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Farm Bureau Night at the Ballpark!

Take Me Out to the Ballgame! Come watch the Timber Rattlers take on the Clinton LumberKings on **Thursday, August 14 at 7:05 p.m.** Enjoy some brats and burgers before the game at 5:30

p.m. with a tailgate in the parking lot. Then kick back and relax at an enjoyable, family-friendly ballgame with the opening pitch at 7:05 p.m. Make sure you stick around until after the game and watch the fireworks! This event is complimentary to all Farm Bureau members and their families as a thank you for choosing to be part of a wonderful organization!

Please RSVP to Kelly DeCoster at 920.378.4744 or kdecoster0806@yahoo.com by August 9 if you will be attending and include the number of people. Hope to see you there!



YFA Easton Corbin Concert at the County Fair



Easton Corbin is also a HUGE supporter of Farm Bureau, FFA and 4-H. He truly believes these groups contain the future of agriculture: So let's show our support for him and have fun while doing it! For this special occasion, Farm Bureau will pay for half of your ticket to attend! Cost to you will be \$15, which also includes admission to the fairgrounds.

Please RSVP to Kelly DeCoster at 920.378.4744 no later than July 20 if you would like to attend. This cost is for paid members. If you know of someone who would like to attend and sign up for membership that night, their ticket is FREE! Hope you can make it!

Look for a mailing about our August event which will be held at the Field of Scenes in Freedom.



Come join fellow YFA members at the Outagamie County Fair for the Easton Corbin concert on **Thursday, July 24 at 7:30 p.m.** Easton Corbin has been on tour with Rascal Flatts, Brad Paisley, and Blake Shelton. He has numerous number one singles including "A Little More Country Than That" and "Roll With It".

Peach and Blueberry Sale

By Judy and Mike Salter

We all know how predictable the weather and markets can be (ha ha). At the time of writing this article we don't have the timing and pricing information about the Michigan peach and blueberry sale for this summer yet.



If you've ordered before please watch your mail for the sale information flyer. If you'd like to get more information about ordering, please call Judy or Mike Salter at 920.739.0403.

Outagamie County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

The Outagamie County Farm Bureau annual meeting will be held **Wednesday, September 10** at the River Rail Restaurant in Shiocton at **7:30 p.m.** Guest speaker will be Senator Tom Tiffany addressing forestry issues and regulations.

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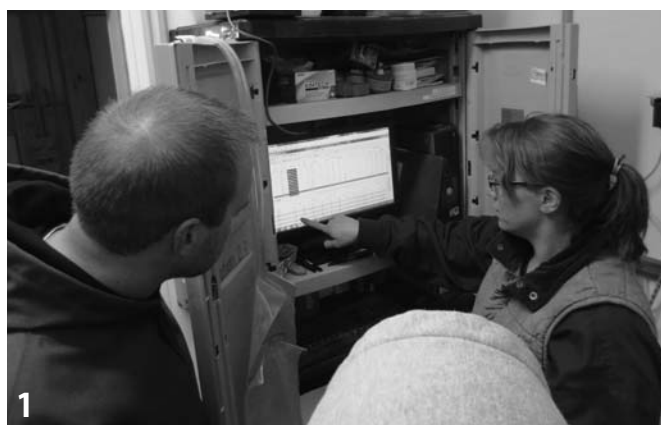
OUTAGAMIE COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

District 7 YFA Members Tour Valley Line Dairy By Kristi Fiedler

In April, 26 people attended the District 7 YFA Tour at Valley Line Dairy near Oconto Falls and three of them are now new Farm Bureau members. Valley Line Dairy is operated by Oconto County Farm Bureau members Troy and Patty Sellen. Highlights were the new transition barn and refurbished calf barn with automatic feeders. Cow health and comfort is the top priority for the Sellens. This was demonstrated by the improvements made to the facilities and the passion shown throughout their presentation. Thank you

to Troy and Patty Sellen for letting us tour their farm and sharing their story.

After the farm tour, everyone met at the Oconto Falls Town Hall for some pizza, beverages and social time.



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Captions

- 1-2. Patty Sellen explained how a computerized calf self-feeding system helps her manage herd health.
- 3. Everyone enjoyed pizza and conversation after the tour.
- 4. The Sellens (center) told visitors about the many changes they've made to improve cow comfort and productivity.
- 5. Patty Sellen talked about the new transition barn's maternity and new-born calf nursery facilities.
- 6. Patty Sellen explained how she keeps calves healthy and frisky.

President's Report



While I am preparing this it is very rainy. The fields are full of ponds and first cut hay is trying to be made. Corn fields have lots of yellow spots and a lot of spots that have drowned out. Talking with neighbors, we hope this isn't a sign of a dry August and September when corn and beans need the moisture.

Your county Farm Bureau has a lot of activities taking place that are new to the county and many of them are listed in this newsletter. It is especially great to see all the activities of the **Young Farmer and Agriculturist committee**.

The **Rural Health Initiative** is having a meeting to get more involvement in Outagamie County. This program is at no cost to you but it offers many great benefits. You set aside a morning where they come and do blood work and they will start a family history. I know many of you say you have no health problems. Ask me, I know firsthand. I went to the doctor last fall for an annual physical feeling great, but walked out after an EKG and found out I have a bad heart. There is history of the Rural Health Initiative finding farmers who have hidden health problems that they did not have symptoms of, and this program can point out the problem and will help you. For information you can reach them at 715.524.1488.

I was appointed to the **Volunteers for Agriculture** political action committee. This committee consists of two appointees from each district and a couple of WFBF Board members. We spent the whole day going over the open positions in the state Senate and Assembly. We had two Democratic representatives come in and explain the openings, districts, and how they had great candidates to fill the positions. Later in the day two Republicans came in and informed us how they had great candidates to fill these positions. The VFA will soon make endorsements for the fall election.

Mike Salter
Outagamie County Farm Bureau President

Outagamie County Breakfast on the Farm

This year's Breakfast on the Farm took place at Randy and Karen Strey's Organic Dairy Farm on Father's Day. It was a sunny and windy day where more than 4,500 people attended. Outagamie County Farm Bureau took part in the event by handing out activity bags for kids and sponsoring the "My American Farm" video game Kiosk.

The kiosk allowed kids to try out the new "My American Farm" educational video games. The 18 different interactive video games that are part of the kiosk teach



Dale Verhasselt (left) and Katelin Haglund (right) helped some breakfast attendees play the My American Farm educational video games.



The My American Farm video game kiosk drew a crowd at the Breakfast on the Farm.

youngsters about agriculture in a fun way. The games cover a range of grade levels, and there are several games that are designed for each grade level from pre-kindergarten through the fifth grade. (They are fun for the whole family to play together, too, so check them out Mom and Dad) The games and many other fun resources can be accessed from your home computer at www.myamericanfarm.org.

Octoberfest – Sign Up to Help

We will be selling cream puffs at Octoberfest in Appleton on **September 27**.



We need volunteers starting with set up around 6:30 a.m. to closing at 6 p.m. If you have a couple of free hours and can help, contact us at 920.766.9377 and at that time we will be able to give you our location on College Avenue.

Last year, with your help, we raised about \$3,700 which is used to help support our Young Farmer and Agriculturist, Women's and Ag in the Classroom programs; as well as 4-H, FFA and more.

We hope to see everyone that day because this is our largest fundraiser to support the extra efforts of the Outagamie County Farm Bureau.

Bernie Vander Heiden
Cream Puff Committee Chair

WFBF Seeks Rural Route Photos

Wisconsin Farm Bureau members live and work on some of the most beautiful pieces of land. WFBF would like to highlight those sights and special moments with your families and friends in the *Rural Route* magazine.

Please email your photos (high resolution jpgs, 4x6 inches at 300 dpi) to lsiekmann@wfbf.com.



District 7 YFA Report

 By Brian and Kristi Fiedler

Summer has finally arrived! We wish you all a safe growing season.

YFA Members! Mark your Calendars!

There are great opportunities for YFA members in District 7 to participate in district and state events. Remember that these activities are available to voting members ages 18-35.

Discussion Meet: The District 7 Discussion Meet has been set for **Thursday, August 7** at the CRI Resource Center in Shawano. Dinner will be at 7 p.m. with the discussion starting at 8 p.m. The Discussion Meet is an activity designed to build crucial skills in young, active farmers and agriculturalists. By participating, members build basic discussion skills, develop a keen understanding of important agricultural issues and explore how groups can pool knowledge to reach consen-

sus and solve problems. This year's topic is: How can young farmers and ranchers work to encourage membership growth and member engagement for the county, state and national Farm Bureau organizations?

Rural Mutual Insurance sponsorship to the WFBF YFA Conference for first time attendees: Rural Mutual Insurance will sponsor 50 YFA members and their guests to the WFBF YFA Conference at the Kalahari Resort and Conference Center, December 5-7. This sponsorship is only available to Farm Bureau YFA members who have not attended this event before. **Applications are due August 15.**

If you are a YFA member interested in participating in either of these activities, please contact Kristi Fiedler, District 7 YFA Representative at 920.737.7640 or kfiedler@crinet.com.

Humor Corner

 By LeRoy Van Asten

Joke # 1:

Isn't it strange that a \$20 bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a small amount when you go shopping?

Joke # 2:

A blonde calls Delta Airlines and asks, "Can you tell me how long it'll take to fly from San Francisco to New York City?"

The agent replies, "Just a minute."

"Thank you," the blonde says, and hangs up.

Joke # 3:

A man is recovering from surgery when the surgical nurse appears and asks him how he is feeling. "I'm OK, but I didn't like the four letter words the doctor used in surgery," he answered.

"What did he say?" asked the shocked nurse.

"Oops!"



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 - Stroke Detection Plus
- Supplies and Products**
- Case IH
 - FS-GROWMARK Patronage
 - Grainger
 - Polaris (NEW)
 - Office Depot

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Visit HarvestToEndHungerWI.org

Let's fight HUNGER **1 ACRE** at a time.

INVEST AN ACRE

As a farmer, you take pride in feeding the world, but did you know there's a great need to feed the hungry right where you live? That's why the **Invest an Acre program** is asking you to give an acre of hope by donating a portion of your crop sales to fight hunger directly in your community. **Your donation will be doubled**, up to \$675,000 nationally, by the Monsanto Company, so just the value of one bushel can provide as many as 100 meals. Imagine the impact of donating the value of one acre — the equivalent of thousands of meals for families in your community!

Visit HarvestToEndHungerWI.org for easy steps to enroll in this life-changing program. Made possible by generous support from UnitedHealthcare.

*Engagement in Invest an Acre is one way to participate in Harvest to End Hunger Wisconsin. ©2014 Harvest to End Hunger WI

Harvest to End HUNGER

"Bringing Farmers Together To Fight Hunger"

What is Harvest to End Hunger WI?

Every community has "hidden hungry" who are struggling to gain stability during tough times. The six food banks serving local regions in Wisconsin that make up the Wisconsin Association of Feeding America Food Banks have joined forces to offer farmers like you simple ways to help fight hunger in your local community. Through Harvest to End Hunger WI, farmers can donate proceeds from a portion of their nonedible crops and/or donate excess produce crops that will go to food banks and food pantries locally.

How does hunger affect rural WI?

Hunger is an often hidden problem that is affecting seniors, working families and children in rural as well as metro areas. Nearly **170,000** rural Wisconsinites are at risk of hunger, including **69,000** children. Families who live in our rural regions face a number of challenges that put them at even greater risk of hunger. A lack of transportation, remote social service agencies and tight employment all make it more difficult for people to get enough food to feed themselves and their families.

How can farmers help end hunger?

There are two ways farmers can help.

Invest an Acre: Donate the revenue from an acre of your non-edible crops, or any amount you choose, to stock the shelves of your local food bank and food pantry.

Share Fresh WI: Donate excess crops such as sweet corn, potatoes, green beans and apples through our Surplus Produce Program to your local food bank or plan to donate a portion of your harvest to be freshly canned or frozen at the peak of nutrition for a longer shelf life through our Field to Food Bank Program.

District 7 Board Report



Hello District 7 Farm Bureau members.

I'm sorry I have missed several of your counties monthly board meetings and activities but we have had some major health problems in our family that we have been working through.

The implements of husbandry (IOH), legislation

was signed into law in April. Some parts won't go into effect until 2015. More information is available at wfbf.com/legislative/ioh.

I am planning to hold the **District 7 Policy Development Meeting on Monday, August 11** at Anello's Torch Lite Restaurant in Shawano. A family style dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. Reservations need to be in by **August 5**. Please call me at 715.582.3671 with reservations or contact your county Farm Bureau vice president or Policy Development Committee chair about attending this important meeting. Your county Farm Bureau may cover the cost of the meal. WFBF lobbyist Paul Zimmerman will be in attendance to help give background about a number of important ag policy topics.

I hope to see you this summer at your county's meetings and activities.

Wayne Staidl
 District 7 Board Member

2014 Farm Bureau Policy
Adopted by delegates at the 97th Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting

Farm Bureau

Water, Rest, Shade By Alissa Mueller, Rural Health Initiative Nurse

Two types of heat illness:

Heat Exhaustion
 Symptoms: Dizziness, Nausea, Headache, Weakness, Heavy sweating, Pale, cool, clammy skin, Rapid, weak pulse, Muscle cramps, Fainting.

Heat Stroke
 Symptoms: Hot, dry skin, High temperature, Confusion, Loss of consciousness, Seizures.

Stay safe and healthy!

Drink water even if you aren't thirsty — every 15 minutes. Watch out for each other. Wear a hat and light-colored clothing. Know where you are working in case you need to call 911. Rest in the shade.

Heat illness can be prevented!

Water, Shade and Rest, Training, Emergency Plan.

Heat kills — get help right away!

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