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Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

Waushara County June Dairy Breakfast Scheduled for June 26



Come and join the Krentz family as they host the 29th annual June Dairy Breakfast in Waushara County.

A down-on-the-farm dairy breakfast will be served from 7:30 a.m. to noon on June 26. The breakfast will feature pancakes, real maple syrup, honey, hash browns, ham, cheese, milk, cranberry juice, coffee, ice cream and fresh strawberries.

The event also will include a Little Farmer Dress-Up Contest and a visit from Alice in Dairyland.

Donation: \$6 per adult; children 4-10 \$3; and children 3 and younger are free.

The Krentz family dairy is located at W215 State Road 21 in Berlin.

For more information, visit the Waushara County June Dairy Breakfast Facebook page.



JUNE DAIRY BREAKFAST SERVED HERE LAST SUNDAY IN JUNE
7:30 - NOON
Come Join The Herd

Waushara County June Dairy Breakfast
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Welcome New Farm Bureau Members

Keith Carpenter, Madeline Gilbert, Paul Girdauskas, Ricky Gustke, James Huebschman, Kevin Kindt, Elizabeth Krueger, Robin Lewis, Lisa Michael, Donald Netzler, Kevin Pearce, Jessie Recore, Darren Riehle, John Roesener, William Rosenau, Pamela Schneider, Cheryl Schultz, Jerri Siebert, Jason St. James, Eric Stommel, Gloria Wenninger, Barrett Williams and Darrell Ziebarth.

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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.

The YFA Program is funded by  for Farming's Future (WFB Foundation)

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Ag in the Classroom Winning Essays

Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom offers an annual essay contest for fourth and fifth grade students. Each year the topic has specific lesson plans, activities and other resources that teachers and home school parents can use to teach about Wisconsin agriculture.



The 2015-2016 topic was 'Tell us about producing maple syrup in Wisconsin.' This year's contest was sponsored by InSight FS, We Energies and the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation.

The Waushara County Farm Bureau winning Ag in the Classroom essay is Brianna Buechner, a fourth grade student in Jessica Rettler's class at Tri-County Elementary School in Plainfield.

The Processing on Maple Syrup

Wouldn't you like to wake up to the smell of warm fluffy pancakes with sweet homemade maple syrup on top? Now that I have you hungry, I'm going to tell you how maple syrup is made.

The right types of tree are maple trees to yield higher sugar content is: Sugar, Black, Red and Silver. A good maple tree should be mature (about 12 inches in diameter) and healthy. It takes a lot of sap to make a gallon of maple syrup so you have to decide how many and what type of trees you will need to tap. Maple sap is collected in the early spring, when temperatures get below freezing at night and above freezing during the day.

When you have all that done and your equipment cleaned you can drill in your hole. The hole should be 3 feet up the tree. And it should be 2 to 2.5 inches deep. Then you insert a tap into the tree and either hang a bucket to collect the sap or you can run a hose set from tree to tree running down into a tank. Once tree can produce up to 10 gallons of sap each season yielding on quart of pure maple syrup.

After you collect the sap you want to set up a fire pit so you can boil it. You do not want to boil it in your house because your walls will get all sticky from the steam. You want to skim off all the stuff that boils up to the top, so it doesn't suck up the entire flavor of the syrup. This should take about 24 hours. Nothing is added to pure maple syrup only the water is evaporated away. Then once it has been filtered the maple syrup will be hot packed at 185 degrees into containers. There you have it how to make maple syrup.

Here are some facts that I found interesting:

- Did you know a tree takes approximately 40 years to be big enough to tap for maple syrup?
- Did you know 40 gallons of sap = 1 gallon of syrup?
- You can re-tap a tree every year but you need to drill a new hole. Depending on the size of the tree you can have multiple taps.
- The fast fact is if you put a glass of water and a glass of sap side by side, you wouldn't be able to tell the difference.

Now put this paper down and go have some pancakes topped with homemade maple syrup. Yum!

Second Place: Paige Makaryk, fourth grade student, Tri-County Elementary

The Making of Maple Syrup

Maple syrup comes from sugar maple trees. A group of sugar maple trees is called a sugar bush. Sugar maple trees make a sap which is a clear liquid. In the spring sap flows through the trunks and branches of the trees. This is the time to collect sap.

Trees that are mature are picked, ones that are at least 50 years old. The younger trees need their sap to grow. Workers drill holes in the sugar maple trees. Two or three holes in the bigger trees. Metal spouts are put in the holes so the liquid can flow through and be caught in buckets that are hung on the spouts.

When the buckets are full they are emptied into barrels. They are taken to a sugar house where the maple syrup is made. The sap is poured into long, shallow pans which are heated. When it boils it becomes thick and sticky. This is maple syrup. It takes between 30-50 gallons of sap to make one gallon of maple syrup. Then the maple syrup is poured into bottles and sent to stores.

Some interesting facts about maple syrup:

1. Maple syrup can grow mold.
2. Quebec produces two-thirds of the world's syrup.
3. Pure maple syrup is 100% natural.
4. Maple syrup is a good source of mineral nutrients and vitamins.
5. Maple syrup has 216 calories per ¼ cup, corn syrup has 220 calories and honey has 261 calories.

Third Place: Sam Raboin, fourth grade student, Tri-County Elementary

Maple Syrup in Wisconsin

Did you ever taste sap or maple syrup? Sap tastes very plain and maple syrup tastes very sweet. Did you know maple syrup is from tree sap? Let me tell you more about maple syrup.

Maple syrup was discovered hundreds of years ago. The best time to collect maple syrup is in the spring when sap is running up the trunk of sugar maple trees. The legend is that the first maple syrup maker was an Iroquois woman. The wife of Chief Woksis. One late winter morning, the chief headed out on one of his hunts. Before leaving he yanked his tomahawk from the tree where he put it the night before. One this particular day the weather was quite warm, so it caused the sap to flow into the bucket. The woman grabbed the bucket thinking it was just regular water. She boiled their meals in the water she collected. That made the meals taste different from regular meals. That's how maple syrup was discovered.

The best time maple syrup flows is in the spring when the nights are in the 20s and the days are in the 40s. 40 gallons of sap is enough to make 1 gallon of maple syrup. The sap has to be boiled down, each tree can produce 10-20 gallons of sap. Not all types of maple syrup taste good, so you have to be sure to collect sap from the right kind of tree. I will tell you about some treats you can make with maple syrup besides pancakes. Sometimes maple syrup is used to make doughnuts, lollipops, pie maple syrup taffy, bacon, milk, ice cream, and even some types of barbecue sauce.

I hope you learned a lot about maple syrup. Maybe you can collect sap and boil it. Homemade maple syrup tastes really good. Now go enjoy some maple syrup products.

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District Director Report



We are moving into a very important presidential cycle.

The U.S. has major issues that need to be addressed in the coming years. An overreaching EPA, a vacant Supreme Court Judge seat, border security and two major trade deals.

Producing food requires natural resources. We must protect our soil, air and water qualities. The EPA is moving in a direction trying to control much more land every time it rains. Farmers have been tilling the soil and applying nutrients for hundreds of years.

During those years, farmers continue to lower their carbon footprint per pound of protein and per pound of energy produced. Timing of farming practices are critical and we must

have an EPA that will not require a permit for everything that a farmer does. There are much more realistic approaches of protecting our vital resources.

Immigration also is an important part of the U.S. history. Many of our descendants came to America looking for a better life for their family. They were hard-working people with many talents. They helped build and protect America. The next administration must protect our borders from the many threats. It also is important to build a comprehensive immigration system that works for this country.

The next President also must address the ability and the profitability of moving products around the world. Trade is a major source of income for farmers, and the U.S. has a reputation of quality and consistent products. There has been discussion of candidates wiping out trade deals when they get into office. Neglecting a current trade deal will take us out of any future negotiations.

If we also look at potential income, we must look at projected population growth. China eliminated their one-child rule, Asia has a projected population of five billion and Africa, four billion in the next 40 years. While America and Europe are considered aging markets. Another major trade deal is on the horizon. The countries involved in the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) represents 11 percent of the global population and 38 percent of the global gross domestic product. Having global countries buy U.S. products is a major way to improve our economy.

This Presidential campaign is important in many ways. The next administration could affect us many years past their office. It is critical that we vote for a candidate that is visionary and will give us the ability to guide America into the future. We have a very interesting road ahead.

God bless and have a safe growing season!

Kevin Krentz
WFBF District 5 Board Director

District 5 Discussion Meet



YFA members competed in the 2015 District 5 Discussion Meet contest.

The District 5 Discussion Meet will be held at 7 p.m. on **Monday, August 29**, at Christianos Pizza in Green Lake. The cost for the meal is \$12.

For more information, please contact District YFA Chair Amanda Knoch at 608.369.1091.

WFBF YFA Discussion Meet Questions and Topics

Please Note: All 2016 District Discussion Meet contests will use and discuss Topic Question #5.

1. American agriculture depends on a foreign-born labor force. How would you draft a national immigration policy?
2. How can we ensure that farmers and ranchers, not government agencies, are driving the management of natural resources?
3. How can we as farmers and ranchers maintain 'ownership' of our intellectual and proprietary information? (Big data, unmanned aerial vehicles, unauthorized videos.)
4. The nation's tax policy has become increasingly complicated and cumbersome. What should a balanced and beneficial tax policy look like for agriculture?
5. **Today's food companies employ many tactics to gain a marketing 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?**

Plan to Attend the Waushara County Fair, August 18-21

'The Biggest Little County Fair in Wisconsin!'

Four days of fun-filled entertainment for the whole family! For more information, visit www.wausharacofair.com. The Waushara County Farm Bureau will once again have a food stand at the county fair. The committee is always looking for more volunteers. This is the County's largest fundraiser of the year. Money raised helps fund the Ag in the Classroom program, 4-H and youth donations, women's committee and Young Farmer and Agriculturist programs.

To volunteer, please contact Bonnie Jarvis at 920.572.6188.



Waushara County Farm Bureau Sponsors Showmanship Awards

The fourth annual Central Wisconsin Spring Fling Jackpot Steer and Heifer show was held on May 6-7 at the Waushara County Fairgrounds in Wautoma.

The Waushara County donated \$250 and sponsored two belt buckle awards for the Pee Wee and Intermediate showmanship winners.



For more information on the show, visit www.centraispringshow.com.

Krentz, Gilbert Attend Ag Women's Summit



Waushara County Farm Bureau members (L-R) Bernadette Krentz and Madeline Gilbert attended the Ag Women's Summit.

Deb Reinhart, New Holstein, was recognized as a promoter of agriculture, being named the 2016 AgVocate of the Year at the Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit held March 4 and 5 in Madison.

More than 325 women were in attendance to celebrate their role in agriculture at the event, hosted by Badgerland Financial, Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation and UW-Extension.

The Summit's planning committee invites women to save the date for the 2017 Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit, on March 10-11 at the Madison Marriot West in Middleton.

Waushara County YFA Members Gather



Waushara County YFA members gathered on February 20 for pizza, games and fun! The committee is working on organizing a county event this summer. Please contact Waushara County YFA Chair Lynn Dickman at 608.558.9713 for more information or to get involved!

There are Benefits to Your Farm Bureau Membership:

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

District YFA Contest Training Night

District 5 will conduct a Young Farmer and Agriculturist contest training for the Discussion Meet, Excellence in Ag and Achievement Award on at 7 p.m. on June 16 at Gooseblind Grill and Bar in Green Lake. No cost to attend. Meal will be provided. Come and learn about the YFA contests.

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation's YFA program is for members between 18 and 35 years old. The program offers opportunities for leadership, skills development and for YFA members to meet and network with their peers.

Farm Bureau members between the ages of 18 and 35 are eligible for the Achievement Award, Discussion Meet and the Excellence in Agriculture Award.

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

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

Excellence in Agriculture: The Excellence in Agriculture Award judges participants on their involvement in agriculture, leadership ability, involvement and participation in Farm

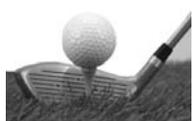
Bureau and other civic and service organizations. Applicants must derive a majority of their income from a non-production agribusiness enterprise for the past three years. Examples are an agriculture teacher, fertilizer salesperson, veterinarian, farm employee, agricultural writer or marketer.

Discussion Meet: The YFA Discussion Meet provides 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. Each of WFBF's nine districts will hold a district meet competition this fall.

For more information, please contact District 5 Coordinator Becky Hibicki at 920.517.2445 or bhibicki@wfbf.com. All are welcome to attend.



Register Now for the 2016 Wisconsin Ag Open



This year's event will be held on September 12 at Christmas Mountain Village in Wisconsin Dells.

For more information, visit wfbf.com/aboutwfbf/foundation/wisconsin-ag-open.

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendar

June

16 District YFA Contest Training Night – Gooseblind Grill and Bar, Green Lake

August

18-21 Waushara County Fair - Wautoma

29 District 5 Discussion Meet - Christanos Pizza, Green Lake

October

12 Waushara County Annual Meeting - Silvercryst Supper Club and Motel, Wautoma

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Save the Date: Waushara County Annual Meeting

The Waushara County Farm Bureau annual meeting will be on October 12 at Silvercryst Supper Club and Motel in Wautoma.



Watch your mail for more details.

Check Out the Waushara County Farm Bureau on Facebook!

The Waushara County Farm Bureau is now on Facebook. Check it out and 'like' the page to stay up to date on the events and activities of the Waushara County Farm Bureau.



Olsen Picked as Scholarship Winner!

Hannah Olsen, daughter of David and Becky Olsen of Berlin, was selected as the 2016 Gordon Krentz Memorial Scholarship winner.

Olsen will graduate from Berlin High School and plans to pursue a degree in animal science.

Congratulations Hannah!

