



Grassroots

District 6 News

Message From Your District Board Director



Rosie Lisowe

District 6 Board Director

The days are getting longer and soon spring will be here. The start of a new season of

planting, working the fields and hoping for good weather and rain when needed.

We are beginning another year at Farm Bureau with Ag Day at the Capitol and Council of Presidents in March. Many members have joined in these events.

Ag Day at the Capitol gives you the opportunity to meet with your local officials in Wisconsin. Be an advocate, let your voice and story be heard. We have been told we are three or four generations away from a farm. It is still important that you let the legislation know how these bills affect the agriculture field. Especially regulations and ordinances that are over-restricting and could end agriculture.

I encourage you to consider signing up a new member, tell them why you joined. We have several great leadership development events for them to participate in to give them the chance to network with new people and see the effectiveness of Farm Bureau.

Farm Bureau has been working on state and federal issues, including the DNR's proposed Wolf Management Plan, broadband, state budget, export markets, trade agreements, support for water and soil quality improvement projects, agricultural roadways and we continue to support the next generations of farmers.

I look forward to seeing you at the next Farm Bureau meeting or event.

Geigers Receive 'Distinguished Service to Farm Bureau' Award

Manitowoc County Farm Bureau members Rosalie and Randy Geiger received the highest award Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation bestows upon its members.

Rosalie and her family were presented the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation's 'Distinguished Service to Farm Bureau' award during the organization's Annual Meeting in Wisconsin Dells on December 4.

"Because of their dedication to the Farm Bureau organization and agriculture I am extremely pleased to recognize Rosalie and Randy for their distinguished service to Farm Bureau,"

said WFBF President Kevin Krentz. "Although Randy died in 2019, it doesn't diminish his legacy and input to the dairy industry across the nation and around the globe but also his passion for serving others. His passion was contagious."

Rosalie and Randy's farming careers began in 1969. In 1981, they moved to a farm near Reedsville that has been owned by Rosalie's ancestors since 1867. Ran-Rose Dairy was known for a fine herd of registered Holsteins where cows, heifers and embryos are marketed around the world. The family grew 360 acres of corn, soybeans, alfalfa and wheat.

Besides Farm Bureau and the agricultural community, many organizations benefited from Rosalie and Randy's knowledge and dedication, including Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin (formerly Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board), World Dairy Expo, National Milk

Producers Federation, Wisconsin Agri-Business Council, Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Holstein Association and the National Dairy Board, to name a few.

"The time and dedication that Rosalie and Randy gave to the agricultural community and Farm Bureau is a true testament to Rosalie receiving Farm Bureau's Distinguished Service to Farm Bureau award and to Randy's memory and honor," said Manitowoc County Farm Bureau President Brent Sinkula.

Sinkula added that he still uses one of Randy's membership selling points when recruiting

Farm Bureau members and to encourage board members to make the county board's membership goals, "If everyone brings in just one member, we got this."

The Geiger family are true believers in the importance of cooperation and the value of serving others.

Randy and Rosalie's children and grandchildren include son Corey and his wife Krista

Knigge of rural Mukwonago; and daughter Angela Zwald and her husband and their three children, Mary, Allison and Zachary, of rural Beaver Dam.



WFBF Annual Meeting

In December, more than 230 delegates at the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation's 103rd Annual Meeting established new policy directives for the organization.

Farm Bureau delegates adopted the policies that will be included in the organization's policy book in 2023. Resolutions were submitted by delegates as part of a grassroots policy development process.

On the floor, delegates discussed various dairy topics. They voted to oppose de-pooling of milk by processors. During dairy policy discussion, delegates supported giving farmers more access to consumers through the sale of raw milk only if the farm meets Grade A requirements and national standards.

Under the area of education, delegates supported post-high school education opportunities for students returning to the farm, including an in-person Farm and Industry Short Course program at a Wisconsin agriculture campus. Support for a 4-H program in each county was also approved.

Delegates discussed transportation concerns and seasonal accessibility to roads. In order to help create revenue to support transportation initiatives, delegates discussed and approved an alternative way to support

transportation in the biennial state budget.

To support rural communities delegates approved exempting ambulance and Emergency Medical Service (EMS) districts and services from levy limits. Delegates also approved the elimination of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians Test (NREMT) for Emergency Medical Responders (EMR) level first responders.

On the federal level, delegates supported FDA enforcing their current standard of identity of milk. Delegates also discussed and supported animal-based meat protein in USDA-supported school lunch programs at all times.

Delegates from the Wisconsin

Farm Bureau's 61 county Farm Bureaus also supported:

- Indemnification of farmers if PFAS and PFOS are found to exceed acceptable levels thus making farming non-viable.
- Implementing sustainability practices while ensuring the costs associated with those practices are spread across the supply chain and not only to the farmer.

On the federal level, delegates:

- Opposed more restrictive changes to the current atrazine levels.
- Supported inter-seeding cover crop practices without insurance coverage restrictions on the first insurable crop.



More than 230 delegates gathered for the policy development session during the WFBF Annual Meeting.

YFA Conference Recap

The YFA Program's Discussion Meet and Farming for the Future award featured several young farmers from District 6. Stephanie Abts from Manitowoc County competed in the Farming for the Future award making it to the final four. Rachel Harmann and Ann Glowacki from Door County, and David Forester from Sheboygan County, competed in the Discussion Meet. Rachel Harmann won the WFBF YFA Discussion Meet and went on to place in the Sweet 16 at the American Farm Bureau Federation's Young Farmer and Rancher Discussion Meet in Puerto Rico. Congratulations to our District 6 competitors!



Door County Farm Bureau member Rachel Harmann was the winner of the 2022 YFA Discussion Meet.

and service organizations. They do not derive a majority of their income from a farm (that they own) for the past three years, examples would be veterinarians, farm employees or ag teachers.

The Discussion Meet contest is a panel discussion in which Farm Bureau members between the ages of 18 and 35 are judged on their ability to express their ideas and opinions and reach a solution on current issues affecting agriculture. Watch for more information coming soon about the District Discussion meet in summer.

The Outstanding Ag Professional Award recognizes members of the YFA program who excel in their leadership abilities and involvement in agriculture, Farm Bureau and other civic

The Farming for the Future award recognizes members who excel in farming, leadership ability and involvement in Farm Bureau and other organizations. Applicants must have derived a majority of their income from on-farm production.

Applications are now available for the Outstanding Ag Professional and the Farming for the Future and are due April 1. Visit wfbf.com/programs/young-farmer-and-agriculturist-program/yfa-contests/ to find the applications.



Door County member Ann Glowacki posed with keynote speaker Alex Sheen.



District 6 Young Farmer and Agriculturist members on Friday night's district meeting.

Upcoming Events

March

- 26 - District 6 Green Bay Gamblers Game
- 28 - Council of Presidents
- 26 - Ag Day at the Capitol
- 26 - County Early Bird Bonanza membership cut-off

April

- 1 - Ag in the Classroom Essays due to county essay coordinators
- 22 - Calumet County Meet Your Local Farmer

May

- 4-5 - Sheboygan County Classroom on the Farm

June

- 11 - Manitowoc County Breakfast on the Farm-Twin Cities Vue Dairy Farm
- 17 - Sheboygan County Breakfast on the Farm-Hickory Lawn Farm Inc
- 18 - Kewaunee County Breakfast on the Farm- Salentine Homestead Dairy

July

- 2 - Door County Breakfast on the Farm- Valmy Threshere
- 18-20 - Farm Technology Days, Baraboo

August

- 1 - District YFA Discussion Meet

Applications Now Available for Leopold Conservation Award

In his influential book, *A Sand County Almanac*, Aldo Leopold called for an ethical relationship between people and the land they own and manage. The development of a land ethic was, he wrote, “an evolutionary possibility and an ecological necessity.” A land ethic is alive and well today in the thousands of American farmers, ranchers and forestland owners who improve soil health, water quality and wildlife habitat.

Sand County Foundation proudly presents the Leopold Conservation Award to private landowners dedicated to leaving their land better than how they found it. They exemplify the spirit of Leopold’s land ethic. In Wisconsin, Sand County Foundation presents the Leopold Conservation Award in partnership with American Farmland Trust, and state partners: Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin and Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation.

The Leopold Conservation Award recipient receives \$10,000 and a crystal award. Leopold Conservation Awards recognize extraordinary achievement in voluntary conservation, inspire other landowners through their example, and help the general public understand the vital role private landowners play in conservation success.

Applications are due Aug. 1 and can be emailed to award@sandcountyfoundation.org. For further information, please visit leopoldconservationaward.org.

If You Give a Member an Opportunity...



Becky Salm

District 6 Coordinator

If you give an 18–35-year-old a Rural Mutual sponsorship to the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Agriculturists Conference...
Then they will become their county YFA chair.
Then they will participate in a YFA contest
Then they will become a district YFA

representative.

Then they will attend statewide leadership conferences.

Then they will attend the DC fly-ins.

Then they will become a state annual meeting delegate.

Then they will run for a county Farm Bureau board position.

Then they will participate in the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Leadership Institute.

Then they will serve on various local and state committees.

Then they will recruit new Rural sponsors and mentor the next generation of YFA members

This is how Farm Bureau works. Farmer to farmer, agriculturist to agriculturist reaching out and asking someone to join. We can offer a cookie, or rather an opportunity to network and gain hands-on leadership skills.

The secret to making all this work is you.

You may be reading this and thinking, “That’s a cute play on words, but I am just a customer of Rural Mutual,” or “I am just a member; there isn’t anything that I can do or have the time to do.” However, that could not be farther from the truth.

It takes all of us to make this organization work. When you reach out to one of your local affairs chairs and let them know about an issue you are hearing about, or tell someone about your Rural Mutual policy, you are helping to grow and strengthen our organization.

The fact is there are not as many of us as there used to be in agriculture. To make change happen we all need to work together. By doing so, we are ensuring the next generation has the opportunity to get involved.

Farm Bureau is so much more than a grassroots organization. It is an organization made up of members like you and me. It is an organization that puts the voice of farmers first, helps young leaders develop their voice and become a champion for what we all have a passion for: agriculture.

Farm Bureau gives members a place to mentor, facilitate growth and breathe life into the next generation. It is where the common bond of agriculture turns strangers into friends and friends into family.

It is where if you give a someone a cookie by inviting them to join, they are certain to find endless opportunities to grow and thrive.

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FFA Farm Forum



More than 240 high school juniors and FFA advisors from across Wisconsin attended Wisconsin Farm Bureau's FFA Farm Forum in Wisconsin Rapids on Feb. 17.

"FFA Farm Forum is a time for learning and leadership," said WFBF President Kevin Krentz. "These students are the next generation in agriculture. I hope members in attendance are able to take back what they have learned during this conference to better their organizations and communities."

The keynote speaker was Joe Schlies, a member of the UW-River Falls Collegiate Farm Bureau. Schlies shared his experiences with the Wisconsin Association of FFA and Farm Bureau and how they have shaped him as a young leader. He shared how everyone has the power to seek out opportunities in their lives to develop impactful traits within themselves.

During the one-day event, FFA members attended career-based workshops including: 'Food Science 101' with Sara Menard Huber, Research and Development Manager at Brakebush Brothers; 'Agricultural Product Applications' with Andrew Dal Santo, an instructor at Southwest Technical College; 'Supercharge Your Ag Technology Knowledge' with Teri Raatz, an instructor with Mid-State Technical College; and 'From FFA to YFA: Connecting the Dots in Your Ag Experience' with Joe Schlies.

"FFA Farm Forum is a great partnership between Wisconsin Farm Bureau and Wisconsin FFA," said WFBF Director of Member Relations Mandy Ganser. "Our organizations have worked together for many years to offer students a conference that showcases the many career paths and leadership development opportunities available in agriculture."

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation sponsors FFA Farm Forum in cooperation with the Wisconsin Association of FFA.

District Promotion and Education Update



Clara Hedrich

District 6 Promotion and Education Committee Representative

The state Promotion and Education Committee met January 14 in Fond du Lac to set goals and their program of work for the year. The focus of the Promotion and Education committee is "Consumer Education of the Life Long Learner", our consumer.

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau consumer-focused website, Gather Wisconsin, is scheduled to be live in March. The website is designed for the consumer to be able to find reliable, factual information regarding agriculture and our food supply system.

District 6 will host a consumer-focused tour this spring. Watch for upcoming details. Farm Bureau members and non-Farm Bureau members are encouraged to attend.

Essay Contest Due April 1

Encourage your fourth and fifth grade students to participate in this year's essay contest! The essay contest is open to students in public schools, private schools and home school programs. The essay entry deadline is postmarked by April 1.

For the most up-to-date essay contest information, visit the Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom website wisagclassroom.org. Essay contest information can be found in the events and activities tab.

Essays should be sent to the county contact listed below or on the website. Each county will have one winner that will move on to the district contest. Among the county winners, the District 6 Promotion and Education representative will select one district winner that will be forwarded to the state contest.

This year's topic is "You're Gonna Need Milk for That – Wisconsin Dairy Fuels our Bodies, Communities and Economy". The topic relates to the Book of the Year "Tales of the Dairy Godmother – Chuck's Ice Cream Wish" by Viola Butler.

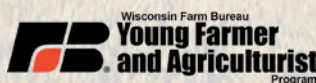


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Brown County Farm Bureau Offers College Scholarship

Brown County Farm Bureau will award one \$500 scholarship to a student pursuing an agriculture-related degree.

Eligible applicants must be taking post high school agriculture related training or long- or short-course within the University of Wisconsin System or Wisconsin Technical College System. This includes the study of Genetics, Landscape, Architecture, Biochemistry, Bacteriology, Food Industry, Horticulture, Environmental Sciences, Agriculture Journalism and other agriculture related fields of study. Candidates for the scholarship must be a Brown County resident or student at a Brown County School and they must be currently enrolled or planning to enter their first year of college at the time of application. Candidates need not be a Farm Bureau member.

Scholarship applications are digital this year. To obtain the link to the scholarship application, contact Becky Salm, District Coordinator via e-mail at bsalm@wfbf.com, go the county Facebook page or call 866.355.7345. Applications are due on April 1.

Brown County FFA Farm Forum Participants



Bay Port students (from left) Julia Revall, Makenzie Frisch, Nadia Harrig and Paige Pascoe.



Denmark students (from left) Elisha Vogel, Rachel Schuessler and Morgan Brice.



Wrightstown student Rachel Boeder.

Brown County Farm Bureau at WFBF Annual Meeting



Ray Diederich spoke up at the delegate session during WFBF's Annual Meeting.



Coffee, cocoa and cookies basket donated by Brown County Farm Bureau for the Silent Auction.

Calumet County

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President's Update

By Simon Regan, Calumet County Farm Bureau President



It's hard to believe that equipment will be rolling out of sheds in a handful of weeks. Dust will be swirling and farmers' social media posts will be flooded with #plant23. Between now and then, we will get even busier in preparation for that time when it's ready to put that seed in the earth and let Mother Nature do her thing.

While it's easy to be consumed with the next item to cross off the ever-growing to-do list, I hope we all find the time to check in on each other. Whether it's bringing the wife and kids along as fields are checked, turning a chore into an opportunity to share your knowledge and passion with those you work so hard for. Or stopping by a neighbor to have a beer and give them grief about the spot they missed while planting.

Let us all take a little extra time out of our busy, hectic and often demanding schedules to cultivate and grow our relationships with our families, neighbors and friends. Sometimes it's the simplest of gestures and visits that can turn someone's stressful and demanding day or week into one worth smiling about. Have a safe and blessed planting!

Calumet County Farm Bureau to Offer Scholarship

Calumet County Farm Bureau is pleased to provide a \$500 scholarship to a graduating high school senior who will be attending an accredited college, university or technical school. The recipient will receive a check for \$500 following completion of their first semester. All majors will be considered, but preference will be given to students involved with agriculture.

The applicant must be from a current Calumet County Farm Bureau member family (parent, guardian, or grandparent with a minimum of one-year active membership).

Scholarship applications are digital this year. To obtain the link to the scholarship application, contact Becky Salm, District Coordinator via e-mail at bsalm@wfbf.com or call 866.355.7345 or go the county Facebook page. Applications are due on April 1.

Chilton Students Attend FFA Farm Forum



(From left) Sam Meyer, Lexie Pingel, Hannah Murphy and Amber Anhalt

Save the Date
28th Annual
Rural Open

Saturday, August 19
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Hickory Hills Golf Club

Room for 40
four-person teams.
Enjoy the bucket raffle
and live auction.

You don't want to miss it!

WFBF Annual Meeting



Calumet County was well-represented at the WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference in December.

Meet Your Local Farmer

Meet Your Local Farmer is back for its seventh year! On April 22, Calumet County Farm Bureau and local farms will host guests to get a glimpse of Wisconsin's Agricultural Industry and invite them to Meet Their Local Farmer.

In 2015, an event was started to educate consumers about agricultural practices, called Meet Your Local Farmer. In 2020 this event was recognized at the American Farm Bureau Convention in Austin, Texas as the County Activities of Excellence Award Winner.

Each year farms have an open house in the Calumet and Fond du Lac counties of Wisconsin. The event is hosted at several farms on the same day. The idea is to give consumers the opportunity to see ag firsthand. These farmers give a view of various types of agriculture in our state. The following are the host farms from 2022. We appreciate their willingness to volunteer and represent Farm Bureau and Wisconsin Agriculture.

Kesler Family Farm A multi-generational and multi-species family operation. Kesler Family Farm specializes in beef cattle, hogs, and chickens. Their gardens are known for delicious produce, including rhubarb and asparagus. Also at this spot are lambs and llamas from Hairy Haven and quail from Dead Elm Ranch. The whole family gets together to share their passion with

you! Check out their variety of critters and see how they raise the next generation.

LaClare Family Creamery LaClare Family Creamery- LaClare was founded in 1978 with a foundation that is rooted in artistry, family values and hard work. Enjoy their goat farm, shoppe, cafe, garden center and creamery. Tour the visitor's center and learn how their award-winning cheeses are made. Try the cheeses featured in the cafe and bring some home to share!

Lake Breeze Dairy Established in 2003 by five Wisconsin farming families, 3,200 cows call Lake Breeze Dairy their home. The cows are milked in a double-44 parallel parlor and there are 35 employees dedicated to caring for the cows on the farm. Stop in, take a bus tour and learn more about their modern dairy farm!

Ledgeview Farms Established in 2008, Ledgeview Farms is a controlled environment greenhouse dedicated to raising the best tomatoes and English cucumbers you have ever tasted! Visit to experience the wonder of a third of an acre filled with over 2,800 ten-foot-high tomato and cucumber plants.

Final details on the 2022 hosts will be posted on our Facebook page. Follow Calumet County Farm Bureau on Facebook and help us spread the word about the 2023 event on April 22.



Door County Farm Bureau First Annual Cornhole Tournament



known in the community by educating them on what we do while promoting agriculture in Door County.

We had a great turn out filling 30 of the 32-team max roster. People came from all over the state to play. While the teams showed their skills during the four-hour double elimination tournament, many others came to spectate and support our fundraising efforts.

Through the generosity of the people and businesses of Door County, we were able to have an amazing bucket raffle and silent auction. There were 25 bucket raffle items ranging

Door County YFA kicked off 2023 with our first ever YFA event. On Jan. 21 we held the Door County YFA Cornhole Tournament. This was done in hopes to bring people of our community together and get the Farm Bureau name

from candy to apparel to beverages and gift certificates. Nine incredible items adorned the tables of the silent auction, including custom made cornhole boards, a fire pit ring, ice fishing charter and the ultimate Bloody Mary basket! Overall, the day was a huge success!

We had plenty of compliments and positive feedback about the event and how much

everyone enjoyed it. The only complaint was that we didn't have our custom-made t-shirts for sale.

We are very proud to announce that we met and exceeded our fundraising goals for YFA and Ag in the Classroom activities. We look forward to making this a yearly event as we strive to bring our community closer

together all the while having fun!



Door County Farm Bureau at WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference



Door County delegates review the policy submissions before the delegate session Monday morning at the WFBF Annual Meeting.



Door County Farm Bureau sponsored a basket for the silent auction, "A Taste of Door County".



Excellent turnout for the WFBF Annual Meeting by Door County including two members participating in the YFA Discussion Meet.

Door County Farm Bureau Scholarship Applications Available

The Door County Farm Bureau is now accepting applications for two \$500 scholarships.

Eligibility: Applicants planning to pursue post-secondary education enrolling in any type of major/program with preference given to those students intending to enroll in an agriculture or agriculturally related field. (Undergraduate degree at an accredited four-year college/university, Associate degree at any Wisconsin technical college, Farm and Industry Short Course at UW-Madison)

Scholarship applications this year are all digital. For more information, or to obtain a link to the application, please contact Becky Salm at bsalm@wfbf.com or 920.253.5303 or visit the Door County Farm Bureau Facebook page. Applications are due on April 1.

Meet Your New Board Members



Marti Viste

My name is Marti Viste. I am the fourth generation on my family farm that is located about 10 miles south of Sturgeon Bay. We run about 300 acres of corn, alfalfa, soybeans, wheat, oats and snap beans. Most of the crops grown are for cash crop, but the alfalfa and some corn are used to feed our 30 beef cattle.

Off the farm, I've been working at Rio Creek Feed Mill as an Agronomist/Nutrient Management Planning Specialist since August of 2022. I also

have a part-time job working on a small dairy and helping them with daily chores and mostly getting all of the show animals ready to show during the summer and fall.

This is my first year serving on the Door Farm Bureau board of directors! I am also serving on the Door County Holstein Board as Junior Activities Coordinator. As far as hobbies go, I enjoy playing bar darts on a league that I have been a part of for a little over a year now. I also like spending my free time with my family and friends.

The best reason for being a Farm Bureau member is the networking. Since I have been on the board, I have met so many new people that are in my community! It has been nice meeting these new people and then seeing them at different events in the community. Being able to recognize

them and hold a conversation with a person that once was a stranger to me is something that I am grateful for, and Farm Bureau made that happen.

Since I have only been on the board for a little while, I haven't had much experience with a lot of different activities, but the best one by far has been the cornhole tournament! This activity was hosted to help out our YFA group and it was a great day and a terrific turnout!



Jared Baudhuin

My name is Jared Baudhuin. On my farm, we milk 40 Holstein cows and operate 700 acres of land being planted in corn, soybeans, alfalfa, winter wheat and oats.

This is my first year on the board of directors. I am involved in the National Holstein Association, Brussels Union Gardner Fire Department and Brussels Union First Responders.

The best reason for being a Farm Bureau member is to network with other farmers and agriculturists

throughout the nation. My favorite Farm Bureau activity is any activity where I can network with other people. We are able to connect and share new ideas to be used on our farms.

Manitowoc County

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Promotion and Education Committee Update

By Cheryl Duchow and Rosalie Geiger, Promotion and Education Co-Chairs

We had such a beautiful fall, but we sure had a cold spell leading up to Christmas. January proved to be quite mild, but we don't know what is in store for the rest of the winter. Let's hope that it's not too bad!

While we cannot predict the weather, the Promotion and Education Committee knows what's in store for them. Rosalie Geiger and Cheryl Duchow attended the Ag in the Classroom Volunteer Training and the WFBF Promotion and Education Leadership Boot Camp at Three Bears Resort in Warrens, Wisconsin. We came back with numerous ideas for our promotion and education committee to use for our programs this year.

Three members, Michelle Bratt, Rosalie Geiger and Cheryl Duchow attended the 103rd WFBF Annual Meeting at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells the first weekend in December. Our committee had an exhibit there for winning on one of the programs that we submitted. We won \$500 which will go toward our programs for this year.

On Dec. 27, we worked with Rachel Gerbitz, WFBF Director of Sustainability Communications and Partnerships at the Farm Wisconsin STEM Event. We demonstrated recycling practices. There were three categories of waste: recycle, compost and trash. Students were given the opportunity to put items in the proper bin. If they were unsure or wrong, the proper place was explained to them.

At our January meeting, we planned our program of work for the

year. We will again sponsor an essay, coloring, scholarship and Miss Farm Bureau Contest. Information on these programs can be found throughout the newsletter.

We are looking to have another exciting year and invite anyone interested in joining our committee to contact us.



Rosalie Geiger and Cheryl Duchow demonstrated how to recycle household waste at the STEM Event at Farm Wisconsin the week after Christmas.

Manitowoc County Farm Bureau to Offer Wayne Luebke Memorial Scholarships

The Manitowoc County Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Agriculturists (YFA) and the Promotion and Education Committees are each offering the Wayne Luebke Memorial \$500 scholarship to a student who is attending an accredited college, university or technical school. The recipients will receive a check for \$500 following completion of their first semester with the check made out to the school and student's name. All majors will be considered, but preference will be given to students involved with agriculture.

The applicant must be from a current Manitowoc County Farm Bureau member family (parent, guardian, or if the applicant is over 21, they must have his or her own membership.) Associate members through Rural Mutual Insurance customers are also eligible.

Scholarship applications this year will be all digital. To obtain a scholarship application, contact Becky Salm, District Coordinator via e-mail at bsalm@wfbf.com, go to the county Facebook page or call 920.253.5303. Applications are due on April 1.

Manitowoc County Farm Bureau Attends WFBF Annual Meeting



Manitowoc delegate Kelly Wilfert addresses the group on Monday morning during the WFBF Annual Meeting.



Manitowoc YFA and county delegates representing Manitowoc County Farm Bureau at the WFBF Annual Meeting.



Manitowoc County Farm Bureau donated yard art (left) and a bird house, bird seed combo (right) to the Foundation Silent Auction.



Manitowoc County Farm Bureau Promotion and Education committee was recognized in the County All-Stars program.

Mischicot Students Attend FFA Farm Forum



(From left) Julie Koepfel and Samantha Chynoweth.

Currently Accepting Applications for the 2023-2024 Miss Farm Bureau

Who is Miss Farm Bureau?

Miss Farm Bureau is a young woman from Manitowoc County who represents Farm Bureau around the county. Applicants must be between the ages of 16 and 24 as of January 1, 2023.

What does Miss Farm Bureau do during her reign?

Miss Farm Bureau is crowned in June during Breakfast on the Farm. Most of her appearances take place during summer. Appearances include area parades, County Fair, farmer's markets and local community events throughout the county.

How do I become Miss Farm Bureau?

Compete and submit the application form by April 15. Application is available online at bit.ly/MissFarmBureau

Questions can be directed toward Anne Hutterer at 920.973.8565.



Promotion and Education Committee to Hold Coloring Contest

The Manitowoc County Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee are again this year sponsoring a Coloring Contest for kindergarten through third grades. There are two separate pictures:

K-1st: Farm Animals

2nd-3rd: America's Dairyland

The deadline date is Wednesday, May 1.

The rules are as follows:

- Only crayons may be used
- All requested information must be on the back of the picture – full name, age, address (with city & zip code), phone number, name of school attending, grade and name of teacher.
- Each grade will have first, second and third place winners with monetary prizes being awarded
- Coloring contest pictures become the property of Manitowoc County Farm Bureau.

Please note: Pictures are to be colored as is - no additions (i.e. – people, flowers, trees, birds, sun, clouds, spots on cows/unless that is how the picture is, no additions to clothing or anything else added to the picture).

This is a coloring contest only and open to any student in a Manitowoc County school. If your school does not plan to use this as a class project, students may enter on an individual basis. If you have any questions, please call the Cheryl Duchow at 920.901.3745.

Entries must be received by the due date – May 1 – not postmarked on the due date.

Contest entries are to be mailed to:

Manitowoc County Farm Bureau
c/o Cheryl Duchow
415 N. Adams Street
Valders, WI 54245



To get full size coloring pages go to the Manitowoc County Farm Bureau web page, wfbf.com/about/counties/manitowoc/ and download them.

Sheboygan County



wfbf.com/about/counties/sheboygan
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Wanted: Fair Food Stand Manager

Sheboygan County Farm Bureau is searching for a new Fair Food Stand Manager for the upcoming 2023 Sheboygan County Fair. This paid position includes three main areas of duties:

1. Coordinating Products from Food Vendors and Prices

- Calling Food Vendors to determine prices for items sold in food stand
- Determine cost per item price for each items sold in food stand
- Determine point of sale price for each item
- Be present at the fair stand for product delivery or pick up times for products

2. Financial Responsibilities

- Keep Track of Receipts and Create a financial Report
- Collect and Deposit all startup money and daily deposits

3. Coordinate Volunteer Schedule

- Fill out fair shift schedule over the course of the five-day fair, including helping with clean up prior to fair and after
- Be present every day during the county fair to train volunteers to various jobs/food safety standards.

Interested in learning more about this position, call Mark Schleicher at 920.946.9235.



COUNTY FAIR

FOOD STAND MANAGER NEEDED

Thursday, August 31–Monday, September 4

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY FARM BUREAU FOOD STAND

- order product •
- create volunteer schedule •
- open/close stand •
- financials •

For more information contact:
Mark Schleicher 920.946.9235

Sheboygan County Classroom on the Farm

By Kathy Salm, Sheboygan County Promotion and Education Committee Chair

I am excited to kick off our year with our day on the farm on May 4 and 5 at Majestic Crossing. We are expecting approximately 1,000 students again this year.

We are looking for help for group leaders for Classroom on the Farm. These leaders, guide a group of students through the presentations on the farm. Please go to forms.office.com/r/cPKfuqyxGB if you are interested in helping to sign up.

In addition to Classroom on the Farm, we also sponsor an essay contest and award scholarships to deserving students in our county.

If you would like to join our committee please let me know. We meet the third Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Rural Mutual Insurance office in Plymouth. Also, if you have any ideas for promotional or educational activities, we would love to hear them. Have a safe and healthy year.

Kathy Salm
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Sheboygan County at Annual Meeting



Top: Sheboygan County Farm Bureau board members at the WFBF Annual Meeting.
Left: Sheboygan County Farm Bureau donated a Sheboygan County basket to the Silent Auction at WFBF Annual Meeting.



Students Attend FFA Farm Forum



Random Lake students (from left) Haylie Habeck and Evelin Singer.



Howards Grove students (from left) Emma Pahl and Sarah Mechenich.

Sheboygan County Farm Bureau to Offer Scholarships

Sheboygan County Farm Bureau is pleased to provide a \$1,000 Board of Directors scholarship to a graduating high school senior who will be attending an accredited college, university or technical school. All majors will be considered, but preference will be given to students involved with agriculture.

The Sheboygan County Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee also offers up to two \$500 scholarships as well.

Applicants for either scholarships must be from a current Sheboygan County Farm Bureau member family (parent, guardian, or grandparent).

Scholarship applications this year will be digital, to obtain a scholarship application, contact Becky Salm, District Coordinator via e-mail at bsalm@wfbf.com or call 920.253.5303 or go to the county Facebook page. Applications are due on April 1.

2023 WFBF Policy Book Now Available

The 2023 Policy Book has been updated and is available on the WFBF website at wfbf.com/policy/policy-development.

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation's policy is established by farmers through a structured policy development process.

Suggestions and policy ideas come directly from members who propose and vote on them at county Farm Bureau annual meetings. Policy ideas work their way up to the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Annual Meeting each December where delegate members vote on the proposals. This process continues at the national level as well.





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