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Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

Shawano County Farm Bureau Women's Committee Presents the Kid's Dairy Bar Bake-Off

When: Sunday, June 26.

Where: Shawano Brunch on the Farm, W3752 E. Slab City Road, Bonduel.

Time: Registration at 10 a.m., judging starts at 10:15 a.m.

Details: There will be three entry age groups: ages 8-10, ages 11-14 and ages 15-18. Prizes will be awarded for the first, second and third place winners in each age group.

Rules

- The entries must be brought to the Shawano County Brunch on the Farm, Shawano County Farm Bureau Women's Committee booth no later than 10 a.m.
- All BARS must include two or more dairy ingredients.
- Bars must be cut into two inch by two inch squares.
- Three bars per plate; paper plates preferred, no glass please.
- One entry per person.
- Write or attach name and age to bottom of the plate for each entry.
- The recipe must be submitted with the bars.

The winning recipes will be published on the Shawano County Farm Bureau Facebook page, website, in the newsletter and possibly other local media.

For more information, please Facebook message Angie Schultz.



District 7 Green Bay Gambler Hockey Game is Exciting

About 33 Young Farmer and Agriculturists attended the Gamblers game on March 19.

The night was filled with excitement when the Gamblers won in overtime.

After the game the group met at a local restaurant for pizza and soda.



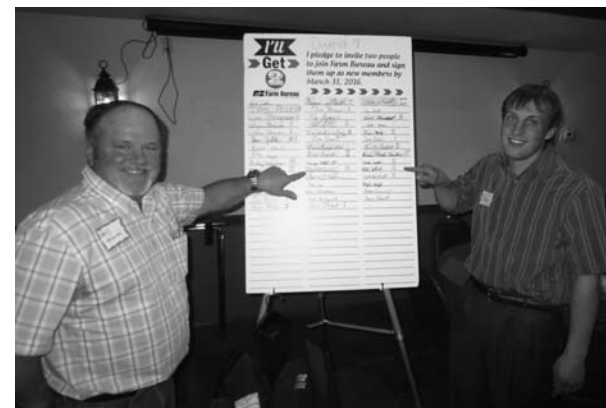
About 33 YFA members attended the District 7 Gamblers hockey game in Green Bay on March 19.

'I'll Get 2' Membership Challenge

Three Shawano County members who took the 'I'll Get 2' membership challenge achieved their goals.

They were honored at the 'I Got 2' District 7 Pizza Party held on April 18 at the Four Seasons Resort in Shawano.

Honorees included Bob Krause, Peter Schmidt and Scott Breitrick. Congratulations to these Farm Bureau Proud volunteer membership workers.



Bob Krause (left), Peter Schmidt (right) and Scott Breitrick (not pictured) met their goals for the 'I'll Get 2' membership challenge.



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SHAWANO COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

Shawano County Farm Bureau Members Attend Ag Day at the Capitol By Adam Kuczer

It is quite a sight to see farmers in suits at our Capitol. It is different attire that we don't wear too often, but it is much needed in our state.

I had vigorous conversations with legislators at Ag Day at the Capitol this year. Our representatives are very sound people, who are there to hear the concerns from Farm Bureau and the agriculture community.

This year topics and issues ranged from implements of husbandry to road funding and high capacity wells and more.

It was important to attend as there was still plenty of time in legislative session to get things done. As the number of farms and farmers decreases, the general public doesn't understand our story. By taking our issues to Ag Day, our legislators can assist in telling the stories.

As Farm Bureau members, we must tell legislators about the issues to help promote positive changes to legislation.

It was a pleasure meeting with legislators and having discussions.

I know that agriculture has a strong relationship with our legislators and will continue to do so through Ag Day and farmer visits.



Mary Olson and Adam Kuczer visited Representative Jeff Mursau (left).



Shawano County Farm Bureau members (table at left) joined in the Ag Day briefing session with Secretary of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Ben Brancel (at podium), at the Monona Terrace Conference Center on January 27.



Shawano and Outagamie County Farm Bureau members met with Senator Rob Cowles.

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Shawano County Farm Bureau Committee Activity and Changes By Adam Kuczer

I can assure you that business is still getting done as I act in our president's absence. It's been interesting as the board cleans up some of our committees by reorganizing them.

As the board members, we are asking for more support from membership: YOU!

To eliminate any confusion, see the list of committees.

Membership Committee: Dave Henselin, 715.754.5243

Women's Committee: Angie Schultz, 715.526.1953

Dairy Committee: Bob Krause, 715.853.6969 and Sheri Beilke, 715.881.1984

YFA Committee: Ashley Schugel, 320.510.1312

Ag in the Classroom: Angie Schultz, 715.526.1953

Plat Book Committee: Adam Kuczer, 920.609.0718

Fair Ice Cream Stand Committee: Becky Kuczer, 920.609.0758

These committees help raise funds to promote ag, sponsor 4-H activities and clubs and FFA chapters. These clubs and activities grow our young leaders in Shawano County. These committees also provide scholarships to students.

Offering your assistance may seem like a small part but the Shawano County Farm Bureau needs your help.

Please take pressure off the president and the board of directors by choosing a committee that you are interested in. I think we can all agree that we wish to promote agriculture and Farm Bureau.

Please call and volunteer. We have a great and active county Farm Bureau. Let's keep it going. We can set a good example for our sons, daughters and grandchildren and more by keeping them involved in a great industry: agriculture.

Vice-President's Report By Adam Kuczer



Shawano Ag Awards Banquet organizer Tammy Styczynski addressed the 120 attendees during the banquet.

farm just shy of 1,200 acres in partnership with Derick's father and brother.

Friends of Agriculture: Dennis and Sally Rank, owners of The Main Event in Cecil and are former dairy farmers. Dennis and Sally own and operate a restaurant and catering business and are dedicated supporters of the agriculture industry.

Second Miler: Maurice Rehn, owner of Rehn's Dairy Equipment in Pulaski, was recognized for his many years of outstanding service to Shawano County farmers.

Shawano County is steeped in farming history, which includes the recognition of some of the county's best farmers and agriculturists.

On April 1, more than 120 people packed The Main Event in Cecil for the 59th annual Outstanding Young Farmer and Friends of Shawano County Agriculture Awards Banquet. This year, the following farmers, students and industry professionals were recognized:

Outstanding Young Farmer: Derick and Amy Zernicke, co-owners of Zernicke's Landstad Dairy in the Town of Lessor. They milk approximately 400 cows and

Outstanding Tree Farmer: Terry Seidl was recognized for his forest improvement projects targeting tree stand management and creation of wildlife habitat.

Outstanding Conservation Farmer: Bob and Doreen Krause, farmers in the towns of Green Valley and Angelica operate approximately 450 acres. The Krauses are employing conservation management techniques to improve soil health and water quality.

Shawano County Farm Bureau Scholarship Winners: Ashley Bergsbaken, daughter of Dennis and Donna Bergsbaken of Bonduel; Cassy Bonnin, daughter of Kevin and Shawn Bonnin of Bonduel; and Kathryn Kugel, daughter of Chuck and Mary Lou Kugel of Shawano, were awarded scholarships to further their collegiate careers in agriculture.

Mason Jauquet was also recognized as the Section 8 FFA Extemporaneous Speaking contest winner. He also gave a short demonstration of his abilities to the group.



Congratulations to the 2016 Shawano Ag Award winners and scholarship recipients.

Sign Up Now for the Dairy Dash and Stroll By Ashley Schugel



Runners made their way down the home stretch during the 2015 Dairy Dash and Stroll.

The Shawano County Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Agriculturists and Brunch on the Farm Committees are organizing the third annual Dairy Dash and Stroll 5K Run/Walk in conjunction with the Shawano County Brunch on the Farm. This year it will be at Kevin and Shawn Bonnin's farm in Bonduel.

The 5K course will be on the farm, so it will be a dirt off-road course accompanied by a series of hills and fluctuating terrain. As this resembles a cross country course, be prepared for some interesting and fun challenges if there is precipitation prior to or during the event. The course may not be the most conducive for strollers or small children.

Participants will enjoy scenic views of the dairy farm including barns, dairy cows, wooded areas, crop fields and other events at the Brunch on the Farm.

To register, visit www.active.com by **May 30** in order to receive a correctly-sized t-shirt.

The online registration closing date is **June 23**; however, you may register in-person during

pre-race packet pick-up from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 25, at the farm. Race-day registration also is available and will start at 6:30 a.m. at the farm on Sunday.

Pre-registered individuals can pick up their packets the day of the event or the day before the event at the farm.

Race Event Details

Race Date: Sunday, June 26.

Race Start Time: 7:30 a.m.

Registration Opens: 6:30 a.m., at the farm.

Event Address: Kevin and Shawn Bonnin, W3752 E. Slab City Road, Bonduel, WI 54107.

Pre-race packet pick-up: 9 a.m. - noon, Saturday, June 25, at the farm.

Packet will include: t-shirt, bib number, chocolate milk after the race and ticket for one free brunch on the day of the event.

Race Fees

	Before June 23	June 23 or later
Individual	\$20	\$25
Group, 4+	\$18/person	\$20/person

No fee difference between runners or walkers.

For more information, visit the registration link through www.active.com or the Shawano County Farm Bureau Facebook page.

Awards will be presented to the overall male and female winners as well as the top male and female runners in each age division: 12 and younger, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60 and older.

Prizes will be awarded following the event. You must be present to win.

Proceeds from the race will provide food for the local food pantry through the Feeding America Invest an Acre program.

2016 Wisconsin Farm Facts Brochures are Here

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 is now interactive. Using a free app called Aurasma, users can make the brochure come to life with additional facts and videos related to Wisconsin agriculture.

To download the app, visit the app store on your tablet or smart phone and find Aurasma. Download the app and make sure to follow Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom.

Copies of the brochure are available by visiting wisagclassroom.org and using the resource order form.



Agriculture Provides Jobs

Agriculture contributes 413,000 jobs to Wisconsin's economy or 11.9% of total employment.
Source: UW Extension-Steve Deller, 2014



We Want You! Apply by July 1

Excellence in Agriculture



The Excellence in Agriculture Award judges participants on their involvement in agriculture, leadership ability, involvement and participation in Farm Bureau and other civic and service organizations. Applicants must have derived a majority of their income from a non-production agribusiness enterprise for the past three years.

Achievement Award



The Achievement Award judges participants on their involvement in agriculture, leadership ability, involvement and participation in Farm Bureau and other civic and service organizations. Applicants must have derived a majority of their income from on farm production for the past three years.

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Get your application here: bit.ly/WIYFAContests

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For complete details visit wfbf.com/benefits-membership.

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Brunch On the Farm Report By Sheri Beilke, brunch on the farm co-chair

Spring is definitely here and just as spring is here, farmers are busy preparing, and so is the Shawano County Farm Bureau dairy committee busy preparing for the 33rd annual Brunch on the Farm.

This year we are back on the eastern side of the county at the Kevin and Shawn Bonnin farm. The farm is located at W3752 East Slab City Road in Bonduel. Kevin, Shawn, Libby and Cassy Bonnin are excited to welcome you to their farm.

Again this year, we will have the Dairy Dash and Stroll 5K Run/Walk starting at 7:30 a.m. We will serve a delicious

brunch from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. consisting of scrambled eggs and diced ham, pork sausages, hash browns, cinnamon bread, butter, cheeses and ice cream with strawberries or maple syrup.

There will be many fun games and educational activities for children as well as adults, along with wagon rides and informational dairy tours.

So mark your calendars for Sunday, June 26, as Shawano County Farm Bureau comes together to share our passion for agriculture and the wonderful food that it provides. We hope to see many of your smiling faces on that day.



(L-R) Cassy, Kevin, Shawn and Libby Bonnin invite everyone to come to Bonduel on June 26 and experience their farm during the Shawano County Brunch on the Farm.



The Bonnin farm will welcome guests to the Brunch on the Farm on June 26.



The Shawano County Farm Bureau Dairy Committee met on site to make plans for another successful Brunch on the Farm.

Ice Cream Social and Fair Ice Cream Stand Planning Meeting By Becky Kuczer

Who: YFA members and other interested Shawano County Farm Bureau members.

What: An opportunity to discuss the fair Farm Bureau ice cream stand while enjoying a bowl of ice cream.

When: 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1.

Where: Shawano County Fairgrounds, Shawano County Fair office, 990 E. Green Bay Street, Shawano.

Why: The Ice Cream Stand is ‘under construction.’ Committee chair Becky Kuczer along with the YFA committee is taking on the responsibly of rebuilding. The rebuild discussion will include: menu, schedule, what worked and what didn’t and electing an ice cream stand manager.

How: Please RSVP to Wes Raddatz at wraddatz@wfbf.com or 920.713.4753 or just show up.

For more information or comments or questions, please contact Becky Kuczer at 920.609.0758.



Humor Corner By Wes Raddatz, District 7 Coordinator

If you can stay calm while everyone around you is in chaos and panic. . .
Then you probably don’t understand the seriousness of the situation.

What gets wetter the more it dries?
A towel.

A reporter asked a man on his 97 birthday, “To what do you credit your long life?”
“I’m not sure yet,” responded the old-timer. “My agent is still negotiating with two breakfast cereal companies.”

What is a nuclear scientist’s favorite lunch?
Fission chips.



New Office for Shawano Rural Mutual Insurance Agents

As of February 1, the Rural Mutual Insurance agents relocated their office to 1478 East Green Bay Street in Shawano, directly across the road from their previous office.

Please stop in and visit with them about your insurance needs.



Three Reasons By Becky Kuczer

I’m giving you three reasons to attend the Women’s Ag Summit: food, fun and friends. I attended this year, for the first time.



Food: As a busy mom of five and farmer’s wife, I appreciated not having to prepare any meals for a day and half. Not only did I not have to prepare it, I didn’t have to cut up anyone’s food or clean up afterwards. This alone, made the time spent off the farm enjoyable. And, the food was delicious.

Fun: The workshops were engaging and relevant and the speakers were knowledgeable and interesting. It’s hard to not learn something in such an environment. I came home with ample information to support the needs of my farm and family. Also, a casino night was set up for us. We were given some ‘money,’ played casino games and won prizes. The best part, I didn’t even lose any money!

Friends: Go with someone you know and spend time with one another while getting to socialize with others. Go alone and have the opportunity to meet even more farmers and agri-business women. I went with a friend, one that lives just a little too far away to see regularly. Not only did we relish our time together and relax, I learned something new. Upon hearing my friend’s success with online-billpay, I went home and set up an account. I have been using it each week since.

If you are contemplating a weekend away, you have three reasons: food, fun and friends. Oh, and if you aren’t signed up for online-billpay, I highly recommend it.