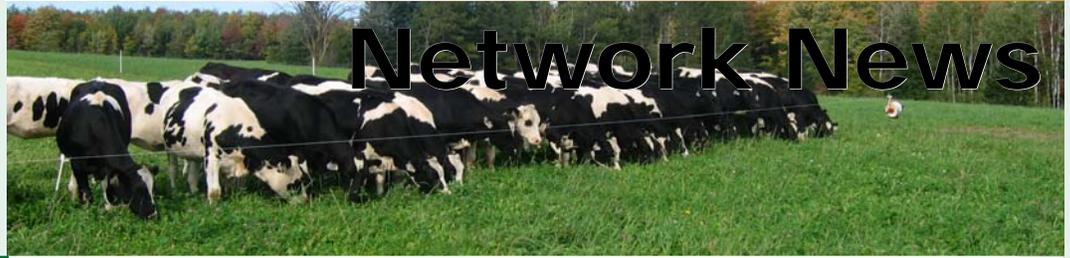




Marathon County



## *Upcoming Spring 2018 Pasture Walks & Events*

**Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Multi Species Fence and Watering Construction Demo**

**Craig and Susan Carlson, Dylan Carlson and Nelle Rutecki,**

**Flynn Carlson and Mary Sandrini**

**10849 3<sup>rd</sup> Lane, Athens, WI 54411**

About 18 years ago Craig and Susan Carlson installed their fence and water system for their farm business. Over the years, they, along with their family, have learned tricks, methods, and procedures to graze a variety of livestock. Come learn with us on how to effectively manage cattle, sheep, hogs and poultry on pasture. The Carlson family will explain why they are updating fence and water products and changing design and installation methods. We will have Randy Cutler, Cutler Fence, and other experienced farmers and fence professionals present to add to the discussion.

**Directions: From Wausau,** follow State Hwy 29 west for about 8 miles to State Hwy 107. Turn right and proceed north for about 7 miles to county road A. Turn left on County Road A and proceed 1 mile to 3<sup>rd</sup> Lane. Turn Right on 3<sup>rd</sup> Lane and proceed north about 1.5 miles. The farm is on the left. Watch for signs.

**Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018 – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Cattle Handling, Vaccinating, Cattle Identification and Heifer Selection**

**Sandstone Ranch, Bill Kolodziej, 401 Dewey Drive, Stevens Point, WI 54482**

*Along with Dr. Becky Zenkovich, Birnamwood Veterinary Services*

Bud box or tub? Straight open chute or curved and solid walled chute? What works for you? Come share ideas, and learn from experienced cattle handlers. This is a hands-on event. You will have the opportunity to practice cattle handling. Dr. Becky Zenkovich will be present to explain options when it comes to vaccinating and parasite control in your cattle. Modified live versus killed vaccines will be explained along with chemical parasite control and alternative parasite control. Cattle identification will be discussed and ear tagging and freeze branding will be demonstrated. Replacement beef heifers will be evaluated for animal efficiency, marbling and productivity based on phenotype.

**Directions: From Stevens Point:** I-39 north to Casimir Road, turn right, 1/8 mile east to 2nd Drive, turn left, 3 miles north to County Road X, turn right, 3/4 mile north to Dewey Drive, turn right, 3/4 mile east to site. **From Wausau:** I-39 south to County Road DB, turn left, 2 miles east to County Road X, turn right, 5 miles to Dewey Drive, turn left, 3/4 mile east to site. Watch for signs

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# *SEE INSIDE FOR SPRING GRAZING EVENTS*

**Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 2018 – 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Successful small dairy operation & Balancing the lactating dairy ration.**

**Kip & Jennifer Kauffman farm, D1790 Oxbo Road, Stratford WI 54484**

*Along with Matt Akins, UW Extension Dairy Specialist*

Kip & Jennifer set up a grazing-based dairy farm from scratch. They built their farm incrementally, starting with buying 80 acres in 2001. They rented out the cropland until starting on this journey. Jennifer milked a few cows and fed the milk to calves she raised. In 2011 they began their dream of building their own dairy starting with a small parlor and bedded pack housing for their planned herd of 35 Jersey cows plus replacements heifers. In December, 2011, Kauffman's began milking cows; and by spring began fencing pastures, building lanes, and grazing cows. Come learn how a small dairy farm can still get started today, what worked the best and what they would change.

Matt Akins, UW Extension Dairy Specialist, will explain how to sample forages and balance diets for the dairy cow on pasture and on stored winter feeds.

**From Stratford:** State Highway 153 east 3¼ miles to County Road M. Turn right (south) onto County Road M and travel 3½ miles to Oxbo Road. Turn right (west) onto Oxbo Road and travel ½ mile. Farm is on the right (north) side of the road. Watch for signs.