their member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

## 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" 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](http://wfbf.com/foundation/farm-signs) or contact Darlene Arneson at 608.828.5644 or [darneson@wfbf.com](mailto:darneson@wfbf.com).



## Ag in the Classroom: Don't Miss These Fall deadlines

### Teacher Mini Grants: Applications due October 15

Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom program offers a variety of resources, grants and contests with October deadlines.

Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom is offering grants up to \$100 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.

### Teacher of the Year Award: Applications due October 15

Do you know an educator that does a great job incorporating agriculture into their classroom? If so, encourage them to fill out an application for the Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom Program's Outstanding Teacher Award.

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 use agricultural information 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 or national security and the economy.

Innovative and interdisciplinary programs are encouraged.

For more information about the teacher mini-grants and teacher of the year, please contact Ag in the Classroom coordinator Darlene Arneson at [darneson@wfbf.com](mailto:darneson@wfbf.com) or 608.828.5644. Applications can be downloaded from [www.wisagclassroom.org](http://www.wisagclassroom.org).

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## Marinette County Farm Bureau is on Facebook

By Rhiley Peterson

Marinette County Farm Bureau now has a Facebook page. We just got it started, so any likes and follows will help to get it to where it can do the best. It is administered by Rhiley Peterson and Wes Raddatz.

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'Like' Marinette County Farm Bureau" on Facebook for the latest updates and events.

## Marinette County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, October 9**, at Peppino's Pizza in Peshtigo.

- 6:30 p.m. - Registration
- 7 p.m. - Meal served

SAVE the DATE

## District 7 YFA Discussion Meet and District Information Meeting

**Date:** Monday, September 10

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Place:** Shawano Four 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.

