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The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation invites you to attend

AG DAY AT THE CAPITOL

January 24, 2018

Monona Terrace Convention Center • Madison, WI

Early Registration Deadline: January 18

Cost: \$25 per person by registration deadline.

\$30 after deadline and at the door.

Schedule of Events:

- 11:00 a.m. Registration
- 11:30 a.m. Opening Program
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch
- 12:45 p.m. Legislative Briefing
- 3:00 p.m. Leave for Capitol Visits

Presented by: **Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation**

Thank You to Our Sponsors:



Ride the Bus to Ag Day at the Capitol

Join farmers and agriculturists from around Wisconsin for an important day in Madison. Learn more about state issues affecting agriculture and meet with your state legislators to speak up for agriculture. Don't want to drive yourself or worry about parking ... ride the bus!

Bus schedule

Depart

6:30 a.m. **Baldwin:** Park and Ride, south of McDonald's

7:05 a.m. **Menomonie:** Walmart parking lot, west side

7:45 a.m. **Eau Claire:** Walmart parking lot, off of Highway 53 and Golf Road

8:15 a.m. **Osseo:** Osseo Inn parking lot

*There will be a 15-minute break at the Tomah pickup.

9:40 a.m. **Tomah:** McDonald's by Greyhound pickup area

Arrive at Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center at about 11:15 a.m.

The bus will depart Madison to return home at 5:30 p.m.

The bus trip is limited to the first 40 people who register and pay. Reserve your spot today.

To reserve your seat, please contact District 9 Coordinator, Katie Mattison at 866.355.7349 or kmattison@wfbf.com. Please indicate which location you want to be picked up at.

Registrations are limited so reserve your seat today.



COUNTYnews

SUPERIOR SHORES FARM BUREAU EDITION



Outstanding Young Farmer and Agriculturist Discussion Meet

The District 9 Young Farmer and Agriculturist Discussion Meet was on August 3 at the Stout Ale House in Menomonie. The question that participants discussed was: **Formation of family farm corporations is common practice. How can Farm Bureau work to ensure that the public's positive perception of the family farm is not lost?**

Congratulations to Isaac Christenson, Nate Kringle and Laura Benitz who competed at the state Discussion Meet.

Farm Bureau's strength depends on its members' ability to analyze agricultural issues and decide on solutions that best meet their needs. The Discussion Meet is an activity designed to build these crucial skills in young farmers and agriculturists. By participating, members build basic discussion skills, develop a keen understanding of important agricultural issues and explore how groups can pool knowledge to reach consensus and solve problems.

The YFA Discussion Meet gives young members a chance to demonstrate their speaking skills on agricultural-related topics. Contestants are judged on their problem-solving skills as they discuss timely topics with their colleagues.

Each of WFBF's nine districts holds a District Meet in late summer or fall. Three contestants from each district move on to the state competition at the YFA Conference in the Wisconsin Dells in December.



Seven great contestants participated in the District 9 Discussion Meet: Cindy Bourget, Dunn County Farm Bureau; Andrew Winiarczyk, Sawyer County Farm Bureau; Nate Kringle, Polk County Farm Bureau; Isaac Christenson, Polk County Farm Bureau; Lexi Dusell and Kirsten Konder, St. Croix County Farm Bureau; and Laura Benitz, Pierce County Farm Bureau.

Congratulations to all Discussion Meet Participants!

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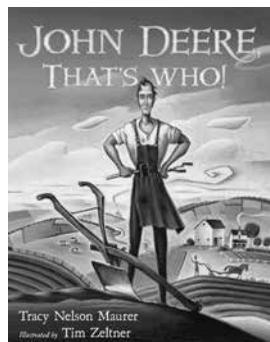
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Ag in the Classroom Program Announces Essay Topic and Book of the Year



The 2018 Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom book of the year is "John Deere, That's Who!" by Tracy Nelson Maurer and illustrated by Tim Zeltner.

In the 1830s, a young blacksmith from Vermont was about to make his mark on American history. This is the story of a young man who moved to Illinois, where farmers were struggling to plow through the thick, rich soil they called gumbo and tinkered and tweaked and tested until he invented a steel plow that sliced into the prairie.

This year's essay topic 'Inventions that have made agriculture great,' is linked with the book and students will be using the book as one resource. The topic will allow students to write about inventions that have made agriculture advance in technology, efficiency and productivity.

This will tie into science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), connect with careers in agriculture, look at the stories

behind some of the inventions and their inventors and offer opportunities to learn about technology and equipment related to agriculture. Sponsors are being secured and lesson plans developed.

The essay contest is open to fourth and fifth grade students in public, private and home school programs. Students involved in 4-H, PALS and after school programs also are encouraged to participate.

Essay submissions must be 100- to 300-words in length and will be judged on content, grammar, spelling and neatness. All contest rules, lesson plans and sample classroom activities are accessible at wisagclassroom.org or by contacting Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom at 800.261.3276 or aipc@wfbf.com.

Participating students need to submit essays by **April 1, 2018**, to their county Farm Bureau essay coordinator. For questions or to obtain materials, contact: Superior Shores Ag in the Classroom coordinator Gregg Johnson at greggsdiscovery@gmail.com or 715.413.1238.



Young Farmer and Agriculturists Tour Owens Farms

On September 30, District 9 YFA members got together to socialize and tour the newly updated calf barn facilities at Owens Farms in Frederic.

Members learned about the Owens' new calf barn ventilation and watched a smoke bomb demonstration by the system designer, Crystal Creek Natural, LLC. Attendees also had the opportunity to watch the calf feeding with a milk shuttle.

In addition to farm tours, YFA members enjoyed a cookout.



A representatives from Crystal Creek Natural, LLC demonstrated how the ventilation in the calf barn worked using smoke bombs.



Attendees were able to check out calf feeding at the Owens Farm using a milk shuttle.



Do You Want to Get More Involved?

Superior Shores Farm Bureau is seeking individuals interested in getting involved with events and activities that Superior Shores Farm Bureau supports.

In addition, we are always looking for new people who are interested in serving a one-year term on the Superior Shores Farm Bureau board of directors. Board meetings are held every other month at 6 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Wisconsin Farm Bureau District 9 Coordinator Katie Mattison at kmattison@wfbf.com or 866.355.7349.

You Could Win a Gun for Signing Up New Farm Bureau Members

Agriculture is a major driver of Wisconsin's economy. We have a vested interest in helping to maintain a safe, affordable and abundant food supply. As a member of Farm Bureau, you help support programs and policies that ensure that farmers can continue to feed and clothe us, while helping keep Wisconsin's economy strong.

Farm Bureau is a membership organization that relies on membership dues as a primary source of revenue. By joining Farm Bureau, you become part of an organization that provides numerous member benefits while helping to support Wisconsin's #1 industry.

YOU can get involved with membership and earn great rewards at the same time.

- For every NEW member you sign, you get \$20.
- For every two new members you sign, you will get an entry to win a gun.

If you have any questions, please contact WFBF District 9 Coordinator Katie Mattison at kmattison@wfbf.com or 715.418.0975.

2017-18
DISTRICT 9

'AIM FOR 2'

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES

- **Prize:** Savage Axis II XP rifle w/scope (Winner has the choice between: .25-06; .30-06; 270; 243; 308; 7mm08)
- **Dates:** October 1, 2017 – July 31, 2018
Drawing will be held at the District 9 Policy Development meeting on Wednesday, August 1.
- Members get **1 entry for every 2 new members** they sign up and **1 entry for every 2 past due members** renewed (a form must be completed and given to the District Coordinator to receive credit for the past due members).



Do You Know Someone Who Should Be a Farm Bureau Member?

To the right is a membership application for Wisconsin Farm Bureau. The dues in Ashland, Bayfield, Douglas and Iron counties are \$50 per year Below are a couple of quick hints for you as you go through the membership application. Membership applications can be found at www.wfbf.com or by contacting District 9 Coordinator Katie Mattison at 715.418.0975 or kmattison@wfbf.com.

1. Can my spouse and I share a membership? Yes. Each membership is one vote for the county Farm Bureau. If you and your spouse feel you can have a shared opinion on county happenings, then you can have a shared membership. If you'd rather have two votes, you would each have to buy a membership.
2. Why do you need my date of birth? Your birthday is used for the accidental death benefit that comes with your county Farm Bureau membership. It also helps us target our Young Farmer and Agriculturalist members so that we can be sure to include them in activities that are specific to them. We won't sell it to anyone, it helps us.
3. What is the Ag Newswire? Ag Newswire is produced by Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation each Friday and it is a summary of agriculture news for the past week.
4. How do I know what my membership type is? Superior Shores County Farm Bureaus have established that a voting member is someone engaged in agricultural purposes, actively engaged in the business of producing agricultural products, or owners of property where such business is conducted and that an associate member is other persons, partnerships, unincorporated associations and corporations interested in the philosophy and objectives of this association can be a member, but without the right to vote or serve as a director. Typically, associate members are those without direct ties to agriculture, but carry a Rural Mutual Insurance policy.
5. Who is the membership worker? At Farm Bureau, we like to reward those who help us grow our membership. So, if you are giving this membership newsletter to someone in hopes that they will also join, please write your name in the membership worker blank. We will send you \$20 for each new member who you sign up. It's a great way to be rewarded for taking time out of your day to make the visits and help us grow our membership.

6. Where do I mail my application? You can drop it in the mail to WFBF, P.O. Box 5550, Madison, WI 53705, or you can drop it off at the Rural Mutual Insurance office in Balsam Lake.
7. When should I send in my payment, when is it due? Your membership starts on the day we receive your membership application and that will remain your renewal date. So, if you know that your cash is a little tight in the summer, but you could manage the renewal in September, send it in September. We'd be glad to have your membership anytime.

Welcome to the Farm Bureau Family

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Would you like to receive WFBF's weekly email newsletter, Ag Newswire? Yes

Would you like a Rural Mutual Insurance agent to contact you? Yes

Membership Type: Associate Voting

County of Membership: _____

Membership Worker: _____

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A Vision for Agriculture.®

District Coordinator Message: Life is a Marathon, Not a Sprint ...



culties. Sometimes it seems hard to push through the difficulties, but you know you must, and want to, keep going. Agriculture is turbulent, and always has been, but we are where we are because we have persevered.

Dedication: Whatever it is that you do, you do it because you are committed. Many of you have been doing what you do for years and you are dedicated to continuing the tradition of agriculture. There are even some young farmers who are dedicated to starting a farm from scratch.

Heart: When you no longer have anything left, it's heart that gets you through. In a marathon, as in life, there are times when there is nothing left except heart. We have that heart to keep going. Especially in agriculture, we do what we do for the LOVE of agriculture.

Support: Always have someone to turn to, to lean on and to push you. I never even thought about running a marathon if it weren't for the support of my running group, my family and my friends. Wisconsin Farm Bureau is here to support you and what you do.

Training: I seriously trained for a marathon for six months. The desire to farm starts practically at birth ... you have trained for what you do your whole life. You got this!

This past year in agriculture has been turbulent, to say the least. For those of

you who have been in agriculture your whole lives, you have seen turbulent times before and you will see it again.

In agriculture, and in life, there are ups and downs, we can expect that. There are times when it would be easier to quit than to keep going. But we just need to push through, it will be worth it. Just as for me, running a marathon was challenging, but it was worth it.

Before I ever began running, the idea of running a mile seemed impossible. And of course, it was, until I ran a mile. But I did it! I ran, and finished, my first marathon. That is something that I am proud of.

You should be proud of what you do as well. It is no small feat to be involved in agriculture. The fact that you do what you do and continue to do it despite the challenges.

Know that you are part of a great organization that will support you, and is dedicated to helping you, your farm and your family in any way that we can. Wisconsin Farm Bureau is proud to have you as members.

If you have any questions or comments, or if you want to chat, please contact me. I would love to hear from you.

Katie Mattison
WFBF District 9 Coordinator

We have probably heard the saying, "Life is a marathon, not a sprint." What does that really mean?

This year, I found out. On June 17, I ran my first marathon, Grandma's Marathon in Duluth. That's right, I ran 26.2 miles.

Running for 26.2 miles allows for a lot of thinking and reflecting. Looking back on the past year, there are many points that are similar when trying to complete a marathon and navigating through life, especially in agriculture.

Perseverance: Farming, running a marathon ... anything that we do has its diffi-

Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation® presents:

Ignite

Innovate. Grow. Network. Inform. Train. Engage.

2018 Conference

April 5-6
Holiday Inn Conference Center, Stevens Point

What:

A statewide information, training, and fun-filled member engagement meeting for county Farm Bureau leaders conducted by WFBF staff with assistance from AFBF staff and various outside speakers/presenters.

Purpose:

Strengthen county leaders and Farm Bureaus by providing them with program ideas, resources and new skills to carry out the mission of their county Farm Bureau.

20 Plus Workshop Topics Addressing 4 Training Workshop Tracks:

1. Governance and Organization (running a successful county Farm Bureau)
2. Building Farm Bureau (programs and membership)
3. Communicating for Agriculture and Farm Bureau
4. Policy, Issues and Advocacy

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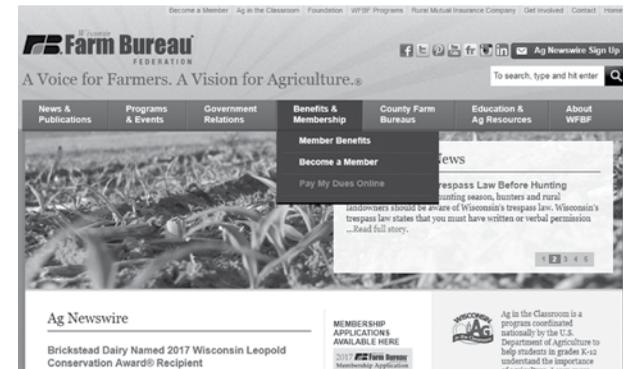
Visit the Superior Shores Facebook page at www.facebook.com/superior-shoresfarmbureau.

You Can Renew Your Farm Bureau Membership Online

Renewing your Farm Bureau dues is easy and convenient.

All you need is your Farm Bureau member number. Don't know what yours is? Contact District 9 Coordinator Katie Mattison at kmattison@wfbf.com or 866.355.7349.

Visit www.wfbf.com to renew your membership.



2018 Native Plant Sale

By **Tom Fratt**, Conservationist, Ashland County Land and Water Conservation Department

Once again, the Ashland County Land and Water Conservation Department is offering native trees and shrubs for spring planting. Now, we are working to put together our species list, so please contact us if you want to have an order form sent to you.

Plants are sold 'bare-root' and come in economical bundles of 25. The order deadline is **February 16, 2018**, and plants will be distributed on **May 11-12, 2018**.

Welcome New Members

Justin Alexson*, Erika Bonitz*, Harvey Carlson*, Kenneth Cluck*, Amy Cluck*, Joshua Huray*, Andrew Moss*, Mark Motel*, Theodore Pydo*, Phillip Sorenson*, Tony Stipetich and William Ware.

*Denotes voting membership.