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## WYOMING FFA TO CELEBRATE GRAND OPENING OF BLUE AND GOLD MUSEUM

DOUGLAS— The Wyoming FFA will now have a place to showcase its successful history growing leaders in agriculture, with the grand opening of the Blue and Gold FFA History Museum, housed in the FFA Exhibit Hall on the Wyoming State Fairgrounds in Douglas, Wyo., on Aug. 15, 2014.

An ice cream social, ribbon cutting ceremony, guest speakers and unveiling of the new exhibits is planned for the event, which begins at 6 p.m.

“The Wyoming FFA is rich with tradition and history,” said State FFA Advisor Stacy Broda. “We wanted a place to share the FFA story from its beginning in 1928 as an organization for farm boys to the Wyoming FFA we know today, an organization dedicated to growing and training our country’s emerging leaders in agriculture and business.”

Founded in 1928, the Future Farmers of America brought together students, teachers and agribusiness to solidify support for agricultural education. Now known as the National FFA Organization, FFA has more than 579,678 student members as part of 7,570 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Wyoming has more than 2,200 members.

The Blue and Gold Museum will feature photos and exhibits from the organization’s history, a Wyoming FFA national officer exhibit, a state officer photo gallery and profiles of prominent past FFA members.

“Each year, a team of student state officers is selected by their peers to lead the Wyoming FFA,” explained Broda. “The state officers leave their mark on the Wyoming FFA. Many of these officers have gone on to serve as leaders in our state. Our state officer gallery is a great place to see where many of these leaders got their start.”

Broda hopes many of Wyoming’s past state officer teams will attend the event and join in celebrating the history they helped write. All past officers will be recognized during the event, and the team with the most members attending will receive a special prize.

Other past Wyoming FFA members and alumni are encouraged to attend and bring photos and memorabilia to share.

“I’m sure founding members of the Wyoming FFA Association could never have imagined how the organization would grow and thrive,” says Broda. “We hope our past members and the public can enjoy seeing how FFA has changed, share their memories and celebrate a future committed to providing premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agriculture education.”

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