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Kindergarten Farm Tour in May

Welcome to spring fellow Farm Bureau members! Once again the season for planting and farm tours has begun.

The Pleasant View Elementary kindergarten class has asked for another farm visit in May. As always we are excited to bring a little agriculture to their day.

Their fun-filled dairy experience will include:

- An introduction to the dairy cow.
- Next they will meet our cows.
- They'll learn how and what we feed them.
- How they are milked.
- Discuss how much milk they produce.
- Learn some other fun little dairy facts.
- They will meet a newborn calf.
- Feed a granola bar to one of the sweet treat loving cows.



The Sveda farm cows and calves are looking forward to some company from the Pleasant View Elementary School kindergarten class.

Then they will view all the farm equipment it takes to plant, grow and harvest the perfect feed for our cows.

Finally, the class will be treated to cheese, milk, chocolate chip cookies and ice cream. Then they will go home with a cow backpack filled with dairy inspired and educational goodies, that the Langlade County Farm Bureau helped purchase.

District 7 Green Bay Gambler Hockey Event

By Brian Preder

Thirty three YFA members from the district 7 counties of Langlade, Marinette, Oconto, Outagamie, Shawano, and Waupaca attended the March 19 Green Bay Gambler hockey game with Cedar Rapids at the Resch Center in Green Bay.

The night was filled with excitement when the Gamblers won in overtime. This was one of the last regular season games and helped propel the Gamblers into the playoffs.

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



About 33 Young Farmer and Agriculturist members attended the District 7 Gamblers hockey game in Green Bay on March 19.

Three Members Step Up to the Plate

Three Langlade County Farm Bureau members who took the 'I'll Get 2' membership challenge by signing their names on the District 7 membership challenge board achieved their goals. The members were honored at the 'I Got 2' District 7 Pizza Party held on April 18 at the Four Seasons Resort in Shawano.

They were Mary Fronck, Tom Houdek and Christy Sveda-Schreiber.

Congratulations to these Farm Bureau Proud volunteer membership workers!



Tom Houdek met the goal for the "I'll Get 2" membership challenge.



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Langlade County Farm Bureau Members Attend Ag Day at the Capitol

On January 27, Farm Bureau members visited their legislators on their own turf, the State Capitol. Some of the issues on the table this year were:

- Right of way in roundabouts
- Implements of husbandry
- High capacity wells
- Piping of manure in road right of ways
- State transportation funding



Members first attended the legislative briefing before walking to the Capitol.



Joel Zalewski and other Insight FS personnel met with Senator Tom Tiffany's staff in a capitol conference room.

Food for America on the Farm Plans By Samantha Schuessler

On May 13, the Antigo FFA chapter hosted Food for America at the Schuessler Dairy Farm.

The Langlade County Farm Bureau co-sponsored this event.

Fourth grade students from Antigo, White Lake and Elcho School Districts attended. There was eight stations throughout the farm at which FFA members taught fourth graders about different agriculture areas.

Please note: Photos of the event were not available by the printing date for this newsletter, but watch for your August publication for more details and photos of this very successful event.



Students created their own planters to take home.

The fourth graders toured the farm and then ate lunch at the farm and returned to school.



Langlade County Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom chair Samantha Schuessler told students about the dairy barn.



Feeding calves was a big hit at the Food for America on the Farm.



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President's Message

June is Dairy Month in Wisconsin and there will be many dairy promotion events held throughout the state.

I think one of the most anticipated is the Breakfast on the Farm. In Langlade County, the breakfast is held biennially in even numbered years. That means this is your lucky year. The date is **Sunday, June 12.**

This year the breakfast is hosted by the Wild Dairy Farm in Antigo. Don, Charlie, Tina, Nick and Nathan Wild invite you to visit their farm for a morning of good food and fun. The farm is located at W10699 County Road G, just a few miles southwest of Antigo. The Langlade County Dairy Promotion Committee sponsors this event to enhance the dairy community's relationship with the public.

Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For a small charge you can enjoy cheesy hash browns, scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes with locally-made maple syrup, milk, orange juice, coffee, ice cream and cheese samples.

There also will be many other activities including wagon rides, kids' tractor pull, petting zoo, candy drop and Addie the interactive cow. There will be music by The II Edition Band.

Langlade County Farm Bureau also will have the My American Farm interactive video game tablets available for visitors to try.

Come and enjoy a fun family time at the farm. Hope to see you there.

Tom Houdek

Langlade County Farm Bureau President



Family fun and learning happened at the My American Farm kiosk at the last breakfast on the farm.

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
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Individual	\$20	\$25
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Group, 4+	\$18/person	\$20/person
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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.

Langlade County Farm Bureau Sponsors Fair Trophies

The Langlade County Farm Bureau is sponsoring four trophies for the Langlade County Fair youth in 2016 and 2017.

The trophies are:

- Reserve Champion, beef breeding, pure bred
- Reserve Champion, beef breeding, class cross
- Champion, market beef
- Reserve Champion, market beef

Langlade County Farm Bureau has sponsored trophies for the fair for a number of years now and is honored to be able to help support youth leadership in the community.



Promotion and Education Committee Meeting

Since the WFBF bylaw amendment changed the WFBF Women's Committee to the WFBF Promotion and Education Committee and allowed men to be on the committee, the members have been brainstorming ways to better promote agriculture.

A three-district 'meeting of the minds' was held in Appleton on April 9. County Farm Bureau leaders discussed long- and short-term goals for the new committee.

One was a new way to share ideas from all across the state. It is a 'playbook' in which your county Farm Bureau can record your promotional or educational events, successful or unsuccessful, as either can help others planning events for their county Farm Bureau. The goal is to have programs in the book from all the county Farm Bureaus in the state.

Attendees also shared ideas and activities that each of their counties do to help one another brainstorm ideas for future events.

Overall, the meeting helped get the new WFBF Promotion and Education Committee off to a strong start!

Register Now for the 2016 Wisconsin Ag Open

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

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



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Potato Growers Work to Feed Starving Children By Tamas Houlihan

Making a commitment to alleviate world hunger, the Wisconsin Potato and Vegetable Growers Association (WPVGA) and the Wisconsin Potato Growers Auxiliary (WPGA) are once again sponsoring a potato-meal packing event to help feed hungry children around the globe.

Following successful events the past five years, members of the Wisconsin potato industry along with their families and friends, will gather at the Noel Hangar at the Stevens Point Municipal Airport on **Saturday, June 18**, to pack 100,000 servings of MannaPack™ Potato meals, developed by the non-profit Christian charitable organization Feed My Starving Children.

MannaPack Potato servings are formulated to prevent starvation in children using dehydrated potatoes, vitamins and minerals. Approximately \$22,000 was raised to fund the 100,000 meal packs.

"The MannaPacks were created to be easily digested by young malnourished children," said Ali Carter, a member of the WPGA and event coordinator. "In particular the Potato-W formula we are packing supplies the needed nourishment when other forms of food, including the MannaPack Rice formula, are not an option. This is an incredible opportunity to come together as an industry and community to impact the lives of these children in a profound way."



Potato growers dig into world hunger.

Carter said the ingredients are purchased through the generosity of donors. With each meal costing only 22 cents to produce, and 92 percent of donations going to the feeding program, gifts go a long way in the fight against world hunger.

"Giving the gift of your time is very rewarding," said Paula Houlihan, president of the WPGA and event coordinator. "It's a simple, but powerful process. We offer volunteers the choice of where they want to donate their time, whether it's filling bags, sealing packs, refilling ingredients or stacking filled boxes for shipping. We also show a video about the potato packs and stories about the children who benefit from them."

Members of the Wisconsin potato industry are strong supporters of the meal packing program since the idea was introduced five years ago. CEO OF Bushmans' Inc., Mike Carter heard about the program through the United States Potato Board, and spearheaded the fundraising efforts in Wisconsin.

"We are thankful to the WPVGA and the WPGA for priming the pump for this important event," Carter said. "Bushmans' will continue to support this event and we are grateful for the other potato industry members who participate financially as well as through volunteering. This event really shines a spotlight on the generous nature of our industry."



A mobile packing event is set for June 18 in Stevens Point.

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 97th 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.



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Save the Date: Annual Meeting

When: 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 19

Where: Langlade County Fairgrounds,
1633 Neva Road, Antigo



Guest speakers include Mark Holley, a meteorologist with WSAW-TV weather and Marie Graupner from Land Conservation Committee and Krista Otto from UW Extension.

Women's Committee Report

By Bev Brecklin

Part of what I do as the women's committee chair is promotion and I want to do a beef promotion somewhere in Langlade County in July. I order at least one packet of materials that includes an apron, a banner and recipes.

Langlade County has their dairy breakfast on **June 12**. The breakfast is held every two years.

Not to rush summer, but there have been changes with the Wisconsin Farm Bureau. There were some strategic planning meetings regarding the change from Women's Committee to Promotion and Education Committee. Each county has the opportunity to adopt the new Promotion and Education Committee. Langlade County Farm Bureau members will vote on this change at the annual meeting on **October 19**.

If this bylaw change is approved, there will no longer be a women's committee or women's chair. Men and women will be able to be on this committee or serve as the chair.

Speaking of the Langlade County annual meeting, we will have a guest speaker meteorologist Mark Holley from WSAW-Channel 7 in Wausau. He is involved in maple syrup production on the family homestead near Crivitz.

His wife's parents have a dairy farm near Chetek and he helps with chores including de-horning, cutting hay and more. He says that he loves to speak with farmers. So, mark your calendars!

Not to rush the seasons, let's hope Mother Nature treats us well and stay safe this spring and summer! Until next time.



Bev Brecklin promoted the beef industry last July at Ken's Hwy 45 Meat Market in Antigo.