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Making Memories at the Farm Bureau Fair Stand!

By Mary Olson, Shawano County Farm Bureau Fair Stand Manager

MEMORIES and COUNTY FAIRS. These two just seem to belong together. My childhood memories include going to the Seymour Fair. I remember watching my uncle pull his draft horses in the horse pulling contest, eating at the 4-H stand, checking out the exhibits and going on rides.

As an adult, I started going to the Shawano County Fair and working in the ice cream stand. Both fairs were similar, but at the same time different. The dates for each fair made a difference. Getting to know the Shawano people made another special memory. Now I look forward to the Shawano County Fair each year.

The Farm Bureau ice cream stand is part of my memories now, too. We are part of creating memories by giving ice cream cones to the kids who show cattle in the peewee show and participate in the ag olympics. We are the face of Farm Bureau by our efforts to supply ice cream treats to fair goers. Selling ice cream treats helps us raise money to offset some of the cost of our annual meeting, Ag Day at the Capitol and other programs. Members who help out get to catch up with what's happening with other members by visiting when we are not busy.

The question now is, "How can we create memories for another generation of fair goers?" It's simple! Help scoop ice cream for three hours. We'll be serving eight flavors of ice cream plus a "flavor of the day", sundaes and malts. If you can help, contact me at 715.758.8348 or maydofarms@granitewave.com. We'll find a time that fits your schedule.

See you at the fair!

Shawano County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting – Save the Date

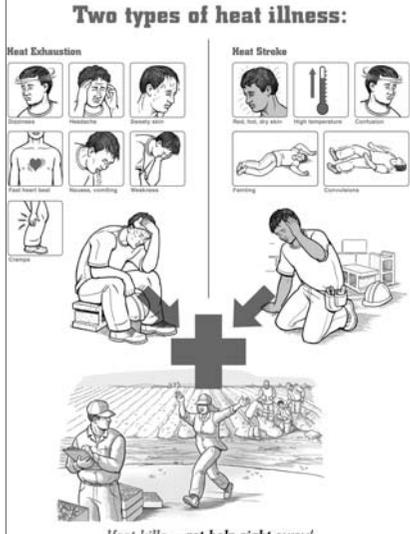
The Shawano County Farm Bureau annual meeting will be held Thursday, **October 16 at the Woodland Restaurant in Gresham at 8 p.m.**

The guest speaker will be Steve Freese, WFBF Chief Administrative Officer.

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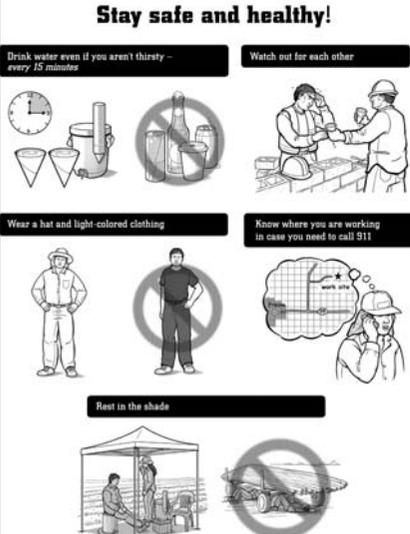
Water, Rest, Shade By Alissa Mueller, Rural Health Initiative Nurse

Two types of heat illness:



Heat kills – get help right away!

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COUNTYnews

SHAWANO COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

A Message from the President

A huge thank you to Cletus and Gloria Kurowski and their family and friends for hosting the **31st annual Brunch on the Farm**. What a beautiful day for the event. Some families ate at tables outside, some on the grass and the rest inside the shed. The skies were overcast and cloudy, not too warm, not too cool, just perfect! A lot of worry over the weather happened the whole week before, but no rain on Sunday! God is Good!

According to the plate count, we fed 3,225 people. The Shawano County Dairy Promotion committee handed out more than 4,000 cups of ice cream from inside the "Little Red Barn". A big thank you to all the donors and volunteers. Without you, we couldn't put on such an event. We always emphasize education as our main goal for the brunch, but I would like to add that we also want to dispel some of the myths associated with dairy and create lasting memories of their visit to the farm. I think we are accomplishing our goals. Thank you, again, to everyone who had a hand in making this another successful Brunch on the Farm. Next year we will be celebrating June Dairy Month and the 32nd annual Brunch on the Farm in Birnamwood.

Another project that I have been working on is the **2015 Shawano County Plat Book**. The new book is due to arrive September 1. Your board of directors has been busy selling ads for the new book. Together we have sold 104 ads. The front cover of the plat book will feature barn quilts from previous brunch hosts. We hope to begin selling the new books at the Shawano County Fair.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the **Shawano County Farm Bureau annual meeting** on October 16 at the Woodland in Gresham. We have a very active Farm Bureau in Shawano County and would like you to thank you for your support through your membership and invite you to become involved in our projects, if you are not already. Let's share our passion for agriculture with everyone in Shawano County!

Sincerely,

Deb Mielke
Shawano County Farm Bureau President



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1. It takes lots of volunteers to make the Brunch work smoothly. Roger Pescinski helped people find parking.

2. The Dairy Dash and Stroll was a first-time event at this year's Brunch.

3. Everyone saw first-hand how farmers take good care of their animals.

4. SCFB YFA members did some beef promotion as well.

5. The ice cream was a favorite as always.

6. It was such a beautiful day some folks even ate outside.

7. The guided wagon tours around the farm were a big hit.



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Ag in the Classroom at Brunch on the Farm By Angie Schultz, Shawano County Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom Coordinator



or a necklace with the beads. I prepared 200 sets for kids and

The Ag in the Classroom tent at the Brunch on the Farm was PACKED full of kids. This year we had **soil bracelets**, each bead representing a stage in the life of a plant. Kids could choose the color of the string and make a bracelet

they were quickly gone and we then formed a line for each color. That worked well, but now I don't know the exact number of bracelets that were made.

I had the Fun Faces of Agriculture **tattoos** for the kids that represent the Ag in the Classroom characters. There was also a great turn out there, with more than 400 tattoos applied.

Something new this year was the **My American Farm kiosk** that was used by children and adults to learn about farming.

There were a lot of giggles when the younger kids were showing the older kids how to use it and play the games.

There was **face painting** that had a long line with kids ready to be decorated with farm animals or whatever their choice was that day.

Thank you to all those who helped with the tent! We received a lot of good feedback from first-timers who came to the Brunch.

District 7 YFA Report By Brian and Kristi Fiedler, District 7 YFA Representatives

Summer 2014 has been exciting for us! Brian and I attended the **Washington, D.C. YFA Fly-In** the first week in June along with several other YFA members from around the state. We learned about many topics including water rights, immigration, data security, GMOs, taxes and more from our American Farm Bureau Federation representatives. Armed with knowledge, personal experience and a desire to express our concerns, we then met with our U.S. government representatives. It is an eye-opening experience to be part of an organization that allows us an opportunity to lobby for our livelihoods.

June 29, District 2 hosted the first **Fun'd the Foundation**, a fundraiser dinner event including prizes and an illusion show. Raffle prizes included guns, Brewer tickets, jewelry, golf outings cheese and much more. Since the event was such a success we look forward to more Fun'd the Foundation events to take place around the state.

Of course June was Dairy Month which meant Brunch on the Farm. This year Shawano County YFA volunteers organized the first **5K Dairy Dash & Stroll** in conjunction with Brunch on the Farm at Kurowski Dairy in Bonduel. Seventy three participants registered in the event! A special thank you to our sponsors: Fiedler & Son Construction, Advanced Physical Therapy, The Launching Pad Bar and Zander Dental! The event raised \$281 and through Harvest to End Hunger WI, Monsanto matched our funds, so nearly \$600 will be donated to Shawano County local food pantries. Each runner was offered chocolate milk and water at the end of their run and the winners all received a cow bell, Farm Bureau computer bag and cheese curds. Many commented they enjoyed the off-road course, farm and breakfast and are looking forward to doing it again next year.

District events and deadlines coming up:

• **2nd Annual Wolf River Tubing, August 10** at 1 p.m. at Mountain Bay Outfitters. Cost is \$12 per tube and \$10 per tube for children under 12. You are welcome to bring your



(L to R) Kristi and Brian Fiedler and WFBF President Jim Holte met with Congressman Reid Ribble's legislative staff in Washington, D.C.



(L to R) Ashley Schugel and Kristi Fiedler registered competitors for the first annual Dairy Dash & Stroll.



Seventy three competitors hit the farm lane for the first annual Dairy Dash & Stroll.

own tubes. Please RSVP to Kristi Fiedler by August 7 if you plan to attend. For more information, visit mountainbay-outfitters.com/trips.

• **YFA Discussion Meet, August 7** at 7 p.m. at the CRI Resource Center (117 East Green Bay Street in Shawano). All 2014 District Discussion Meet contests will use and discuss topic question 4: How can young farmers and ranchers work to encourage membership growth and member engagement for the county, state and national Farm Bureau organizations?

Anyone is welcome to attend! Contestant meals will be sponsored by your county Farm Bureau. If you plan to attend as a contestant or audience member please RSVP to Kristi Fiedler by August 1. Discussion meet rules and questions can be found at wfbf.com and search "YFA Contests".

• **August 15** is the application deadline for anyone interested in the **Farm Bureau Leadership Institute**. This opportunity is available to any voting Farm Bureau member of any age or experience level. As a past graduate I highly recommend the program to anyone interested in learning new skills in leadership, personal development, government policy and so much more.

• **Rural Insurance Sponsorship to the state YFA Conference for first-time attendees:** Rural Insurance will again 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 available on the wfbf.com website and are due August 15.

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

To end the summer, Brian and I are expecting the arrival of our baby girl at the end of August. We wish everyone a safe summer and God's many blessings.

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

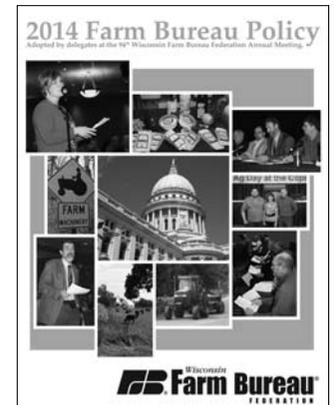
into effect until 2015. More information is available at wfbf.com/legislative/ioh.

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



FB Seeks Nominations for Distinguished Service to Farm Bureau Award

It is time to gather nominations for the highest award the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation bestows upon its members. The Distinguished Service to Farm Bureau Award is given annually to a Farm Bureau member who has provided exceptional leadership and volunteer support to Farm Bureau. Recipient must have demonstrated longtime county and/or statewide service to Farm Bureau.

To nominate a Farm Bureau member please fill out the form found at wfbf.com/farm-bureau-news/farm-bureau-seeks-nominations-for-distinguished-service-to-farm-bureau-award. The deadline to nominate is Friday, August 8.

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.



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.

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Women's Committee Activities

By Mary Olson, SCFB Women's Committee Chair

The Women's committee has been busy doing various dairy and beef promotions.

We did several dairy promotions during June Dairy Month. We handed out sundae cups to about 40 workers at Lakeland Industries, cheese and crackers to about 70 people at the Senior Citizens Center and cheese samples at Safe Park and a Girl Scouts meeting. Members also helped with preparing, serving and cleanup at the Brunch on the Farm June 22.

Beef summer sausage samples were handed out at Charles' County Market on Friday, July 11 in recognition of July "Beef Month."

Our August 5 meeting will include a committee trip to LaClare Farms and Kaytee Bird Seed Co.

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. with a potluck lunch at the Rural Mutual Insurance office. Anyone interested in helping promote agriculture and getting involved in your community is welcome to join us.

YFA Report By Kellie Zahn, Shawano County Farm Bureau YFA Chair

Summer is always a busy time for our YFA members and this year was no exception. Two of our members, Jay and Angie Schultz, have applied for the WFBF Young Farmer and Agriculturist Achievement Award. This award goes to members who spend a majority of their time working on a farm and have shown a passion for agriculture and leadership within and outside of Farm Bureau. Jay and Angie Schultz are perfect applicants for this award; they can often be found volunteering their time throughout the community and are outstanding Farm Bureau members. We are very proud to have them represent Shawano County YFA.

Other activities planned for this summer include a tubing and canoeing trip down the Wolf River in August and our annual YFA dairy judging contest in September. Keep in touch with us on Facebook for more information about these upcoming events.

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