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Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

Coordinator Participates at Maple Syrup Sunday

Ag in the Classroom coordinator Tom Young participated in the Ledgeview Nature Center Maple Syrup Sunday on March 20.

The Ag in the Classroom book was *Sugar Bush Spring*, which explains the process of making maple syrup.

The children made a seed helicopter and talked about the process of making maple syrup during the spring.



Tom Young worked with the children at Ledgeview Nature Center's Maple Syrup Sunday.

Fair Time is Just Around the Corner

Volunteers are needed for the fair food stand during the Calumet County Fair on **September 1-5**.

Friday shifts are 9 a.m.-2 p.m., 2-6 p.m. and 6-10 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and Monday shifts are 6-10 a.m., 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 2-6 p.m. and 6-10 p.m.

Workers receive half off the Calumet County Farm Bureau annual meeting dinner at the Neighborhood Pub and Grill in Brant.

For information or to volunteer, please contact Carley Blado at 920.418.2226.



YFA Discussion Meet Set

Farm Bureau members between the ages of 18 and 35 are eligible for the Discussion Meet. The top three district finalists compete during the WFBF Annual Meeting at the Kalahari Resorts in Wisconsin Dells on December 2-5.

The YFA Discussion Meet gives young members an opportunity 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.

The winners of this state level contest will compete at the American Farm Bureau Federation Annual Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, on January 8-11, 2017.

The District 6 Discussion Meet is at 7 p.m. on **Tuesday, August 2**, at Altona's Restaurant in New Holstein. This year's discussion question is: **Today's food companies employ many tactics to gain a market-**



District 6 member Stephanie Nagel competed during the 2015 YFA Conference.

ing edge. What is the purpose of food labels? How can Farm Bureau work to ensure that consumers understand the labels and have confidence in the safety and quality of their food?

For more information, please contact District 6 YFA Representative Carley Blado at 920.418.2226 or carleyblado@gmail.com or county YFA chair Kristin Birschbach at 920.418.1762.

Farm Facts Brochure is Available

Did you know that agriculture contributes 413,000 jobs to Wisconsin's economy or 11.9 percent of total employment?

Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom is proud to introduce the newly-revised

2016 Wisconsin Farm Facts brochure. The brochure highlights Wisconsin's diverse agriculture industry and it's interactive.

To order the brochure, visit wisag-classroom.org and use the resource form.





COUNTYnews

CALUMET COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

Calumet County Farm Bureau Awards Essay Contest Winner By Anne Huebner



Anne Huebner awarded the winner of the essay contest, Abby Keiferheim from New Holstein Elementary.

The Ag in the Classroom volunteers met the students at New Holstein Elementary to share facts about maple syrup.

We did fun activities that helped us explore where maple syrup comes from and how it is made along with some of the traditions that go along with the process.

It was fun to hear stories from some of the students who make maple syrup with their families.



The class was treated to an ice cream party compliments of the Calumet County Farm Bureau.

The fourth and fifth grade students were invited to participate in an essay contest and we received many great essay submissions. The winner was Abby Keiferheim, and she and her classmates received awarded an ice cream party. Everyone had fun and we look forward to sharing Ag in the Classroom with the students from New Holstein and other students in Calumet County in the next school year.

Bremmer is Annual Meeting Speaker

Join us at 7:45 p.m. on **Tuesday, September 27**, at the Neighborhood Pub and Grill in Brant for the Calumet County Farm Bureau annual meeting. You won't want to miss Kim Bremmer, who is the guest speaker.

Bremmer grew up on a farm and is a wife, graduate of UW-Madison, mother of two, and was a dairy nutritionist for almost 15 years. She is a vocal champion of agriculture, from the grocery store to the airport. Her passion is sharing the REAL story of agriculture with everyday consumers.

Bremmer is the Wisconsin State Coordinator for Common Ground, a national movement of farm women who share information about farming and the food we grow; and a regular contributor on *Rural Route Radio*. She also serves as president of Wisconsin Women for Agriculture, an affiliate of American Agri-Women, the nation's largest coalition of farm, ranch and agri-business women dedicated to protecting and advancing agriculture by increasing awareness, building alliances, communication and education.

Bremmer is an academy member of the National Speaker's Association and member of the American Dairy Coalition. She was named the UW-Madison Association of



Women in Agriculture's 2014 Outstanding Woman in Agriculture. Bremmer enjoys fishing, golfing, reading and playing her guitar.

Her presentation will be 'Sharing Your Front Row Seat to Farming.' Farmers represent the mere 1 percent of our population that is providing food, fiber, fuel and pharmaceuticals for the rest of us.

Their tenacity and hard work every day is truly something to be proud of and their message of sustainability and continual improvements over time is something to celebrate. Being transparent and having conversations about how food is raised is more important than ever, with misinformation continually surrounding our consumers. It's time to speak up and it's time for our voices to be heard.

Hedrich Inducted into FFA Hall of Fame

Calumet County Farm Bureau board member Clara Hedrich was inducted into the FFA Hall of Fame in June.

She was one of the first agricultural education teachers in Wisconsin and is the longest tenured female agriculture teacher within the state. In addition, she is the first female member of the Wisconsin FFA Hall of Fame.

Congratulations Clara!



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Milk Fireworks Big Hit at Sundae on the Farm

On June 26, families visited Dallman East River Dairy in Brillion for Sundae on the Farm.

In 1964, Terrell and Darlene Dallman purchased the farm along with 15 cows and 80 acres. Since then, the farm has grown slowly and has involved three generations of the family.

The farm has about 30 full-time employees and 4,500 animals with cows, heifers and calves. Initially, the cows were milked in a stanchion barn with a pipeline until 1989. Today, a double 25 parallel parlor where 2,000 cows get milked three times a day.

The Dallmans own about 1,700 acres and rent

another 850 acres and they work with and buy feed from another 500 acres from area farmers.

The Dallmans also try to keep up with the trends in the dairy industry. Tunnel ventilated barns help keep cows cool on hot summer days. A feeding management software provides a precise diet to be fed to the animals. GPS software helps planting and field work be more efficient and allows getting the most out of every acre.

All the manure on the farm also goes through an anaerobic digester. The digester was installed in 2012 and is run by DVO, Inc. The manure makes biogas, which is then turned into electricity and can power about 500 homes.

Dallman East River Dairy goes above and beyond regulations for land management and cow comfort practices to ensure that they are a sustainable farm, providing the best opportunity for the family's future generations.

Ag in the Classroom coordinator Tom Young provided a fun experiment for the children called milk fireworks. You can try this one at home.

Pour some whole milk into the bottom of a plate. Drop several drops of food coloring into the milk. Dip the end of a cotton swab into some dish soap and then into the milk. Watch the colors 'firework' on the plate.



YFA Social and Bus Tour Recap

District 6 Farm Bureau members boarded the bus on April 8 for an exciting day of farm tours.

First was Eastern Wisconsin DHIC milk testing laboratory in Waldo. A local Dairy Herd Improvement (DHI) organization that has provided on-farm management services since 1945. They continue to update systems to meet the changing needs of the modern dairy farm. Staff analyze 80,000 samples per month for fat, protein, lactose, solids, milk urea nitrogen, beta-hydroxybutyrate and acetone and diagnostics for Johnes, Luekosis and milk pregnancy.

Second was LaClare Farms in Pipe. On December 15, 2012, LaClare Farms broke ground on their new facility located in

Malone (Pipe). LaClare Farms is a vertically integrated agricultural enterprise of more than 500 milking goats, a creamery, retail shoppe and café. LaClare Farms makes more than 33 different varieties of goat, cow and mixed milk cheeses. It is the home of LaClare Farms Evalon, which won the U.S. Cheese Championship in 2011 and other award winning cheeses. Four of their five children have joined Larry and Clara Hedrich on the farm. It is an educational experience for the consumer where they can follow a raw product from its beginning to end.

Third was Robinway Dairy LLC, which is a multi-member limited liability corporation owned by Jay and Pam Binversie. Located outside of School Hill, this dairy is expanding their business while simultaneously taking strides in reducing their

environmental footprint. With the care of 25 employees, 1,150 dairy cows are milked daily and 700 steers are raised on-site. About 1,400 acres of crop land is farmed annually with 600 irrigated acres.

Robinway teamed up with Livestock Water Recycling Systems to install the newest technology for converting manure to clean water. It is clean enough to drink, but more importantly, it will reduce trucks on the roads and the amount of well water being used in the dairy operations.

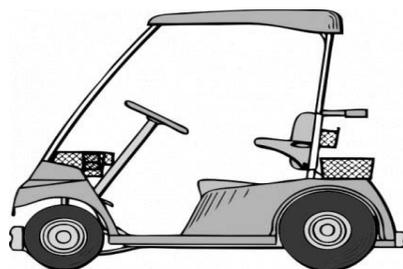
Thank you to those who attended the tours and thank you to Eastern Wisconsin DHIC, LaClare Farms and Robinway Dairy for hosting us.



Register For the Wisconsin Ag Open

The Wisconsin Ag Open is on **Monday, September 12** at Christmas Mountain Village in Wisconsin Dells.

The format will be a four-person team scramble and registration includes 18 holes with a cart, gift bag, food and beverage and golf contests, mulligan sales and door prizes.



The event supports the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation's efforts to expand agricultural leadership, 4-H and FFA program, agricultural literacy efforts and other education, youth and leadership programs.

Please note: We are limiting the outing to 144 golfers to offer maximum golf pleasure and pace on the course. Registration and payment are needed to secure your spot.

For more information or to register, please visit wfbf.com/aboutwfbf/foundation/wisconsin-ag-open.

We're Growing Leaders.

Be a member of the 2017 Leadership Institute



The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Leadership Institute develops strong and effective county Farm Bureau leaders of all ages and experience. As an Institute member you will participate in engaging and interactive sessions where you will develop your personal leadership skills, dive into your creative side, advocate for agriculture and learn more about Farm Bureau's grassroots policy development process.

Apply today at <http://bit.ly/WFBFinstitute>. You won't regret this rewarding experience!

Applications are due August 15, 2016.



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Rural Open Golf Outing Supports Calumet County Farm Bureau

Each year, Rural Mutual Insurance agent Randy Pingel sponsors a golf outing as a fundraiser for Calumet County organizations.

The 2016 Rural Golf Outing will be held on **Saturday, August 27**, at Hickory Hills Country Club in Chilton with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The outing is comprised of 40 teams with four golfers on each team. There will be a costume contest with prizes for the best dressed team.

Money raised by this event is distributed to organizations to help fund activities and events throughout the year. The funds raised this year will support the Calumet County Farm Bureau.

If you want to take part in this fundraiser by being a sponsor, please contact Dean Gebhart at 920.418.2149.

All donations received will be used for prizes and raffles. The cost for each team to participate is \$200 and includes 18-holes of golf, two carts and a meal for each golfer.

For more information or to register your team, please contact Randy Pingel at 920.849.1105.



Upcoming Events

July

- 28 Calumet County Farm Bureau Policy Development Meeting

August

- 2 District Discussion Meet at Altona's Restaurant in New Holstein
- 5 Applications due for Leopold Conservation Award
- 15 Rural Mutual YFA Sponsorship forms due
- 15 Institute Class Applications due
- 27 Rural Open Golf Outing

September

- 2-5 Calumet County Fair
- 27 Calumet County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting
- 30 Membership year end

October

- 31 WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference registrations due

November

- 12 Harvest Dust Off, Twin Fountains

December

- 2-5 WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference

Watch for Ag Transportation Tidbits on WFBF's Facebook Page

Now that the implements of husbandry (IOH) trilogy is complete, but so many questions still remain, there has been discussion of creating a Wisconsin agriculture transportation guide book.

This book will encompass aspects of operating or transporting ag-related equipment and supplies within Wisconsin highlighting both state and federal laws.

Wisconsin Farm Bureau Senior Director of Governmental Relations Rob Richard and Cheryl Skjolaas from the UW-Extension are working with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to write this guide book with a goal of completing it by September 1.

In preparation for the guide book, WFBF is rolling out 'Today's Ag Transportation Tidbit' on social media. These posts are simple, yet important, transportation laws or rules that apply to ag-related equipment and its operation or transport on Wisconsin roads.

Even though you may know these laws, it's our hope that you share them via social media to reach and educate a much wider audience. More importantly, any feedback that you provide will help us prioritize specific issues for the guide book.

For example, did you know that it is not legal to pass an implement of husbandry or ag commercial motor vehicle (Ag-CMV) in a no-passing zone?

For other tidbits from WFBF's 'Today's Ag Transportation Tidbit', visit facebook.com/WIFarmBureau.

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Save the Date: YFA Social



Join us from 8 p.m. to midnight on **Saturday, November 12**, for a District YFA Social at Twin Fountains in Manitowoc featuring the band Spitfire Rodeo.

Plan to Attend: Policy Development Meeting

The Calumet County Farm Bureau will host their annual Policy Development meeting at 7:30 p.m. on **Thursday, July 28**, at Ethel's Pub and Grill in Chilton. Anyone who is interested in attending is welcome. Dinner will be provided.

The WFBF's governmental relations staff prepared issue backgrounders on animal husbandry, atrazine, broadband, fence law and wetlands.

You can view these at www.wfbf.com under the Government Relations tab, Policy Development.

Promoting Farm Bureau in Parades



Calumet County Farm Bureau Princess Hannah Roehrig has been promoting Farm Bureau throughout the county at various parades. Great job Hannah!