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Calumet County Farm Bureau Announces Scholarship Recipient

Kortney Woldt is the recipient of Calumet County Farm Bureau's higher education scholarship. **Kortney Woldt**, daughter of Daryl and Amy Woldt of Brillion, received the board of directors' \$500 scholarship.

Kortney graduated from Brillion High School and in the fall, plans to attend UW-Stevens Point to pursue a degree in business with hopes of returning to her family's farm to assist with the operation and management.

For more information on the Calumet County Farm Bureau's scholarship program, please contact Sean VanderHeiden at 920.418.4292.



YFA Bus Tour Is a Success

Several Calumet County Farm Bureau members joined 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.



COUNTYnews

CALUMET COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

Second Annual Meet Your Local Farmer Event Held

On April 28, the second Meet Your Local Farmer event was held. For this event farms, each with different specialties, opened the doors for families to enjoy a free-self guided tour of the facilities.

Visitors could come and go to bring the family for a visit and learn about each of the farms. In the evening, LaClare's chef offered a family-style dinner, for a true farm-to-table experience.

The farms included:

- Kesler Family Farm, N6447 Highway 55, Hilbert
- Sunrise Valley Organics, W4861 Moore Road, Hilbert
- Jenlar Holsteins and Brown Swiss, N5452 Highway 57, Chilton
- Sattler Lamb Farm, W3267 County Road F, Chilton
- LaClare Family Creamery, W2994 County Road HH, Malone
- Ledgview Farms, W3351 Schumacher Road, Malone



Gloria Kessler shared a rabbit with some of her visitors to the family farm.



A cow on the Jenlar Holsteins and Brown Swiss farm walked to the robot to be milked.



Calumet County Miss Farm Bureau showed love to the lambs at the Sattler Lamb Farm.

We Want You ...

Each year, the Calumet County Farm Bureau pulls a float in several area parades. We are always looking for members to help walk along and hand out candy. If you are available, please contact Kristin ?.

The list of parades includes:

Brillion Electric Parade, 9 p.m. (line-up at 8:30 p.m.)

Chilton Father's Day Parade, 11 a.m. (line-up at 10:30 a.m.)

Hilbert 4th of July Parade, 11 a.m. (line-up at 10:30 a.m.)

New Holstein Fireman's Parade, 11 a.m. (line-up at 10:30 a.m.)

Stockbridge Fireman's Parade, 11 a.m. (line-up at 10:30 a.m.)



Calumet County Farm Bureau Princess Makayla Schueller was ready for the Brillion Light Parade.

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District 6 Young Farmer and Agriculturist Discussion Meet Set

The 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.

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 Presents:

Brands are everywhere, and they all make us feel something or react a certain way. Did you know you also 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.



An Update From the Board President

Hello,

It has been an eventful year for Calumet County Farm Bureau. The board of directors have been busy working for you.

This year we decided to revamp our committees to better serve our members and the community. With the re-worked committees we are looking for our membership to get involved with us. If you have ideas that you want to share, please come forward. The more input we have the better we can serve you. It all starts with the members.

The great thing about Farm Bureau is connecting with so

many other people through the state and country who share the same interest and passions as you do. Farm Bureau offers so many opportunities to meet new people through a lot of the programs we offer right through our own county.

Whether it be our Young Farmers and Agriculturists (YFA) program or just coming out and helping with a parade or the food stand at the county fair, we want to get to know you and know what you, as the membership, want us to work for. We are here to represent the agriculture families of Calumet County and we want to get to know you.

I do want to let you know that Farm Bureau is working to try and help farmers with the prices right now. We know it's been

very hard for everyone and we are doing our best. It all starts with you. We are a grass roots organization and the more people we have fighting for what we need the stronger we are.

We want to know our membership better and we want you to be involved. Please do not hesitate to call or text me with questions or concerns. Please contact one of us. Come to a meeting we want to see you. Everyone is welcome at our board meetings.

Sincerely,

Sean VanderHeiden
Calumet county Farm Bureau president.

Leopold Conservation Award Seeks Nominees



Sand County Foundation and Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation are accepting applications for the \$10,000 Leopold Conservation Award, which honors Wisconsin farmers who demonstrate exemplary stewardship and management of natural resources.

Last year's winners were Brickstead Dairy of Brown County.

Applications are due by **August 4**. Finalists will be announced this fall. The award will be presented at the WFBF Annual

Meeting in December. Nominations may be submitted on behalf of a landowner, or landowners may nominate themselves. The application can be found at <https://sandcountyfoundation.org/uploads/WI-2018-CFN-Hi-res.pdf>.

"Being a good steward of the land is a large component of being a successful farmer," said Jim Holte, Wisconsin Farm Bureau President. "The Leopold Conservation Award recognizes farmers who demonstrate a high standard of care for their soil, water and livestock. I encourage farmers to apply for this award to highlight how they protect and care for our resources."

Given in honor of Aldo Leopold's Land Ethic, the Leopold Conservation Award recognizes extraordinary achievement in voluntary conservation on working lands, inspires other land-

owners through these examples and provides a visible forum where leaders from the agricultural community are recognized as conservation leaders outside of the industry.

In his influential book, "A Sand County Almanac" (1949), Leopold called for an ethical relationship between people and the land they own and manage, which he called, "an evolutionary possibility and an ecological necessity."

The Wisconsin Leopold Conservation Award is made possible through the generous support of the Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, Compeer Financial, Alliant Energy Foundation, American Transmission Company, Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association, We Energies Foundation and USDA NRCS.



Be a part of the 2019 Leadership Institute by applying today!

The WFBF Leadership Institute is a year-long leadership development program to help you become a strong and effective leader. With six different sessions, you can network with Farm Bureau members and industry leaders and take your personal and professional leadership development to the next level. This program is open to ALL Wisconsin Farm Bureau voting members.

wfbf.com/programs/leadership-institute
APPLICATIONS DUE AUGUST 15

Wisconsin Ag Open Scheduled

Hosted by the WFB Foundation, the 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.

For information, contact Darlene Arneson at 608.828.5644 or darneson@wfbf.com.



Upcoming Events

July

- 9 YFA Achievement Award/Excellence in Ag applications due
- 12 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days, Wood County
- 24 Calumet County Policy Development Meeting

August

- 4 Leopold Conservation Award applications due
- 14 District 6 Discussion Meet
- 15 Rural Mutual YFA Sponsorship forms due
- 15 WFBF Leadership Institute Class applications due
- 31-September 3 Calumet County Fair

September

- 25 Calumet County Farm Bureau annual meeting
- 30 Membership year end

October

- 31 WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference registrations due

November

- 30-December 3 WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference

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.



Calumet County board member Jim Petrie and WFBF Board member Rosie Lisowe listened to keynote speaker Damian Mason at the IGNITE Conference.

District 6 Essay Contest Winner Announced State Winner



Isiah Claussen posed with his plaque after being announced the Ag in the Classroom essay contest state winner.

Wisconsin fourth and fifth graders were asked to write a 100- to 300-word essay with the theme, 'Inventions that have made agriculture great.' A total of 2,564 Wisconsin students wrote essays for the competition sponsored by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation, Insight FS and We Energies.

Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom program provides teachers and K-12 students with an understanding of how their food is produced. The program seeks to work within existing curricula to provide basic information on our nation's largest industry: Agriculture.

Wisconsin's Ag in the Classroom program is carried out by a network of local educators, volunteers and representatives from agricultural organizations and businesses. The goal of the program is to help students gain a greater awareness of the role of agriculture in the economy and society, so that they may become citizens who support wise agricultural policies.

Isiah's winning essay:

Inventions That Have Made Agriculture Great

Holy smokes, did you see that tractor? It has no cab and no one driving it! I'm a dairy farmer and I know a lot about tractors, but this is new to me. I would like to tell you a little about how tractors have advanced.

Back in my great-great grandma's time, all chores and field work was done with horses and tillage equipment. Horses were great companions and did lots of hard work, even the best took a lot of time and weren't very efficient. Farmers thought there must be a better way.

In 1892, a man named John Froelich created the first gasoline tractor in Clayton County, Iowa, that moved forward and backward. This gas powered machine was one big advancement in agriculture, saving farmers working hours. This resulted in faster and easier harvest time, leaving farmers more time with their families!

The inventors didn't stop there! They continued to advance the now more commonly known tractors with amenities such as: enclosed cabs, heat, air conditioning and even radios. Now, horses didn't have such advancements and they were being phased out of the farm. I know my great-great grandma was sad when the horses were sold to buy a tractor, but I think she was very thankful for all the time that this new machine saved on her farm!

As tractors continued to unfold, we've rapidly progressed in technology! Today we have tractors that are driven by the push of a button. GPS-driven tractors look like something straight out of Star-Trek, they're programmed to follow specific coordinates for the most accurate planting and harvesting known to farming.

Now we don't have any self-driving tractors on our farm and I really like horses, but we are thankful for our tractors that make our chores a whole lot easier.

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Farm Bureau Announces New Benefit with Six Flags®

Wisconsin Farm Bureau members can now take advantage of discounted tickets at Six Flags® Great America, an amusement park in Gurnee, Illinois.

Members will save nearly 40 percent off a regular admission ticket during the 2018 regular season. The discounted tickets are an added value of a Farm Bureau membership.

"We are excited to add this family-fun benefit to the lineup of discounts and offers already available to our members," Wisconsin Farm Bureau President Jim Holte said.

To learn more about the amusement park, visit sixflags.com/greatamerica.

Members can get more information about the new benefit or learn more about other discounts and incentives by visiting wfbf.com/membership/member-benefits.

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