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Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

Coleman Members Attend FFA Farm Forum

Three Coleman FFA members were among the nearly 200 high school students who attended the WFBF's FFA Farm Forum in Wisconsin Rapids on February 16-17.

During the two-day event at Hotel Mead, FFA members attended workshops that covered topics including post-high school agricultural opportunities, social media, agriculture advocacy and leadership.

Joining WFBF President Jim Holte as keynote speakers

at the event were Mariah Martin, UW-Madison Collegiate Farm Bureau member along with Glen Schraufnagel, Cooperative Educational Service Agency (CESA) 10 Consultant.

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation sponsors the FFA Farm Forum in cooperation with the Wisconsin Association of FFA. This year's FFA Farm Forum marks the 46th year the Farm Bureau family of affiliates has sponsored the event for Wisconsin youth.



Jesse Meyer, Wyatt Kempka, Rhiley Peterson and Coleman FFA advisor Cindi Wautier attended the FFA Farm Forum on February 16-17 in Wisconsin Rapids. They were sponsored by the Marinette County Farm Bureau.

YOUNG FARMER & AGRICULTURIST CONFERENCE

November 30 - December 2



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 conferenceregistration form that you will be required to complete.



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>



COUNTYnews

MARINETTE COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION



Advancements in Agriculture Highlighted at Ag Venture Day By Rhiley Peterson

Ag Venture Day 2018 took place at Coleman School on May 9 with the help of Coleman FFA.

The focus of the Ag Venture Day 2018 followed the theme of this year's Ag in the Classroom book of the year, "John Deere, That's Who!" by highlighting advancements to agriculture with the help of inventions, innovation and advancements in animal care.

Several focal points were on tractors, plows and other farm equipment over the years, irrigation systems, veterinary procedures, farrier equipment, etc.

The specific stations we set up were horticulture, farm equipment advancements, specialty veterinary care procedures, sheep shearing and farm animal hoof clipping and of course the always popular petting zoo.

It was a rainy and chilly day at first, but as the day went on it started to warm up slightly and rain less.

In the end it was a success and more than 300 children learned a lot of information they might not have had access to otherwise.



Coleman FFA Chapter advisor, Ms. Wautier, watched as the FFA leaders kept Ag Ventures Day going according to plan.



A little rain didn't stop the Coleman FFA leaders from sharing their passion for agriculture with more than 300 kids at Ag Venture Day.



The livestock health station included goat care and proper hoof trimming procedures.



Animal care was a big part of the Ag Ventures Day program.



Sheep care and shearing was part of one of the stations.



Ellie the cow was everybody's friend in the petting zoo.



Animal health and veterinary care was addressed.



Students watched the unborn calf on the monitor as veterinarians performed an ultrasound pregnancy exam on a cow.



Chickens and rabbits were part of the variety of ag enterprises students learned about.



Trevor Van Drisse from the Riesterer and Schnell John Deere dealership in Pound told about some of the mechanical innovations that have changed farming

Ag Venture Day photos continued ...

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President's Report



Marinette County Farm Bureau's year has had a very good start so far.

Cindi Wautier with the Coleman FFA planned a great Ag Adventure Day. The June Dairy Month breakfast on the farm is at the Carlson Farm on **June 24**. Look for the Ag in the Classroom table while you are there.

I understand there are some new games and videos on the My American Farm kiosks that they'll have there, and there may be some special prizes to win. I hear there may be some special things done with soybeans, too.

Our YFA committee is working out plans for a young

farmer event in July.

I hope everyone has had a safe and productive spring.

Ryan Staidl

Marinette County Farm Bureau president

District 7 Director's Report



Politics are alive and well in Washington, D.C.

Heidi Pettis from the WFBF Leadership Institute Class XI did a great job meeting with legislators. The conversations we had were relevant to the current agriculture commodity prices. We have a lot to get done with the farm bill yet.

This is the time to put our best foot forward and tell our story of agriculture to everyone. We are the voice of the industry and it needs to be heard now more than ever. Now, this is a new environment with tariffs from President Trump on steel, NAFTA renegotiation's and China's backlash on U.S. agriculture. We are a general farm organization and it's time for our grassroots membership to bring all the commodity groups together to find that unified voice for agriculture.

The District 7 leaders training was great. Thank you to the new and seasoned board members who showed up. Thank you to Wendy Kannel and Wes Raddatz for a job well done.

Adam Kuczer

WFBF District 7 Board of Director

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" heavy 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 wbf.com/foundation/farm-signs or contact Darlene Arneson at 608.828.5644 or darneson@wbf.com.



WFBF Leadership Institute Program

By **Corey Kuchta**



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

I am currently participating in Class 12 of the Institute group. The program is divided up into multi-day training sessions.

Our current group is made up of 14 men and women from around the state of Wisconsin. We all come from different jobs, backgrounds and Farm Bureau experience but the one area that ties us together is everyone's love and passion for agriculture, which can be seen through our discussions and time together.

Wendy Kannel organizes our training time together and truly makes it a fun and enjoyable experience. Through our training sessions we have had many guest speakers, presentations, media training and learning about Farm Bureau. Our upcoming sessions will focus on Wisconsin government and national and international agricultural issues.

I have participated in many different training and leadership opportunities over the years through 4-H, FFA, work and Leadership Wisconsin.

Time in this class and the networking opportunities learning from others in this group have been truly amazing and I rate this leadership training as one of the best I have ever attended.

I put off attending the WFBF Leadership Institute for many years, but I am glad I am finally participating. Is it your time?

Applications are now being taken for the 2019 class. Application deadline is August 15. The application can be downloaded from <http://bit.ly/FBIInstitute>. Each participant must secure \$800 either individually or through his or her county Farm Bureau or other entities.

Participants may seek local sponsorship; pay the enrollment fee themselves or a combination of both.

A class of approximately 15 members will be chosen to participate in Class 13 of the 2019 WFBF Leadership Institute.

Now is your time. Don't wait, apply today.

We Want You! Apply by July 9

Excellence in Agriculture

The Excellence in Agriculture Award judges participants on their involvement in agriculture, leadership ability, involvement and participation in Farm Bureau and other civic and service organizations. Applicants must have derived a majority of their income from a non-production agribusiness enterprise for the past three years.

Achievement Award

The Achievement Award judges participants on their involvement in agriculture, leadership ability, involvement and participation in Farm Bureau and other civic and service organizations. Applicants must have derived a majority of their income from on farm production for the past three years.

Get your application here: bit.ly/WIYFAContests
or contact Jesse Meyer or Rhiley Peterson for more information.

The YFA Program is funded by **5** for Farming's Future (WFB Foundation)

There are Benefits to Your Farm Bureau Membership:

Financial

- AgriPlan Medical Reimbursement Program
- Farm Bureau Bank

Supplies and Products

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

Communication

- AgriVisor
- The Country Today

Insurance

- Rural Mutual Insurance Company
- Farm Bureau Financial Services

Protection

- \$500 Reward Protection Program
- 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 wbf.com/benefits-membership.

YFA Report By Jesse Meyer and Rhiley Peterson



The My American Farm video game kiosks will be at the Breakfast on the Farm. Try your ag knowledge and video game skills.

This year for the Marinette County Dairy Promotion's Breakfast on the Farm, we plan on having some bean bag toss games set up, possibly with two or four of the Farm Bureau My American Farm tablet kiosks so the kids can play educational video games.

We'd love to have you visit our booth and maybe learn some new things about agriculture while putting yourself in the running for some prizes.



Young Farmer and Agriculturist Program

Ag Venture Day photos continued ...



Greenhouse climate control and irrigation systems were highlighted for plant care.



Drip irrigation methods for water conservation were explained.



Climbing into the tractor cab was a big hit.



Students got right into the cab of a new John Deere tractor and learned about the GPS controlled auto-steering system

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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.

Like "Marinette County Farm Bureau" on Face Book for the latest updates and events.

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Marinette County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

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

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

SAVE the DATE

Humor Corner

By Wes Raddatz, District 7 Coordinator

What do bees do with their honey? They cell it.

There's a difference between knowledge and wisdom. Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is knowing you shouldn't include it in a fruit salad.

What's the most popular name for lawyers to name their daughter? Sue

Don't read this Humor Corner article to one of your cows. She might laugh so hard that milk would come out of her nose!

