



Grassroots

District 8 News

From The New Milk House



Ryan Klussendorf
WFBF District 8 Director

Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgiving, turn routine jobs into joy and change ordinary obstacles into blessings.

The first half of 2020 has been a challenge for all of us. Whether

your kids spent the last four months at home with you, you had the loss of a dear loved one or in my case, your barn burnt down. Without these obstacles, we might have missed out on the great things that came from them.

For Cheri and I, our kids fought a lot, but our family became a stronger unit, our barn burnt down but now my milk house is right next to the parlor, not a 100-foot walk down thru the old stall barn.

Our darkest days are supposed to make us strong right? I choose to believe we are already strong. And those bad days make us prove it to the world. Bad days will happen and knowing that one phone call to a trusted person can bring out the Farm Bureau troops to help when our strength is tested, gives us the nudge in the right direction.

As we go forward with the rest of the year, things are not going to look the same. In person meetings may or may not happen, there may be people who choose to sit further away or wear a mask.

How we react to that will set our path forward. Instead of being upset, be happy they thought it was important enough to come. Do not be afraid if you choose to join virtually that you will be judged, I am happy you joined and let your voice be heard.

Heck even I would prefer to walk to the house and sit in on a meeting for an hour or so when I still have chores to do outside.

As policy development and county annual meetings season ramp up, choose to be an asset to WFBF and part of the solution, choose to work together for the better of the organization. The world around us is changing and you can choose to show some acceptance and gratitude, or we can choose to fight it.

Either way our job is to keep moving, to rise to the challenge and push Wisconsin Farm Bureau forward together.

Wisconsin Food and Farm Support Fund

In partnership with Rural Mutual Insurance Company, WFBF is proud to announce the Wisconsin Food and Farm Support Fund to benefit the state's farmers and help feed residents in need.



The Wisconsin Food and Farm Support Fund will provide support to our state's farmers and encourage consumption of milk and agriculture products to ensure farmers continue to have a place to sell products, and provide Wisconsinites access to nutritious, high-quality foods. As part of this fundraising effort, WFBF will collect monetary donations for Harvest of Hope while Rural Mutual Insurance Company will be raising funds for Feeding Wisconsin. Collectively the fund will reach all corners of our state from the most urban areas to the rural farming communities.

Harvest of Hope: A Farm Family Crisis Fund

The Harvest of Hope is a resource for farm families that are struggling financially. It was created in January 1986 to respond to the farm crisis of the 1980s and was intended to be short-term but never really ended. Harvest of Hope has given more than 1,650 gifts totaling more than \$1,070,000 during its 34-year history as an organization.



To spread the money among farm families, grants are limited to two gifts of \$1,500 over time. The range of farm crisis situations is extensive: climatic conditions (floods, drought, hail, frost), electric power cut-offs, medical or veterinary bills, house or barn fires, feed for cattle, machinery repair, supplies for spring planting or basics like putting food on the table or fuel in the fuel tank. The mission of the Harvest of Hope is simple: to provide financial help and hope to Wisconsin farm families in difficult financial situations. All administrative costs are covered by a partnering organization, so 100 percent of donations given to Harvest of Hope go directly to help farm families in need.

Feeding Wisconsin: Fight Hunger, Spark Change

Feeding Wisconsin is the statewide association of the Feeding America food banks that sources warehouses and provides food to more than 750 affiliated agencies and 1,000 local food programs throughout the state. Their vision is a hunger-free Wisconsin and their mission is to help our food banks and partners fight hunger, improve health and strengthen local communities so that everybody in Wisconsin has access to the food and benefits they need to work, learn, play and live healthy lives.



Your monetary donation will be used to process milk that would have otherwise been disposed of due to lack of processing capacity and demand and to purchase other food products, e.g., meat, fruits, vegetables or eggs, where farmers have seen decreased market access.

Rural Mutual Insurance will donate \$10,000 to Feeding Wisconsin in support of the Wisconsin Food and Farm Support Fund.

In addition, county Farm Bureaus around the state are making a difference in their local communities.

For more information, visit wfbf.com/wisconsin-food-and-farm-support-fund.

WFBF Announces Changes to Annual Meeting and YFA Conference

The 2020 WFBF Annual Meeting will be held for members to attend in person or via virtual live stream on **December 5-6**.

The meeting agenda has been shortened to a two-day format during which only essential business will be conducted.

“Due to anticipated restrictions and guidance from event stakeholders, we have decided to plan only the essential functions of our WFBF Annual Meeting and make those sessions accessible to those who do not want to attend in person,” said WFBF President Joe Bragger. “This was not an easy choice, but we realize it is what is best for our members and staff as we don’t know what the future will hold. This approach allows us to make adjustments as needed during the planning process.”

The Young Farmer and Agriculturist Conference, which is normally held in conjunction with the WFBF Annual Meeting,

will be held virtually. The YFA Committee is working on conference details and will share updates as they become available.

“Our committee was faced with making a very tough choice, but we are optimistic that using video conferencing technology will still allow us to learn and network,” said WFBF YFA Committee Chair Kelly Oudenhoven.

The YFA Discussion Meet, which is normally held during the YFA Conference, will also be conducted virtually this year. The contest is open to any Wisconsin Farm Bureau member between the ages of 18 and 35. The deadline to register is **Friday, October 23**.

More details about the YFA Conference and Discussion Meet will be shared at wfbf.com and on the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Agriculturist Program Facebook page.

With the current situation surrounding COVID-19, the 2020 YFA Discussion Meet

will be held virtually using Microsoft Teams. If you are interested in competing in the virtual

Discussion Meet

1. Register online by **Friday, October 23**, at <http://bit.ly/2020yfadiscussion>.
2. Click on the link you were provided 30 minutes before your scheduled meet time (to familiarize yourself with the program).
 - a. You will not need to stand during opening/closing statements.
 - b. Have a paper and pen/pencil ready (do not use any prepared notes).
3. Dress professionally, like you would competing in person.
4. Have good Wi-Fi, good lighting, a neutral background and no background noise.
5. Review the resources available for you at wfbf.com/programs/young-farmer-and-agriculturist-program/yfa-contests/discussion-meet-2.

2020 YFA DISCUSSION MEET

The WFBF YFA Discussion Meet will be held virtually in 2020 utilizing Microsoft Teams.

WHO:

Any YFA member between the ages of 18-35 and will not have reached his/her 36th birthday by January 31, 2021 is eligible to participate.

WHEN:

Oct 23 - Registration Deadline
Nov. 4 - Round 1 Contest - 7 pm
Nov. 11 - Round 2 Contest - 7 pm
Nov. 13 - Top 8 Announcement
Nov. 18 - Top 8 Contest
Nov. 20 - Final 4 Announcement
Dec. 5 - Final 4 Contest & Winner Announcement

REGISTER:

Eligible members can register at <http://bit.ly/2020yfadiscussion>

Registration deadline is October 23.

NOTES:

- There will be no district contests held in 2020.
- Discussion meet updates will be provided on the YFA Facebook page and at wfbf.com.
- Discussion meet prep materials can be found on the YFA page at wfbf.com.
- The winner of this contest will represent Wisconsin at the AFBF Convention held in San Diego in January.
- Questions can be directed to Wendy Kannel at wkannel@wfbf.com or 608.828.5719.



Buy Direct and Shop Local

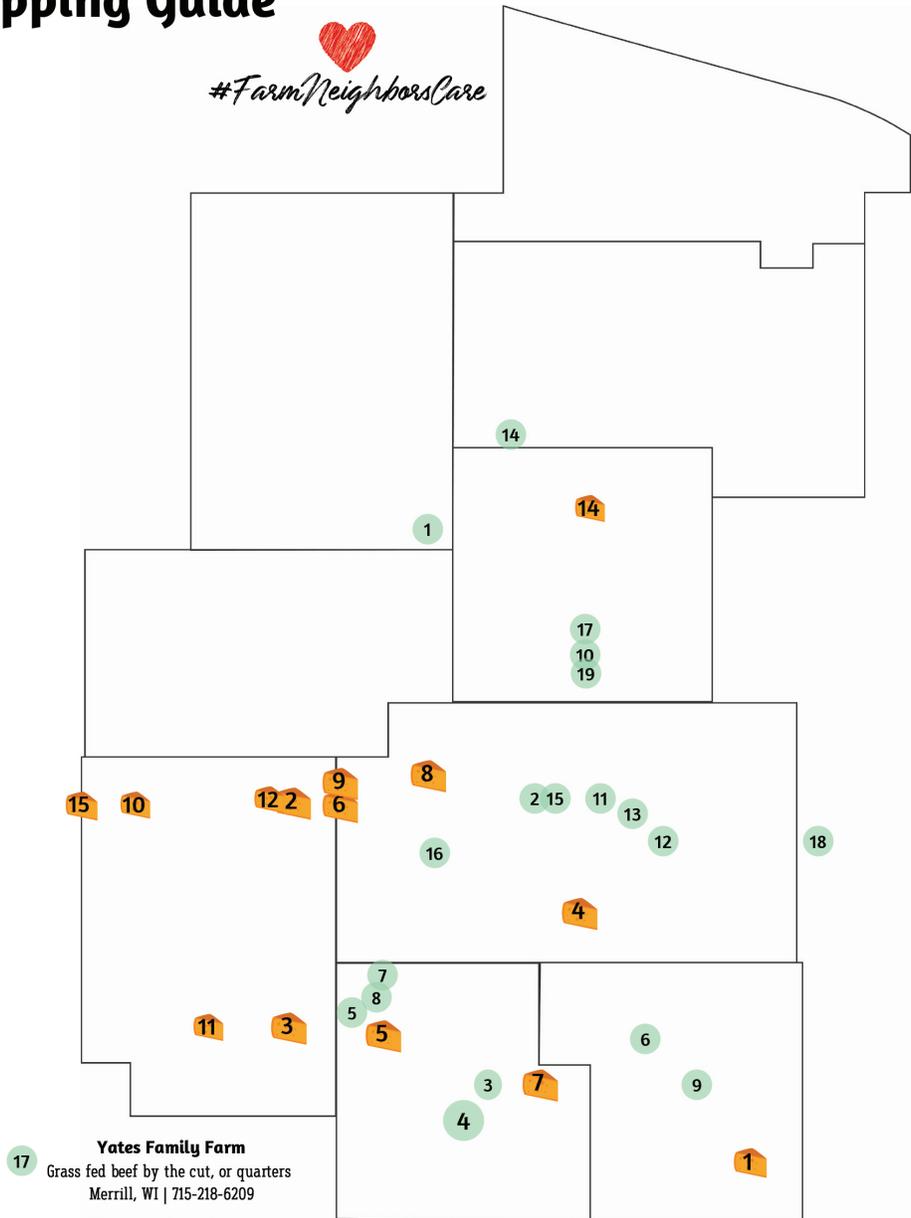
Check out the District 8 buy local map. The map highlights local farmers and processors with stores in Clark, Lincoln, Marathon, Portage, Price, Taylor and Wood counties who sell direct.

You can enter your farm's information at <https://bit.ly/ShopD8> or contact District 8 Coordinator Ashleigh Calaway at acalaway@wfbf.com.

Local Farm Shopping Guide



- 1 **Brantwood Bison**
Grass-Fed Bison
Brantwood, WI | 715-564-2415
- 2 **Rock Ridge Orchard, LLC**
Apples, Jams/Jellies, Pie filling, Maple Syrup, honey, and fresh bakery
Edgar, WI | 715-370-4083
- 3 **Miller's Pasture View Farm**
Pasture raised Meats:
Beef, lamb, & chicken
Arpin WI | 715-305-6576
- 4 **Sunett Farmstead Market**
Custom Jersey beef
Pittsville WI | 715-307-1520
- 5 **Hanke Dairy Farms**
Beef: Angus/Holstein crosses, vegetables, and sweet corn
Marshfield, WI | 715-305-5808
- 6 **Feltz Dairy Store**
Milk, cheese, ice cream
Stevens Point, WI | 715-344-1293
- 7 **Seehafer Farm Creamery**
Cheese, ground beef, and milk Marshfield, WI | 715-384-5152
- 8 **Weber's Farm Store**
Milk, cream, Kefir, ground beef, ice cream, butter, and cheese
Marshfield, WI | 715-384-5639
- 9 **Hintz Farms**
Grain fed beef and sweet corn
Amherst, WI | 920-728-1303
- 10 **Eagle Rock Ranch**
Grassfed Beef
Merrill, WI | 715-218-6739
- 11 **Leist Farms Inc.**
Sweet corn and asparagus
Marathon, WI | 715-432-7919
- 12 **Zoromski Homestead**
Eggs and honey
Ringle, WI | 715-581-8870
- 13 **Sugar Hill Sugar Bush LLC**
Maple syrup
Wausau, WI | 715-573-4586
- 14 **Brigadoon Winery**
Grape, fruit, and dessert wines and soon an aquaponic greenhouse
Tripoli, WI | 715-564-2280
- 15 **Scotch and Soda Acres**
Raw Honey and brown eggs
Edgar, WI | 715-302-2311
- 16 **Ivan Borntreger**
Strawberries
Stratford, WI | 715-506-0011



- 17 **Yates Family Farm**
Grass fed beef by the cut, or quarters
Merrill, WI | 715-218-6209
- 18 **Wilson Creek Orchard LLC**
Apples
Wittenberg, WI | 715-701-2100
- 19 **Engleberry Farm**
Strawberries
Merrill, WI | 715-536-9091

Cheese Shops:

- 1 **Cheese Pleasers Inc**
Bancroft, WI | 715-335-6750
- 2 **Suttner's Cheese**
Curtiss, WI | 715-223-3338
- 3 **Lynn Dairy & Protein**
Granton, WI | 715-238-7129
- 4 **Mullin's Cheese**
Knowlton, WI | 715-693-3205
- 5 **Nasonville Dairy**
Nasonville, WI | 715-676-2177
- 6 **Ray's Market**
Colby, WI | 715-223-4855
- 7 **Dairy State Cheese**
Rudolph, WI 715-435-3144
- 8 **Harmony Speciality Dairy**
Athens, WI | 715-687-4236
- 9 **Hawkeye Dairy Store**
Abbotsford, WI | 715-223-6358
- 10 **Marieke Gouda**
Thorp, WI | 715-669-5230
- 11 **Pavillion Cheese & Gifts**
Neillsville, WI | 715-743-3333
- 12 **Nasonville North**
Curtiss, WI | 715-223-3338
- 13 **Cheese Shoppe**
Tomahawk, WI | 715-224-2627
- 14 **Shi's Meat Market**
Stevens Point, WI | 715-344-8484

Know someone we should include on the map? Let us know! Email acalaway@wfbf.com with your additions.

Farm Bureau Adds Yamaha Discount to Member Benefit Lineup

Wisconsin Farm Bureau is excited to announce a new partnership with Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA, to offer members a special discount.

Wisconsin Farm Bureau members are now able to receive \$250 off the purchase of a new Yamaha 4WD ATV, side-by-side or snowmobile.

Restrictions apply. For additional details contact your local Yamaha motorsports dealer.

Must be a valid member of Farm Bureau for 30 days and a valid member email address is required for eligibility.

“It is exciting to add another money-saving member benefit to our already robust lineup,” said WFBF President Joe Bragger. “We are thrilled to announce this new partnership.”

For more information or to learn more about other discounts and incentives, visit wfbf.com/membership/member-benefits.



County Emergency Plan

We are extremely excited to share an emergency plan that came about because of COVID-19.

The idea was to create an online form to support our members across the counties and district, no matter the need. We have worked with members across the district to fine tune the form to ensure we meet an array of needs.

The hope is that no one would ever need to use the information but, if need be, with one call to your county president he or she could help someone in need.

To access the form to add your name to a list of people willing to help others in time of need, please visit <https://bit.ly/D8EmergencyPlan>.



COUNTY FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE



Clark

MONDAY, AUGUST 17TH

Registration/Check in begins at 7:00 pm, meal at 7:30 pm with meeting to follow



Portage

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

Registration/Check in begins at 7:00 pm, meal at 7:30 pm with meeting to follow.

Arnott Lions Park - 6867 4th St, Stevens Point, WI 54482



Taylor

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Registration/Check in 7:00 pm, 7:15 pm tour, meal at 7:45 pm with meeting to follow.

Broadlands Grass Farm, Ryan and Cheri Klussendorf
W2072 State Highway 64, Medford WI 54451



Wood

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Registration/Check in 7:00 pm, meal at 7:30 pm with meeting to follow.

American Legion - 2100 S Maple Ave, Marshfield, WI 54449



Marathon

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Social begins at 7:00 pm, meal at 7:30 pm with meeting to follow.

Rib River Ballroom - 135737 State Hwy 29, Marathon City, WI 54448



Price

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Registration/check in 7:00 pm, meal at 7:30 pm with meeting to follow.

Palmquist Farm - N5136 River Rd, Brantwood, WI 54513



Lincoln

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Registration/Check in begins at 7:00 pm, meal at 7:30 pm with meeting to follow.

WFBF Committee Hosts Mental Health Mini-Series

Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Promotion and Education Committee hosted a virtual mental health mini-series that kicked off on May 20.

The mini-series consisted of webinars and pre-recorded videos focusing on mental health topics that addressed identifying signs of stress, the effects of chronic stress on our lives, recognizing and handling suicidal behaviors and the importance of self-care.

"With May being mental health month, and with everyone under added stress right now, we saw a need to bring awareness to mental health topics," said WFBF Promotion and Education Committee

Chair Darby Sampson. "Through this mini-series, we planned to offer information and resources to cope with stressful situations and ways to support family, friends and neighbors through challenging times."

If you missed the series, visit wfbf.com/mental-health-mini-series.

More mental health resources are available on the WFBF website including: #FarmNeighborsCare campaign, strategies for coping with stress, and where to find help if you or someone you know is experiencing chronic stress, anxiety, depression, or thoughts of suicide.

MENTAL HEALTH MINI-SERIES



- IT'S OKAY TO NOT BE OKAY
- IDENTIFYING SIGNS OF STRESS
- CHRONIC STRESS
- RECOGNIZING SUICIDAL BEHAVIORS

Apply Today for WFBF Leadership Institute!

"I would recommend to anyone that has a passion for Agriculture to apply for WFBF Leadership Institute. It will give you the tools to become a successful leader not only in Farm Bureau but the community that you live in. No matter your age. ~ Rob Klussendorf, Leadership Institute Class XII Graduate



The WFBF Leadership Institute is a year-long, premier leadership training course with the mission to develop strong and effective county Farm Bureau leaders.

Applications will be due by Monday, August 17th .

Visit <https://wfbf.com/programs/leadership-institute/> to apply.



AMERICA IS AWAKENING to the reality that **PROTECTING OUR FOOD SUPPLY** is part of our **NATIONAL SECURITY**.



Good thing farmers are **#StillFarming**.



AMERICA'S FARMERS AND RANCHERS ARE PROUD TO CONTINUE FEEDING THE NATION



#StillFarming

Meet: Charlotte Rasmussen, Farm Bureau Director and Advocate for Wisconsin Farmers



Sixteen years ago, Charlotte and her husband Glenn joined Clark County Farm Bureau.

For Charlotte, joining Clark County Farm Bureau made sense. She was new to Clark County, having grown up in Outagamie County and spending most of her married life in Marathon County.

Joining allowed her to meet like-minded people. It helped that her father-in-law, Robert Rasmussen, had been a charter member of Clark County Farm Bureau.

In 1986, Charlotte and her husband Glenn took over the family's tree farm. Taking on the family tree farm made sense for Charlotte and Glenn. Glenn and his dad started their section of the tree farm by planting Norway Pines on 30 acres, taking almost three years (1955-1958) to complete. About 170 acres of mixed hardwoods were already planted and growing. For 16 years, Glenn worked the tree farm while working as a chemical engineer until he retired in 2002.

Charlotte shared that it is important to be engaged in what is happening with the agricultural industry as it is a matter of national security to have the ability to not only feed our people but the world.

She is proud to be a Clark County Farm Bureau member as it allows her the opportunity to advocate for commonsense policy for farmers and a platform to not only explain the industry, she loves, but has passion for it.

Charlotte has never been one to sit still. Since joining Farm Bureau 16 years ago, she graduated from the first WFBF Institute class, served on the Clark County Farm Bureau scholarship committee, served as the county Ag in the Classroom coordinator, an active member of the membership committee, and represented District 8 as the Promotion and Education chair.

Charlotte also is active in political groups. She serves as the Clark County Republican chair and as the president of the Winnebago Virtual Republican Women.

She also served as the past president of the Republican Women of Wisconsin and serves as the membership chair.



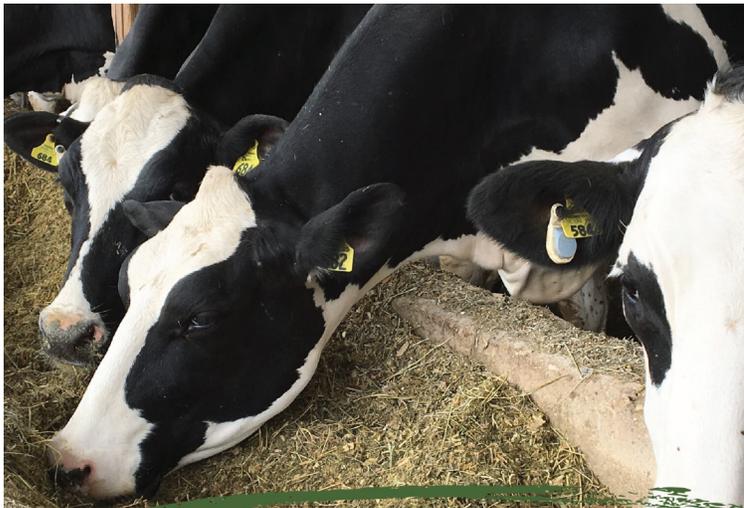
Charlotte with her daughter Charrie and son Andrew



Charlotte with her two grandchildren



Glenn and Charlotte's tree farm is 200 acres of Norway pine, red pine, a mixture of hardwoods with most of it being old growth forest.



FREE FARMER RESOURCES

WISCONSIN FARM CENTER

farmcenter@wisconsin.gov | 1-800-942-2474
24/7 Farmer Wellness Hotline 1-888-901-2558

Free, confidential assistance is available to farmers including: financial planning, farm transition, conflict mediation, herd-based diagnostics, counseling services and more.



Congratulations! Class of 2020

A special Congratulations to Carley and Matthew Fischer on being recipients of the 2020 Clark County Farm Bureau Henry Stiemann Memorial Scholarship

District 8 Essay Contest Winner

Annalia a fourth-grade student at Maple Grove Charter School was the District 8 essay contest winner.

The essays could be written about any topic focused on "How Wisconsin agriculture has affected them."

The topic was based on the book of the year, "Right this very minute," by Lisl Detlefsen.

The 2020-2021 essay topic and book of the year will be announced in August.

She finished in top nine out of 1,574 students who competed in the essay contest.

Annalia received a prize package including: A yard sign, Culver's gift card, plaque and books from the Ag in the Classroom program.

Join us in celebrating Annalia making it to the top nine in addition to being the District 8 winner.



ICE CREAM, FROM FARM TO FREEZER

THE WAY IT STARTS

The way all ice cream starts is with the main ingredient, milk that comes from a farm. First the workers milk the cows at the farm. Then it is put through a filter system that also cools it. Next it is pumped through pipes into tanker trucks. The tanker trucks must be refrigerated to keep the milk cold on the way to the factory.

AT THE FACTORY

At the factory the milk is pumped into big tanks. Pipes then carry the milk to a big blender. Now time to add the sugar, eggs and other ingredients to the blender. All of the ingredients are blended together for six to eight minutes. When you eat ice cream it is cold, but the next step to making ice cream is to actually heat the mixture up. The mixture is heated to kill the bacteria. The bacteria could spoil the ice cream. It is then homogenized, often using a two-step process, to reduce the milk fat globule size. This helps make it that smooth texture you love, it also helps to make sure that it's well blended before it is frozen.

WRAPPING THINGS UP

Then it's aged at 40°F for at least four hours. Now it's time for only the liquid flavors and colors, to make sure that it flows properly through all of the freezing equipment. Next it's time to freeze the mix. They will also add air to make the ice cream lighter. Finally they can add all of the goodies, like fruits or candies while the ice cream is still soft. Then it is packaged up and hardened before being shipped out.

Ice cream is important, not only because it's delicious, but also because it provides income for dairy workers like my dad.

Lincoln County Farm Bureau - Dairy Committee Update

Since we weren't able to host our annual June Dairy Breakfast we found new ways to get dairy out into the country side!

We donated:

1200 string cheeses, 600 snack packs of Co-Jack, and 600 snack packs of mild Cheddar thru the Merrill and Tomahawk school lunch programs.

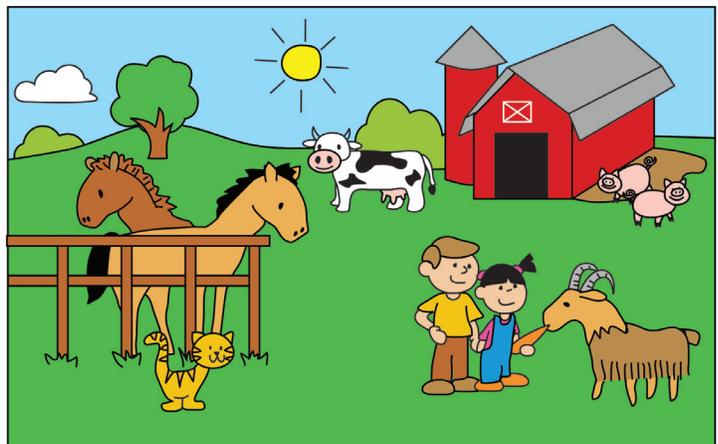
We also donated \$500 to the Merrill food pantry for dairy products.



Name _____

becca visits the farm

Can you spot the 5 differences between these two pictures?



Farm Bureau Local Affairs Committee Addresses Issues Head On

Below is a copy of the letter Marathon County Farm Bureau submitted to the Marathon County Board regarding the General code of ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 11.02 animal waste management ordinance.

Note: The bold text in this document have been inserted by Conservation, Planning and Zoning staff as a response to the Farm Bureau questions for the Environmental Resources Committee Animal Waste Ordinance public hearing on June 2.

May 27, 2020

Dear Environmental Resources Committee members,

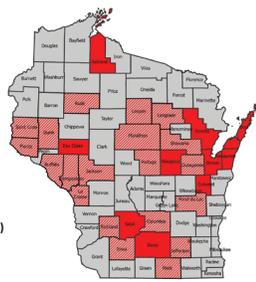
On behalf of the Marathon County Farm Bureau and other concerned farmers, we would like to present the following points for consideration in the adoption of the proposed ordinances regarding the new animal waste policies. We request the copies of these concerns be provided to all committee members before the public hearing so they can follow along as they are read into the official minutes.

1. If these proposals are for Marathon County, but yet pollution for the Eau Pleine watershed and other waterways entering into Marathon County comes into the county from bordering counties, they are not bound by these ordinances but yet still cause pollution in our county. How will that be addressed as to who is to blame and who would be responsible to solve the problem? **Multi-county watershed planning is not part of this ordinance recommendation before ERC and is not part of this public hearing today. This is a county ordinance and only applies to citizens that operate within the county. If there is an effort to target a specific watershed that lies in multiple counties, the watershed plan is developed in conjunction with those counties. For example in the past the Big Eau Pleine Priority watershed plan was developed and implemented in partnership with Taylor and Clark Counties. The Yellow River Watershed was completed the same way with Wood and Clark Counties. How an ordinance like this would come in play would be specific to the watershed. In addition, partnerships with adjoining counties are addressed in the Land and Water Resource Management (LWRM) plan, adopted by the county board.**

2. As we are going through the proposed ordinances, we noticed that there are numerous deletions and additions to what the state statutes are.

County Ordinances to Enforce State Agricultural Nonpoint Performance Standards: 2020*

Full Coverage (10)
Partial Coverage (20)



* Based on email survey on 2/28/2020 by Waushara County

the draft ordinance and have approved changes. **Marathon County is not alone in incorporating these into local ordinances as local control has been deemed the most effective tool and is consistent with the county LWRM plan. Some of the revisions were for clarification of the ordinance to make it more transparent and easier to interpret and understand for the public, farmers, and from a legal perspective. In addition to the Counties listed in the map, as of 6/1/2020, an search of each counties website identified the following counties whom also have ordinances which list some or all of the State Agricultural Performance Standards and Prohibitions: Adjacent counties include: Taylor, Clark and Wood. Other Counties include: Polk, Barron, Chippewa, Marinette, Adams, Waushara, Winnebago, Manitowoc, Sheboygan, Ozaukee, Washington, Dodge, Vernon, Crawford, Grant, Lafayette Green and Walworth.**

Unconfined Animal Waste Pile/Stacking Site



3. We have concerns regarding animal waste storage piles that are not within a storage facility, livestock facility and barnyard storage facility, and are in an open area and not covered. As an example, grazing, organic operations, horse farms, beef farms (both large and small) and goat farms frequently pile their animal waste during the winter to hopefully spread it in the spring or summer. These piles are not within the three established guidelines, so how will they be regulated or even possibly banned? Will these operations be forced to build a confinement structure? What about those that daily spread? Will they also be forced to build a containment system to eliminate daily hauling? How are winter and supplementing areas that hold cattle for the purpose of feeding said animals that also could be a source of pollution, going to be addressed? As it is being put forth presently, these areas are being favored or ignored altogether. Our concern is that places that do not have land to spread their waste, leave the manure in piles with no intentions of ever spreading it because there is NO place to go with it. **CPZ staff work with all farms regardless of size to properly manage manure and in the case where there are violations, all farmers that are subject to this ordinance are treated uniformly and consistently. In regards to unconfined animal waste piles, the proposed changes mirror State Statute in regards to what is considered proper and improper manure piles. CPZ staff currently work with farmers to locate suitable manure stacking locations, outside of prohibited Surface Water Quality Management Areas (SWQMA) where runoff**

to surface waters and infiltration to groundwater is unlikely. No farmer will be required to build a storage facility as a result of the proposed changes. Stacking sites will not be banned, but instead farmers can generate their own maps or maps can be provided by their agronomist or CPZ staff with suitable and unsuitable stacking locations. See example.

4. What about farms that allow their cows access to streams for grazing and or crossing streams to other pastures? That too presents pollution problems. How is that going to be addressed as that also is a direct source of pollution. **The ordinance reflects the State Statute in regards to unlimited livestock access to streambanks that requires maintenance of sod vegetation along waters of the State, regardless of the type of farming. Animals are allowed to graze and cross streams per the requirements if the farmers maintain the streambanks in sod.**
5. Are all manure piles that are in close proximity to streams or intermittent waterways going to be regulated regardless of if they are a legitimate farm business or just some hobby operation? **Yes, CPZ regulates consistently based upon clearly identify ordinance requirements to safeguard water quality. Size of the farm is irrelevant, the County is concerned of the severity of the pollution.**
6. How are private non-ag landowners, ginseng and crop farmers going to be held accountable for the phosphorus that they contribute to the pollution problems in the Fenwood and Eau Pleine watershed as well as groundwater pollution? **The implementation of best management practices has been and will continue to be through voluntary efforts for all farmers. All citizens whether they have livestock, grow crops or both can now be required to have a nutrient management plan under the proposed changes. Accountability for phosphorus is addressed in nutrient management plans.**
7. In the event of a complaint (page 7, C2 animal waste application) there are numerous details that the farmer must provide to the county to prove they are in compliance. Only if a legitimate violation is found should the farmer be forced to provide all those specific details. We find this a gross overreach of county power especially when it comes to smaller farms that do not have 590 plans and would not have all of the data that would be required if such a complaint is registered. Also, we feel that the complainant should be identified to the county and the farmer before anything is investigated. **CPZ staff and corporation counsel recommend the deletion of the word complaint in this section. In regards to identifying the complainant CPZ staff follow State law when open records requests are received from citizens.**
8. The inspection and monitoring authority in this ordinance is very troubling. As it is being put forth, the county Director or their designee has the authority to enter a property without the owner's permission regardless of the validity of the complaint. The landowner **MUST** be notified and consulted and be asked for permission before any incursion onto their property is done. **This authority is in the existing ordinance and has also been in State Statute 92.07 (14) for many years. It is cited here for clarification as this Statute allows CPZ to enter upon lands for the purpose of this ordinance. As a matter of course, staff will always make every effort to seek permission from the landowner. In some cases, such as an emergency, and the landowner may be unavailable to give permission, staff have been given direction to enter affected lands. When it is not an emergency, but there is reason to believe a violation exists, and permission has not been received, it has been past practice to confer with Corporation Counsel for guidance. In the case of a violation and an ongoing conflict, the Corporation Counsel could also seek an inspection warrant to conduct an investigation per State Statute 66.01.19.**

In addition, the original memorandum asking for public comment dated April 22, 2020, did not have the information as to how the public could participate in the action committee meeting. The relevant information wasn't added until May 22; too late to notify the farmers. The date of the action meeting (June 2, 2020) wasn't even known at the time the letter was sent. We feel that there was not ample time for farmers to be notified as to how to participate in this meeting. We therefore request that this be classified as an educational meeting and any action on these proposed ordinances be postponed until there can be in-person public input to the committee members. Also, our Wisconsin Farm Bureau representative made the comment that he is not aware of any other county in the state that has adopted these state statutes as ordinances or customize them the way Marathon County is proposing. In addition, the original memorandum regarding the new ordinances did not reach a significant number of farms that should have been informed of and will be affected by these proposed changes. **Relevant information was provided to Farm Bureau since early in the year and at the earliest possible times to inform them of agenda topics, information meetings, ERC meeting notices and public hearing notices. Since consideration of re-opening the ordinance the original memo sent to farmers (and also all ERC members) on April 22, 2020, did not have the reopening of the public hearing as that date had not been established. The memo did recommend that citizens provide comments by June 1, 2020, to CPZ so that their comments could be read into the public hearing when it was re-opened for comment. On May 7, 2020, Marathon County Farm Bureau leadership was called and sent an email notifying them of the date of the re-opening of the public hearing. At the request of Farm Bureau received on May 21, CPZ staff amended the April 22 memo on May 22 to add the public hearing date to the memo and emailed out the amended memo back to Marathon County Farm Bureau.**

In addition, the proposed changes reflect the minimum State Performance Standards and Prohibitions and do not exceed what is in State law. The proposed changes have been reviewed by State DNR and DATCP staff and they have concurred that what is proposed reflects State law. The proposed changes do not include all of the State Standards and Prohibitions. Many Counties have included some or all of these State standards and prohibitions in their ordinances. (See map above.)

We request that this decision to adopt this general code of ordinances for Marathon County chapter 11.02 be tabled until such time as our concerns are addressed and clarified to the ERC committee and communicated back to us.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter. Marathon County Farm Bureau and other concerned farmers.



Wild Parsnip: Things To Be Aware Of

1. If the sap makes contact with skin during sunlight, it can cause severe rashes, blisters and discoloration of the skin.
2. It is harmful to humans and animals.
3. The best way to remove it is to cut root at an angle 1-2 inches below soil surface or use a brush-cutter before the seeds set, spot treat rosettes with 2, 4-D, metsulfuron methyl, or glyphosate or spot treat adult plants mid-May to mid-June with metsulfuron methyl plus a surfactant.

Wild Parsnip - A Dangerous Invasive



Photos: Top-Left & Top-Right - David J. Ergen, UW-PRR; Center-Left - Joe Baggio, COU Extension; Center-Right - Lisa Schreiner, UW-Extension; Bottom-Right - commonsensehome.com



First year plants have non-flowering, leafy rosettes that look a lot like celery (left.)

Mature plants produce a single, thick, deeply grooved, greenish-yellow stem up to 5' tall (center-left) with flat-topped clusters of yellow flowers 2-6" wide blooming in late spring to mid-summer in Wisconsin (center-right)

Seed begins to form mid to late July changing from yellow-green to tan as they mature (top right.)



CAUTION! Plant juices on bare skin in the presence of sunlight can cause rash & blistering (above.)

Portage County Ag Facts



AGRICULTURE WORKS HARD FOR PORTAGE COUNTY

Family-owned farms, food processors and agriculture-related businesses generate thousands of jobs and millions of dollars of economic activity for Portage County, while contributing to local income and tax revenues.

Agriculture's annual impact:



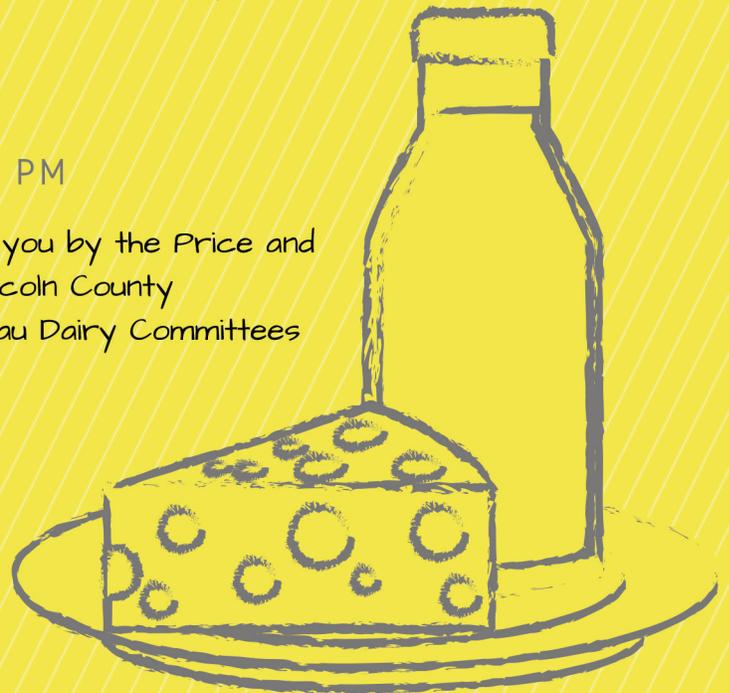
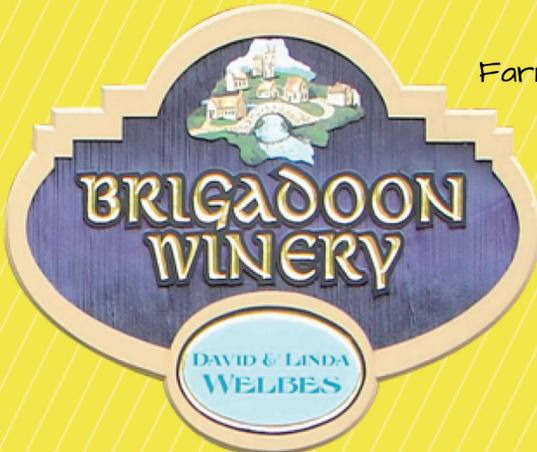
Price County

A DAY FULL OF CHEESE AT BRIGADOON WINERY

CHEESE LOVERS DAY CELEBRATION

AUGUST 01 2020 • 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Brought to you by the Price and Lincoln County Farm Bureau Dairy Committees



Farming

H	C	T	P	R	O	P	E	R	T	Y	S	A	E
B	W	H	E	A	T	C	O	R	N	C	R	I	B
E	L	H	O	R	S	E	S	T	H	C	E	C	T
O	E	O	S	T	E	K	C	U	B	L	A	S	T
C	C	L	A	B	O	R	E	R	S	T	A	F	T
T	O	A	W	O	L	P	R	S	T	C	O	R	P
S	H	O	U	S	E	S	T	L	H	L	S	L	A
E	R	E	O	W	T	R	E	I	Y	T	T	S	S
B	B	O	U	A	A	S	C	A	W	R	E	P	T
A	S	W	T	W	S	K	H	S	E	P	C	E	U
R	R	G	R	C	E	C	S	S	T	A	O	E	R
N	A	K	O	N	A	U	R	A	R	O	O	H	E
P	B	A	S	H	R	R	T	S	C	A	C	S	S
F	H	T	A	O	R	T	T	O	R	E	T	A	W

PROPERTY
STRAW
SHEEP
HOGS
TRACTORS
HAYLOFT
OATS
BUCKETS
CORNCRIB
BARN
HORSES
TRUCKS
PASTURE
HOUSE
CATTLE
PLOW
WHEAT
CHICKENS
WATER
LABORERS

Play this puzzle online at : <http://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/286/>



AGRICULTURE WORKS HARD FOR ▶ TAYLOR COUNTY

Family-owned farms, food processors and agriculture-related businesses generate thousands of jobs and millions of dollars of economic activity for Taylor County, while contributing to local income and tax revenues.

Agriculture's annual impact:



Wood County

Meet: Ray Maciejewski



If you have been a Wood County Farm Bureau member for any length of time, you more than likely have met Ray Maciejewski.

Ray has been actively involved with Farm Bureau for more than 26 years. Ray and his late wife Jane worked off of



A few of the pins Ray has earned.

the family farm where they raised beef for nine years and have cash cropped it ever since. They also raised their six children: Dan, Diane, Kathy, David, Tina and Christy.

Before Ray returned to his farming roots, he served aboard the USS Softly. When he returned home, he worked for Consolidated Papers as a paper maker until 1997. Thanks to area farmers Jeff and Liam Vruwink, Ray decided to join Farm Bureau.

Ray noted that the greatest benefit of being a Farm Bureau Member is staying connected with issues facing farmers, which also helps keep him connected to area farmers. Ray shared that he appreciates how Farm Bureau benefits the community as well in many ways; locally, statewide and nationally.

Jane was involved in the Ag in the Classroom program, working to ensure the next generation understood where the food came from. Ray discussed how Farm Bureau unites farmers on issues and represents the farmer at state and national levels.

During the last 26 years, Ray served as the county membership chair, being recognized as one of the top 10 membership workers in the state for several years. Ray never passes an opportunity to ask someone to join. Recently, Ray stepped down as the county membership chair but not without bringing his grandson along to learn more about the organization that he and Jane have given so much to.

Thank you, Ray for your commitment to Wood County Farm Bureau and Wisconsin Agriculture.

Farm Bureau Scholarship Recipients

2020 WOOD COUNTY FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!



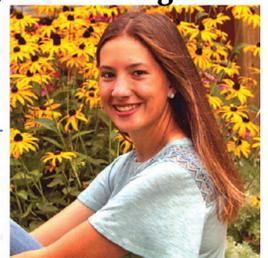
Carly Knutson



Logan Loveland



Madeline Mews



Lauren Weigel

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams!

We wish you the best as you start your next chapter!



County Farm Bureaus
PO Box 5550 Madison, WI 53705

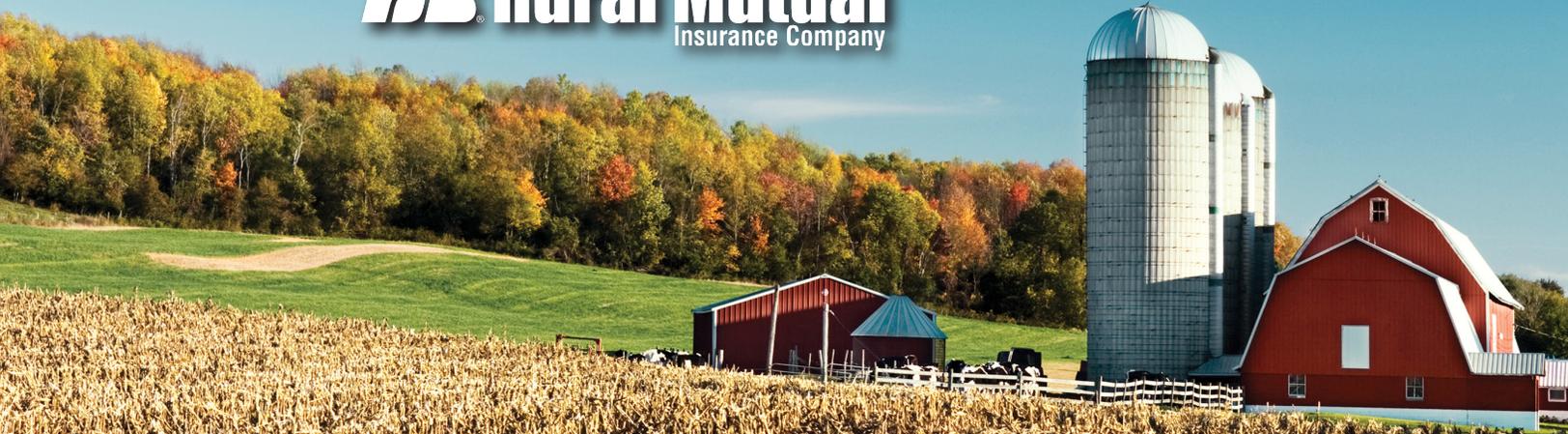
Address Service Requested

Non Profit
Organization
US Postage
PAID
Platteville, WI 53818
Permit No. 124

**This Issue Contains
Highlights for:**

- Clark County
- Lincoln County
- Marathon County
- Portage County
- Price County
- Taylor County
- Wood County

#1 Farm Insurer in Wisconsin



As leaders in the field, we understand your unique needs and are here when you need us most. It's our promise to protect and rebuild Wisconsin.

WISCONSIN STRONG

Visit RuralMutual.com to learn how we are keeping our Wisconsin communities strong.