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Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

Help Wanted: We Need You

The dynamic duo of Debbie and Jessie Ramel, are asking for your help. It's time to volunteer your time and talents at the Sheboygan County Fair.



We are looking for volunteers who can ...

- Cut cream puff buns in half.
- Fill our delicious cream puff shells with real whipped cream. Chocolate cream puffs are here to stay.
- Spread a smile to our patrons by serving sandwiches, beverages and desserts.
- Clean up by helping wipe off tables, trays and washing dishes.
- Cashier.

Shift times are:

- **Thursday, early prep:** 9-11 a.m., 11 a.m.-3 p.m., 3-6 p.m. and 6 p.m.-close. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 1-4:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.-close;
- **Friday-Sunday, Monday:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 2-6 p.m.

Members of the Random Lake FFA will help with the Saturday morning shift otherwise all shifts are available. Each shift needs six to eight volunteers to ensure a successful fair.

To volunteer at the 2018 Farm Bureau food stand on **August 30-September 3**, please contact call Jessie Ramel at 920.980.9563 or 920.994.2022.

YFA Bus Tour Is a Success

Several Sheboygan Farm Bureau members joined other district members as they boarded the bus for three spectacular agricultural tours on April 20.

The first stop was to Briess Malt and Ingredient Company. Briess is North America's leading supplier of specialty malts to American craft beer and artisan distilling, and is the largest producer of malted milk for beverage, confection and ice cream applications.

At Manitowoc, raw barley grown for Briess in a premium barley growing region of Wyoming is received by rail, cleaned, graded and stored before shipping to one of the three malting operations. The Manitowoc malthouse is the



At the top of a Steep room, guests peered into a tank filled with barley.

largest Briess malthouse, producing premium quality base malt and kilned specialty malts.

The second stop was to Lake Orchard Farm Retreat in Sheboygan. An amazing story of sixth generation farm owners, Mary and Nate operate the farm with Mary's parents, Warren and Joan. In 2014, they started Lake Orchard Farm Aquaponics inside the renovated milking parlor and free stall barn, harvesting their first lettuce and fish in late 2015. In 2017, Lake Orchard Farm's event barn opened for weddings on site.

The final stop was at 3 Sheeps Brewing Company, a brewery from Sheboy-



Nate Cullkins shares with the group the process of aquaponics.

gan, Wisconsin that takes a scientific approach to crafting unique yet approachable beers. They brew beers that nobody else is brewing, in ways that nobody else is brewing them, with ingredients that others are afraid to use.

The tour included the new brewery and an in depth breakdown of the brewing process, four sample pours (including one straight from one of the wooden barrels), and a 3 Sheeps glass to take home.

Thank you to those involved at the tour stops, it is amazing to see the agricultural businesses within the district.



Co-owner James shared several fantastic samples of beers along the tour.



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Classroom on the Farm a Success By Marcia Fenner

Thank you to everyone who helped make our 'rainy' wet Classroom on the Farm the success it was.

Weather didn't help us, however, we were able to keep ever one dry most of the time. We had 989 children and 50 teachers attend our classroom. Each student received an educational goodie bag, and each teacher received educational materials as well as BellaVitano cheese. That was a real treat, thank you JR Neu for your generous donation of cheese.

A special thank you to Dean, Darin and Ed Strauss for hosting Classroom this year. Everyone enjoyed your modern technology.



A student felt the soft coat of a two-day old calf.

Thank you to the station presenters: Marlene Kamman; Nicole Barlass; Courtney Hess; Jenny Kuffel; Sara; Dr. Chris Booth; Dr. Bleck; Kathy Zimbal; Riesterer and Schnell, Inc.; Barb Grzywinski; and Michelle Klemme.

The tour guides worked hard getting the children from station to station: Mike and Sandy Melius, Maggie Heyn, Roland and Nancy Schumacher, Kevin Lefeber, Barb Scholten, Michele Riley, Daniel Fenner, Becky Salm and Paul Stoffel.

Thank you lunch ladies, Debbie and Jessica Ramel, for bringing us hot lunch, it was appreciated.



Children learned about the machinery and technology farmers use everyday.

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First WFBF IGNITE Conference Held

Wisconsin Farm Bureau hosted its first IGNITE Conference at Holiday Inn Convention Center in Stevens Point on April 5-6.

Co-sponsored by Rural Mutual Insurance Company, IGNITE stands for Innovate, Grow, Network, Inform, Train and Engage. With about 175 members, the conference gave attendees the opportunity to build leadership skills to strengthen county Farm Bureaus.

The conference began with New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau's Executive Vice President Matt Rush. Rush talked about the 'snake in your bumper,' which explained the challenges people face but may keep hidden. The evening banquet's speaker was Indiana farmer Damian Mason who entertained the audience with his humorous views on farming and food.

The conference offered four tracks: policy, issues and advocacy; governance and organization, building Farm Bureau and communicating for agriculture and Farm Bureau. Attendees could follow a certain track or divide their time between multiple tracks. More than 20 breakout sessions were offered. Sessions included updates on the 2018 Farm Bill and trade, consumer outreach tactics, member recruitment and many more.

During the morning general session, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Sheila Harsdorf shared her insight on the state of Wisconsin's agricultural economy. The conference ended with Virginia farmer and motivational speaker Matt Lohr who inspired attendees to, 'lift the limits.'

The next IGNITE Conference will be held **March 26-27, 2020**, at the Madison Marriott West in Middleton.



Sheboygan County Farm Bureau president Lloyd DeRuyter attended the breakout session featuring prospects for more trade agreements.

Sheboygan County Farm Bureau Announces Scholarship Recipients

Brittany Teunissen, Leona Meyer and Brett Mullikin are the recipients of Sheboygan County Farm Bureau's higher education scholarships.



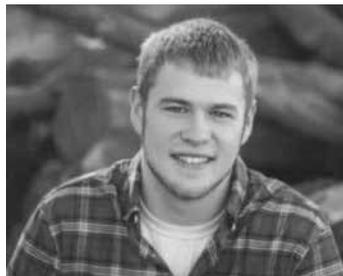
Brittany Teunissen, daughter of Matthew and Julie Teunissen of Cedar Grove, received the Board of Directors' \$1,000 scholarship. Brittany graduated from Cedar Grove-Belgium High School and plans to attend UW-Madison in the fall to pursue a degree in agriculture business management.



Leona Meyer of Fredonia, daughter of John and Debra Meyer, received the women's committee's \$500 scholarship. Leona graduated from Grafton High School and plans to attend South Dakota State University in the fall to pursue a degree in agricultural science.

For more information about the Sheboygan County Farm Bureau's scholarship program, please contact Lloyd DeRuyter at 920.946.3047 or Marcia Fenner (women's committee chair) at 920.467.6750.

Congratulations to the scholarship recipients!



Brett Mullikin, son of Daniel and Michelle Mullikin of Waldo, received a second women's committee \$500 scholarship. Brett graduated from Oostburg High School and will attend UW-Madison Farm and Industry Short

Course in the fall to study farm management and farm and machinery operation.



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Ag Open Golf Outing

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

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 or 608.828.5644.



Did You Know ...

- Agriculture provides jobs for 8,662 Sheboygan County residents.
- Agriculture accounts for \$3.1 billion in economic activity.

Upcoming Events

July

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| 1 | Ag in the Classroom reports due |
| 3 | Women's committee beef promotion |
| 9 | YFA Achievement Award/Excellence in Ag applications due |
| 10-12 | Wisconsin Farm Technology Days, Wood County |

August

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| 4 | Applications are due for Leopold Conservation Award |
| 14 | District 6 Discussion Meet |
| 15 | Sheboygan County Policy Development Meeting |
| 15 | Rural Mutual YFA Sponsorship forms due |
| 15 | WFBF Leadership Institute Class applications due |
| 30-Sept. 3 | Sheboygan County Fair |

September

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| 30 | Membership year-end |
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October

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| 9 | Sheboygan County Annual Meeting |
| 31 | YFA Conference/WFBF Annual Meeting registrations due |

November

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| 30-Dec. 3 | YFA Conference and WFBF Annual Meeting |
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Sheboygan County Discussion Meet Details Set

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

Date: Tuesday, August 14

Location: CNC Links, 4935 County Road C, Manitowoc

Time: 7 p.m. - Presentation
7:30 p.m. - Appetizers
8 p.m. - Discussion Meet

Door County YFA Chair Lauren Brey:

Brands are everywhere, and they make us feel something or react a certain way. Did you know you have a personal brand? It's essential to develop your personal brand for personal and career growth, and if you don't take charge of it, someone else will.

All of our farms are businesses, and they are also brands. As customers are more interested in agriculture and how their food is raised, it is important that every farm develops their brand to help connect with customers and in their communities.

Lauren Brey will share experiences to help you on the journey of finding your personal brand and building your farm brand.

Discussion Meet Topic: As the Voice of Agriculture, how can Farm Bureau be more inclusive of all agriculture and production practices? This includes, but is not limited to, women in agriculture, organic production, fresh produce, forestry and aquaculture.

All YFA members are welcome to share in the presentation, stay to support the discussion meet contestants.

If you are interested in participating or attending this fun event, please contact John or Megan Lyons at 920.562.2004 or lyons.audio@gmail.com.

