



Grassroots

District 7 News

District 7 YFA Report



Kelly Oudenhoven

District 7 YFA Committee Representative

Hello. I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying the warm summer and finally caught up with fieldwork. It sure has been quite the crazy year thus far.

I want to give an update on the Young Farmer and Agriculturist Committee as it has been quite crazy just like the weather.

The District 7 Discussion Meet will be at 7 p.m. on **Thursday, September 5**, at the Four Seasons Restaurant in Shawano. I hope to have good representation from our district and have a fun, friendly competition. I will be planning a mock discussion meet in the chance that we have members who want to check it out or get some practicing in.

Please watch for updates because we don't have a date set. Also, mark your calendars for the YFA Conference, which will be held in Wisconsin Dells on December 6-8. It is a wonderful time to network with other YFA members from Wisconsin.

The committee members are planning some super fun activities as well as some awesome workshops with it being our centennial celebration. Don't forget the Rural Mutual sponsorship that is for first timers.

For more information, please contact one of the committee members. I hope you have a safe and productive harvest season. God, bless.

Not Just Another Leadership Training

By Kellie Zahn



I was hesitant to apply for the WFBF Leadership Institute. I had heard great things about the course from people, but I wasn't sure if it was the right fit for me. We are half-way through our sessions and I can say that this has been a great experience and more than just another leadership training.

During our first three sessions, I was challenged to expand my comfort zone. I learned about personality traits, public speaking, media training and other topics. I appreciated how the information from the sessions that I have used to be a better leader and team member at work, on the farm and within Farm Bureau.

One of my favorite parts has been getting to know the other class participants. Before starting the institute, I didn't know the other participants, but after three sessions and some group projects, I know that I have made some new life-long friends.

If you have questions or are interested in taking part in the class, please contact me at kellie.behnke@gmail.com.

District 7 Discussion Meet & Policy Development Meeting

DATE: Thursday, September 5

TIME: 7:00 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. Discussion Meet
Policy Development Meeting to Follow

LOCATION: Four Seasons Restaurant
201 N. Airport Road
Shawano

Question to be discussed:
The customer is always right. How do farmers and ranchers think and respond, through the lens of consumer priorities and marketing trends, to build common values and confidence in modern production methods to build consumer acceptance?

For questions, to participate or RSVP, contact District 7 YFA Representatives, Keith and Kelly Oudenhoven, at 920.378.4744 or kelly.oudenhoven@gmail.com or District 7 Coordinator, Wes Raddatz, at 920.713.4753 or wraddatz@wfbf.com.

Wisconsin Farm Bureau
Young Farmer and Agriculturist Program

2019 YFA CONFERENCE

December
6-8 | **Kalahari Resort Wisconsin Dells**

Check out this offer for first time attendees!

If you've never attended this event before, Rural Mutual wants to sponsor you and a guest. Just complete the sponsorship application at <http://bit.ly/RuralSponsor19>.

You may apply as an individual or as a couple, but don't delay, only 50 double-occupancy rooms are available, and the deadline to apply is **August 15!**

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District 7 WFBF Leadership Institute Graduates Lobby for School Milk Program

By Corey Kuchta and Neil Christianson

At the beginning of June, 13 WFBF Leadership Institute graduates along with the Farm Bureau Board of Directors traveled to

Washington, D.C., to meet with legislators on important ag topics such as immigration, tariffs, water quality, prevented planting regulations and getting whole and flavored milk into schools.



In June, the WFBF Leadership Institute class and the WFBF Board of Directors made a major lobbying effort in Washington, D.C.

The group met with Senator Ron Johnson and Senator Tammy Baldwin and then split up to meet individually with the U.S. Representative for his or her district.

The meetings were informative and beneficial in the discussion of ag topics. In fact, the week after our meetings, Senator Johnson co-sponsored a bill to allow schools to serve whole milk to students, the exact topic that we were lobbying about.

See press release at www.ronjohnson.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/2019/6/johnson-

introduces-bill-to-allow-schools-to-serve-whole-milk-to-kids.

The trip also included meetings at the Canadian Embassy, the USDA and updates from the American Farm Bureau staff.

The Farm Bureau leadership group was impressed with the time, care and concern that the representatives and staff gave to our meetings and discussion on important topics that are so critical in these agricultural economic times.



Neil Christianson from Shawano County (left) and Corey Kuchta from Marinette County lobbied to allow whole milk in school lunch programs.

Promotion and Education Committee

By Katelin Steege, Promotion and Education Representative

At the end of June, the Promotion and Education committee met for our summer meeting, and District 7 hosted.

The committee had our meeting at CRI in Shawano and went through some media training with the Farm Bureau staff.



Friday night we completed an escape room at Badger Sports Park in Appleton. We ended the weekend by volunteering at a recycling event at Mosquito Hill Nature Center in New London.

Another event that has been scheduled is the annual Leadership Boot Camp series. This will be our third annual.

This year's boot camp is scheduled for **Saturday, November 16**, and will be held at the Farm Discovery Center in Manitowoc. It will focus on media training, specifically interviewing, with Farm Bureau staff members.

The boot camp series was developed to provide one-day training opportunities on topics for our members. The event moves to a different part of the state each year. The two previous boot camps focused on policy development and running for election.

More information will be shared as the event gets closer.

Finally, I want to thank the counties for the support I have received during the last five years on the WFBF Promotion and Education Committee. I will be ending my time on the committee at the WFBF Annual Meeting in December.

If you are interested in representing District 7 for a three-year term, applications are available on the WFBF website.

Please let District 7 Coordinator Wes Raddatz or I know if you are interested or if you want more information.

Humor Corner

By Wes Raddatz, District 7 Coordinator



Why are movie stars so cool? Because they have so many fans!

How many hired hands does it take to change a light bulb? It takes lots of them because, "Many hands make light work."

Why are people who live on a hill never trustworthy? Because they're not on the level.

What's the best way to become a wood carver? Whittle by Whittle.

How does college prepare you for real life? Right away it puts you in debt.

"Hey, is the bull in this field safe?" the Vet shouted to the farmer on the other side of the fence. "Well, put it this way," replied the farmer, "he's a whole lot safer than you are."

Be modest – and proud of it!

If we were meant to touch our toes, they'd be higher up on our bodies. *(I've become painfully aware of this since getting my hip replacement.)*

Don't throw away the old bucket until you're sure the new one holds water. *(This also applies to hip replacement related pain medications.)*

Definition: Lottery – A tax on people who are bad at math.

A Message From the President ...

Tom Houdek

Langlade County Farm Bureau president

The Antigo FFA presented its annual Food for America Program for Langlade County fourth grade students on May 24 at Schroepfer's Dairy Farm in Bryant. The farm is owned by Terry and Sharon Schroepfer and Justin and Sarah Schroepfer. This event attracted 180 students from eight area schools including five Antigo elementary schools, Peace Lutheran, All Saints and White Lake with 22 teachers and chaperons.

The FFA students created seven learning labs, where students learned about the dairy industry and other agriculture areas as well, including farm machinery safety, small animal care, dairy production with a tour of the farm, sheep production, gardening, dairy products taste testing and maple syrup production.

Each learning lab lasted approximately 15 minutes and fourth grade students, teachers and

chaperons learned a variety of lessons as well as participated in hands-on activities including transplanting a Shasta Daisy, taste testing and quizzing the difference in 1 percent, 2 percent and whole milk, taste testing and guessing the different variety of cheeses provided by Sartori, touring the family farm, eating ice cream with maple syrup and getting to climb in some big machinery.

At the end of the event, students, teachers and chaperons returned to school with goodie bags filled with information provided by the Farm Bureau and Dairy Farmers of America, along with their Shasta Daisies, chocolate or white milk provided by Edge and water bottles provided by Langlade County Farm Bureau.



Antigo FFA members taught elementary school students about agriculture.

The Antigo FFA's advisor is Shalynn Domke and she thanks the Langlade County Farm Bureau for support and donations towards this wonderful educational event.



Students got a farmer's eye-view from a tractor cab.



Students got to mingle with the cows at the Food for America on the Farm event.



Petting calves was part of the fun and learning experience.



Checking out the chickens.

You're Invited to a Futures Planning Meeting

By Darlene Eckerman

The Langlade County Farm Bureau is sponsoring a seminar featuring Attorney Carissa Geibel speaking on Trusts and Economic Specialist with the Wisconsin Farm Center Frank Friar on Transitions and Estate Planning. Reserve **Tuesday, November 12**, for these impactful sessions. Time and location will be announced.

Attorney Geibel along with her fellow attorneys are from the Legacy law Firm of Appleton, with an office in Clintonville. One of her specialties are Trusts and Estate Planning.

Friar is the Economic Specialist of Financial Consulting and Farm Succession Planning with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP).

More information will be available as both afternoon private sessions may be available with DATCP and private sessions with the attorneys after the program.

Watch your emails for updates.

Neighboring county's Farm Bureau members and others are welcome. The event is open to the public.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Darlene Eckerman at 715.623.2520 or eckermansheep@gmail.com or Tom Houdek at 715.627.2156 or tomhoud@msn.com.

Red Again: Returning to UW-Madison

You may have noticed that Extension has changed to the UW-Madison colors on the websites and logos.

From now on, the official name will be the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension, but you can continue to call it 'Extension.'

The mission is not changing. Staff is committed to the work in local communities throughout the state.

The experts will continue to work with you every day to ensure cutting-edge research at the campus benefits the people of Wisconsin, children and communities.

As part of the UW System Restructuring project, Extension is returning to the historic home at UW-Madison.

Thanks to joining forces with UW-Madison, it will strengthen each other through exchanging experience and research statewide.

No matter what you're trying to accomplish in Wisconsin, you will find the support you need as Extension continues to bring Wisconsin together, community by community.



Farm Tours 2019

By Christy Sveda-Schreiber, Ag in the Classroom coordinator

Summer greetings Farm Bureau members, Our two invitations were accepted by the Pleasant View Kindergarten and the Antigo Independently Motivated Students (AIMS) classes.

They visited the farm on June 6. The kindergarten class of 18 was very interested in the calves and the milking machines. They were very inquisitive but uncertain if the calf would give them their fingers back.

The AIMS students ranging from kindergarten through ninth grade were very interactive and full of questions, which I really enjoyed.

Both groups expressed how much they enjoyed the treats including: fresh milk, homemade chocolate chip cookies, ice cream, three types of cheese and the goodie bags Langlade County Farm Bureau helped purchase.

Have a wonderful rest of your summer and a safe and bountiful harvest.



In June, Pleasant View kindergarten class toured Sveda Farms. Langlade County Farm Bureau provided goody back packs full of ag promotional materials.



Students got close encounters with the cows.



Milk, cheese and ice cream brought out a lot of smiles at the end of the tour.



Mingling with the calves was a special part of the tour.

Marinette County

Knocking Down Pins and Gaining Ground

By Emily Cudnohosky and Trevor Van Drisse

The Marinette County Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Agriculturist committee hosted a night of bowling and socializing at the Center Bowl in Peshtigo on June 21.

The committee had a small but mighty turnout for their first event in many years.

The Marinette County YFA looks forward to hosting many more events for their members to become more involved in what the Farm Bureau does and to encourage comradery among YFA members.



Attendees finished the evening with Pizza and beverages at the Center Bowl in Peshtigo.



Nobody bowled a perfect game, but they had a lot of fun.

Developments at the Ice Cream Stand

By Emily Cudnohosky

Within the past year, the Marinette County Farm Bureau and the Coleman FFA Chapter have been working toward and have reached a deal that will have them working as a team during the Marinette County Fair beginning this year.

The stand is receiving some great changes during this time. The stand will be renamed 'The Red Shed' and will have new signage made broadcasting both agriculture organizations as they work as a partnership to bring delicious ice cream products to fair visitors.

Other improvements to the stand will include a fresh coat of paint, interior remodeling and new menu items. We look forward to seeing our stand change and seeing you at the fair with this new fundraising partnership in August.



Roots at Marinette County Breakfast on the Farm

By Emily Cudnohosky and Trevor Van Drisse, YFA co-chairs

On June 30, we had a blast creating and carrying out an interactive children's gardening station during the morning of the breakfast.

The station allowed each child to create a mini-greenhouse fit to plant and produce a mammoth sunflower and learn about how to tend to their very own garden.

In the course of four hours, the committee helped 250 children plant their seed on farm ground.

Dan-Sue Dairy was an excellent host of the event and has Breakfast on the Farm roots dating back to 2006.

We also celebrated Farm Bureau's roots with a centennial display to help people become aware that Wisconsin Farm Bureau is 100 years old.



Trevor Vandrisse and Emily Cudnohosky hosted a Farm Bureau centennial display at the Marinette County Breakfast on the Farm.



Starting a mini-sunflower garden in a cup was a popular attraction for the kids at the Breakfast on the Farm.



Mom told her little guy, "Now give him the dirt for a seed." She didn't say to leave it in the cup, however.



Some avoided the crowd around the table and planted their sunflower seeds in a more relaxed environment.



While the kids did the planting, the parents visited the centennial display.

Oconto County

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Farm Bureau Policy Development Begins at the County

By Ken Harter, Policy Development chair

Farm Bureau from its start has prided itself on being a voice for farmers by working on legislation, regulations and issues that affect agriculture and rural areas.

As a grass roots organization, the development of policies begins at the local level in each of the 61 county Farm Bureau organizations in Wisconsin.

In Oconto County that process begins with a policy development meeting when members can discuss issues of local, state and national concern or importance to agriculture.

The Oconto County policy development meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on **Tuesday**,

August 27, at the Oconto Falls Community Library in Oconto Falls.

Issues identified at that time will be placed on the agenda at the Oconto County Farm Bureau annual meeting, which is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 17**, at Romy's Holiday Inn on Kelly Lake.

A vote by the membership will identify those issues of concern to Oconto County members. Issues of local concern will be communicated to local elected or regulatory officials.

Those of statewide or national concern will be forwarded to the Wisconsin Farm Bureau where they will be considered at the WFBF Annual Meeting in December.

Each year, the WFBF governmental relations

team assembles issue backgrounders to assist county Farm Bureau members in starting conversations at local policy development meetings. County Farm Bureau members are encouraged to review these topics prior to attending our policy development meeting. They can be found on the Policy Development page of the WFBF website at wfbf.com/policy/policy-development.

The 2019 WFBF Policy book, which was adopted at the 2018 WFBF Annual Meeting, also can be accessed from that page, or to request copies, please contact County Policy Development Committee chair Ken Harter at 920.846.2046.

County Fair Activities Planned

By Dennis Jahnke, president

We will have a booth at the Oconto County Fair in Gillette. We will be in the tent area, as usual, and are looking forward to participating in the fair once again. We will celebrate WFBF's centennial this year. We will be selling chocolate milk, ice cream and cheese curds. We will have information on Farm Bureau, recipes, coloring books for the kids and a trivia contest this year. We look forward to a visit from you.

Do you have any old photos or stories about any of the cheese factories that used to dot the Oconto County countryside? Bring them to our fair booth and let's reminisce and make a note of them.



This year, milk, ice cream and fresh cheese curds will be for sale at the fair stand. Stop by and check out the Farm Bureau Centennial display as well.

Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest Update

By Kayla Zahn, Ag in the Classroom coordinator

On May 23, Darlene Arneson, the WFBF Ag in the Classroom Coordinator presented Abigail Johnson with not just the county essay contest winner award, but also District 7.

We did this as a surprise to her, in front of approximately 50 other students at St. Anthony's school in Oconto Falls.

After Darlene's presentation, I did a planting seed demonstration with the students. Thank you

to Oconto County Farm Bureau board member, Maryann Monette, for helping with the project.

Everyone received a cow pot, dirt and about three sunflower seeds. I got an awesome variety ranging from yellow to red and orange, along with purple or pink sunflower seeds. The kids loved it.

I'm not sure all of them were impressed with the cow pots that are composted cow poop pots made by a farm in Connecticut. They went away knowing that their pot would feed their future little seedlings.



District 7 essay contest winner, Abigale Johnson (center) with her teacher, Ms. Beschta (left) and Oconto County Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom coordinator, Kayla Zahn.



WFBF Ag in the Classroom Coordinator Darlene Arneson (right) also had some prizes for District 7 essay contest winner, Abigale Johnson.



WFBF Ag in the Classroom Coordinator Darlene Arneson talked to students about agriculture's impact.



Kayla Zahn did a special sunflower planting project with the students at St. Anthony's School in Oconto Falls.



Composted cow manure pots were used for the planting project that Kayla did with the students.

Brat Fry Fundraisers

By Dennis Jahnke

This year, Oconto County had two brat fry fundraisers, one on May 31 and the other on June 28.

The weather cooperated and, apparently, people have not lost their appetite for grilled food. Thank you to those who helped with the project. Even with competition from Cellcom, we had very good sales.

It is a place to catch up on the comings and goings of the community while earning extra funds for Ag in the Classroom and other county Farm Bureau projects.



Dave Schneider volunteered during the Brat Fry on May 31.



A beautiful day brought in good business for the May brat fry fundraiser.



Maryann Monette and Dennis Jahnke kept the brats and burgers coming.



On June 28, Walter Taylor and Ken Harter visited with brat fry patrons. Oconto County Farm Bureau provided Ag in the Classroom materials.

An Ag in the Classroom Activity

By Kayla Zahn, Ag in the Classroom coordinator

The promotion and education committee had a small set up at Breakfast on the Farm. We weren't there very long because our activity went so well.

We did the milk experiment where you take a flat-bottomed container filled with whole milk and some added food coloring with a splash of dish soap.

In short, the dish soap reacts with the butterfat in the milk to disperse it throughout the container. This moves the food coloring. Kiddos enjoyed this hands-on activity. I even had our Farm Bureau mascot, my little guy with me to help. We went through the four gallons of milk donated by Steffel Farms in an hour and a half.



This fun Ag in the Classroom dairy science project was so popular at the Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm that we ran out of supplies in an hour and a half.

Annual Meeting Location Change This Year

By Dennis Jahnke

This year, the Oconto County Farm Bureau annual meeting will be held at Romy's in Kelly Lake.

Scott Reuss, Marinette County agriculture agent, will give a presentation on issues of watershed management in our rural environment.

The date is **Tuesday, September 17**. Put the date on your calendar and we hope to see you there.

Watch for a postcard announcing the details.

A Message from the President ...



Mike Salter
Outagamie County Farm
Bureau president

As we all know this is a trying time for farming. The weather has been against us since last fall, with the wet fall very little work was done, and then a wetter spring and not to mention a cold spring.

The problem is not only for us Wisconsin farmers but this year there will be no peaches and blueberries sales from Michigan as the peach blossoms froze.

This year, the weather did not cooperate for breakfast on the farm either, as it started to rain about 9 a.m. and that slowed the crowd.

Checking with Mike Gallagher, our legislative representative, he said there is very little progress in any trade actions and things are moving very slow in Washington, D.C.

A few facts from 100 years ago include: The average life expectancy of a man was 47 years; 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub; the maximum speed in most cities was 10 miles per hour. Nowadays our wages are \$27.16 per hour, but the average 100 years ago was \$0.22 per hour and a worker in the U.S. made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

Food was a lot cheaper back then: Sugar was

\$0.04 per pound. Today at the same rate as wage inflation, it would be \$4.92 per pound. Eggs were \$0.14 per dozen, and with the same inflation rate as wages, nowadays they would cost \$17.22.

No one would be drinking much coffee either, coffee was \$0.15 per pound then and in today's dollar it would be \$18.45 per pound.

Americans should realize how cheap their food is and how efficiently farmers are producing food.



The Outagamie County Farm Bureau will not have a Michigan peach and blueberry sale.

Adventures in Dairyland Program Update

By Kelly Oudenhoven

The Adventures in Dairyland program finished up in May with farm tours after an extensive classroom learning program. This past year, we had 25 schools and 1,650 students participate.

Thank you to the volunteer instructors and host farmers who took time out of their busy schedules to teach the program and open the farms to tours. You've given a lot of students a true view into how their food gets to their table.



Experiencing a real farm is a once in a lifetime experience for many students.



Adventures in Dairyland tours took students to the farm and into the milking facilities.



Students could even get a hands-on milking experience.



The Adventures in Dairyland tours let the students take part in where it all begins.



Students found out that there are other animals than cows around the farm.

Centennial Celebration Planned

By Kelly Oudenhoven

Looking for a way to celebrate the Farm Bureau centennial? Well look no further as we have the celebration for you.

Come on out to our Centennial Picnic hosted by Outagamie, Waupaca and Shawano County Farm Bureaus on **Sunday, August 18**. A potluck lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bear Creek Town Hall.

The County Farm Bureaus will supply the hamburgers, brats, hot dogs, buns, utensils, plates, cups and beverages. We ask that each family bring a dish to pass. There will be children's activities, Farm Bureau centennial memorabilia on display and a chance to bring your own memorabilia to see who has the oldest item. We will continue the celebration by touring Clinton Farms, a 500-cow computerized rotary milking parlor from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Please RSVP by **August 11** to Kelly Oudenhoven at 920.378.4744 or kelly.oudenhoven@gmail.com, with the number of people who will attend and what dish to pass you will bring. Hope to see you there.



Centennial Display at Breakfast

By Dan Knutzen, Outagamie County Farm Bureau centennial committee member

Despite the wet weather quite a few people took a look at the Farm Bureau centennial display of old signs, photos and publications from the 1920s to the present during the Outagamie County Breakfast on the Farm on June 9.

Thanks to Dave Daniels for bringing some signs and helping with the display.



A little rain didn't keep Breakfast on the Farm visitors from checking out the Farm Bureau centennial display.



Dan Knutzen was there to visit with folks at the Farm Bureau centennial display at the Outagamie County Breakfast on the Farm.

Octoberfest Cream Puffs

By Bernie Vander Heiden

Octoberfest in Appleton will be September 28 and Outagamie County Farm Bureau will have a booth and we will be selling cream puffs and coffee. This will be our only fundraiser for this year. Money raised at this event is used to support the Adventure in Dairyland program, 4-H programs, FFA Farm Forum, Rural Health Initiative, Breakfast on the Farm and much more.

Again, this year we will need your help on September 28. Starting at 6 a.m. we will need help setting up the booth, cutting the puffs so they can be filled with cream, whipping the cream and selling cream puffs starting at 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

As you can see, we will need many volunteers to make things go smoothly so please volunteer a couple of hours to help make it a successful event. To volunteer, please contact Bernie or Linda Vander Heiden at 920.766.9377 between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m.



Volunteer to help at this year's Octoberfest Cream Puff booth. Call Bernie or Linda at 920.766.9377

Shawano County

A Message from the President ...

Neil Christianson

Shawano County Farm Bureau president

Well I think summer's finally here and it's about time. It sure has been a struggle getting our spring crops in the ground. We hope and pray for a long growing season.

We wrapped up the 2019 Brunch on the Farm and it was a success with perfect weather. We want to thank the Goers Family for hosting the special event and their 150th year anniversary of their family farm. There are more details about the brunch in this newsletter.

Farm Bureau is celebrating its 100th year anniversary. Shawano County Farm Bureau will have some special centennial celebration events. More details about the event can be found in this newsletter.

Now, it's time to pick on my Norwegian heritage.

Ole saw this sign on the highway: \$100 FINE FOR LITTERING. As he threw a banana peel out of his car window, Ole remarked, "That's fine with me, I could use the hundred dollars."



The Goers Family Dairy want to thank those who helped make the 2019 Shawano County Brunch on the Farm a huge success. We appreciated our guests who came to enjoy brunch, the countless volunteers who helped make the day go smoothly, our generous sponsors and the brunch committee for organizing it.

Shawano County Fair Ice Cream Stand

By Becky Kuczer

As the weather heats up, there isn't anything better than fresh from Wisconsin ice cream.

And who loves ice cream more than Shawano County Fair goers? Ice Cream always sells well at the fair.

Please check your calendars and sign up to scoop ice cream at the upcoming Shawano County Fair. The fair is on **August 28-September 2**.

To sign up for a shift, please contact Kerry Breitricks at 715.851.4713 or breitricks_scott_kerry@yahoo.com or Becky Kuczer at 920.609.0758 or abkuczer@netnet.net.

See you at the fair.



Please sign up to help at the ice cream stand.

2019 Shawano County Brunch on the Farm

By Bob Krause, Shawano County Farm Bureau Brunch on the Farm Chair

The Brunch on the Farm was hosted by the David and Marilyn Goers Family Farm. They farm with their children Matt, Missy, Jeff and his wife Tami.

Once again, we were blessed with beautiful weather and large crowds. More than 300 volunteers of all ages served more than 4,400 visitors. They were treated to a hearty breakfast and many activities.

Our dairy committee has been working and planning this event since last January. I cannot

thank them enough for their dedication to make this Brunch on the Farm one of the best in Wisconsin. I also want to thank the Goers family for their work in preparing the farm for the visitors.



The volunteers got there early to get everything ready to go when people started arriving.



The parking crew kept a steady stream of cars moving into parking places.



The parking lot shuttles were kept very busy all morning.



Brunch chair Bob Krause kept things moving smoothly.



The Shawano County Ag Ambassadors welcomed attendees as they arrived and conducted a short survey.



Many of the guests started their Sunday morning with a church service on the farm.



People sampled an array of cheeses and beef products on their way to the food service tent.



It takes a lot of hands and good organization to keep the food coming for the guests.



Attendees got a delicious meal served quickly and efficiently so they could spend time looking around the farm.



A special invitation from one of the Goers grandsons brought Santa to the Brunch for milk and cookies.



The Little Red Barn's ice cream sundaes were loved by all.



The 'Fun Faces of Agriculture' tattoos were part of numerous ag-related kids' games available.



Many visitors took a guided-wagon ride around the farm.



The education tent housed many exhibits including the WFBF centennial display and the Goers Farm's sesquicentennial celebration display.



Lots of kids completed the scavenger hunt form, that took them to several learning stations around the farm, and then turned them in for prizes.



It wouldn't be Brunch on the Farm without a cow to milk.

A Successful Brunch on the Farm ...

Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest Ice Cream Social

By Renee Schmidt

There were 56 essays submitted from three different classes in two Shawano County schools. The essay topic was 'Making it happen at the farmers' market.' The Shawano County

Farm Bureau women's committee sponsored an ice cream social for the classes that had total participation in the contest.

The first place was awarded to Austin Heling, a fourth-grade student at St. James School in Shawano. Second place went to Carson Kolaske,

a fourth-grade student at St. Paul Lutheran School in Bonduel. Third Place was awarded to Jeffrey Jagodzinski, a fifth-grade student at St. Paul Lutheran School in Bonduel.

Thank you to the essay contestants for participating in this great learning experience.



Renee Schmidt of the women's committee talked about agriculture and farmers' markets with St. Paul Lutheran School fourth and fifth grade classes.



The fourth and fifth grade classes at St. Paul Lutheran School in Bonduel participated in the Ag in the Classroom essay contest.



The essay contestants at St. Paul Lutheran School in Bonduel were treated to an ice cream social sponsored by the Shawano County Farm Bureau women's committee.

Dairy Dash 5K at Brunch on the Farm

By Ashley Schugel

Almost 100 runners and walkers participated in the sixth annual Dairy Dash and Stroll 5K Run/Walk held in conjunction with Shawano County Brunch on the Farm on June 23.

A group of runners and walkers awoke early Sunday morning and congregated at the start line before the first plate of food was served.

Race participants and supporters enjoyed a picturesque scene of hills and rolling terrain of hay and corn fields as they completed the 3.1-mile route around the dairy.

We thank the Goers family for being a

gracious host farm in creating a unique race experience for participants.

After the run/walk, each racer received a free ticket for a hearty farm breakfast and enjoyed the other events at the Shawano County Brunch on the Farm.

Race event proceeds will be donated to the Shawano Area Food Pantry and Resource Center (SAFPARC).

Thank you to the Dairy Dash and Stroll volunteers and to those who supported a great cause that provides sustainable food to those in our local communities.

We hope to see you again next year.



A great group of energetic individuals got off to a fast start for the Dairy Dash.



Runners got registered for a unique experience.

Women's Committee Report

By Angie Schultz, Shawano women's committee chair

The Shawano County Farm Bureau has been doing a lot of dairy and ag promotions lately.

Renee Schmidt has organized the ice cream social awards for the fourth- and fifth-grade classes that participated in the Ag in the Classroom essay contest.

Mary Olson took some ice cream sundae cups to the staff at Lakeland Industries to celebrate June Dairy Month

Joy Christianson and Dorothy Owen distributed string cheese at the Shawano Senior Center.

Brunch on the Farm found us in the kids' games tent putting on the 'Fun Faces of Agriculture' temporary tattoos to promote ag commodities.

You also may have seen us on July 27 at the Shawano Farmers' Market doing some Ag in the Classroom activities for the kids.-

Tri-County Centennial Picnic and Farm Tour

By Kellie Zahn, Shawano County centennial committee chair

As we celebrate 100 years of Farm Bureau, we want to invite you to a Centennial Picnic and Farm Tour hosted by Outagamie, Waupaca and Shawano counties. This celebration will be held on **Sunday, August 18**, at the Bear Creek Town Hall (E8107 Silver Creek Road, Bear Creek, WI 54922) and will continue to nearby Clinton Farms for a tour of their new rotary milking parlor and farm.

The fun will get started with a meal and social

from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will conclude with the farm tour starting at 1:30 p.m.

The county Farm Bureau's will provide brats, burgers, hot dogs, buns and beverages. We ask that you bring a dish to pass. We will be highlighting our Farm Bureau history and we would love to see your old Farm Bureau pictures or memorabilia. Please bring your items along for a chance to win a prize.

This is a family friendly event and we would love to see you there. Please RSVP to your county representative below by August 11.

County Representatives

Outagamie County: Kelly Oudenhoven at 920.378.4744 or kelly.oudenhoven@gmail.com

Waupaca County: Meredith Bowers at 920.428.9095 or bowers_jerseys@yahoo.com

Shawano County: Kellie Zahn 715.853.9624 or kellie.behnke@gmail.com



President's Report

By Wayne Steingraber, president

This year is flying by way too fast. It's already August.

We (farmers) did what we do best. Battling the calendar, clock and weather, we just farmed. It was tough getting crops in and harvested this spring, but with patience and a few sleepless nights, we got it done.

Harvesting first crop was difficult at best. Thank God for haylage and baleage because it seemed like there were only a few days to make dry hay. We all are blessed with this year.

The Waupaca County Fair is right around the corner. This is a big event for us, as it is the only fundraiser we have, other than dues, to support our programs. So, come on down and have a burger, fries, shake or any of the

other great menu items.

Or better yet volunteer some time to help the kitchen staff. There is a new online way sign up to volunteer. It is explained later in the newsletter and we also will be sending an email (to those we have) to look for volunteers. Hope to see you at the fair.

This year our resolutions meeting will be held **Tuesday, September 3** at the Manawa City Hall the same night as our monthly board meeting.

Resolutions are our way of guiding Farm Bureau in the future. If you have any ideas, please come to the meeting or contact any board member to help us with this process.

Until next time, stay healthy, stay happy and stay safe, and may God bless you and your family.

Women's Committee Report

By Emily Huettl, women's committee chair

Summer has arrived. Family, friends and neighborhood gatherings are happening at a steadier pace.

As conversations carry on about weather, family and current job status, it's hard for some of us to be very positive in our current status. Trying to make the cash flow this year, get the crops planted, keep the cows fed, getting the kids to sport functions, all while trying to help educate about our industry.

Oh yeah, plus work it as well. Educating at those events may help us as we show people how we affect their lives daily. Food, natural resources, business management, financial, mechanical, animal science and agronomy are a few aspects of our industry that they may not realize.

With so many other branches we touch, we can only try helping ourselves with the consumers relations.



Tell your story to your non-farm neighbors to help them understand farming.

Sundays on the Farm

By Kari Riley, Ag in the Classroom Coordinator

Riley Crest Farm, Tom and Kari Riley, partnered with Turner's Fresh market for Sundays on the Farm, which was held on July 7. It was an opportunity to milk a dairy goat, pet and feed kids.

Saputo, Montchevre label, donated goat cheese samples for everyone to try. More than 400 people stopped on the holiday weekend to play with some goats.

Sundays on the Farm will have special agriculture speakers or attractions at Turner's Fresh Market (more details on Facebook) throughout the rest of summer and fall.

Waupaca FFA, Turner's and Riley Crest Farm will partner for Farm Fest this October.



For some reason people seem to just love to feed goats.

Sign-Up for Fair Stand Volunteers

By Kaisha Pflingsten and Helen Heise

It's almost time for the Waupaca County Fair. The theme is Waupaca County Fair, a Grand Celebration.

You can help make it grand, the Farm Bureau Food Stand is looking for volunteers. Your Farm Bureau membership dues can be earned by volunteering a minimum of eight hours. All volunteers will be invited to attend the Waupaca County Farm Bureau annual meeting free of charge. Working in the food stand is a wonderful opportunity to renew friendships and meet friends.

This year, there will be an online sign up, look for it in your inbox in the next few weeks.

If you don't use email or prefer to call, please contact me (Kaisha) at 920.716.5623.

We want to see you at the fair. All volunteers are welcome.



Help make fair visitors happy by signing up to help make fabulous burgers and shakes in the food stand this year.

Centennial Picnic and Farm Tour

By Meredith Bowers

You may have noticed invitations to the Centennial Picnic and Farm Tour on the Outagamie County and Shawano County pages in this newsletter.

I want to invite you to this celebration that will be held on **Sunday, August 18**, at the Bear Creek Town Hall, E8107 Silver Creek Road, Bear Creek.

I'm proud that the special tour of Clinton Farms new rotary milking parlor is being held in Waupaca County.

Join us for the picnic from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and enjoy the farm tour starting at 1:30 p.m. The county Farm Bureau's will provide brats, burgers, hot dogs, buns, table ware and beverages. We ask that you bring a dish to pass.

When you arrive, answer one of these centennial trivia questions to win a prize:

1. How many people have served as a WFBF Board President?
2. What year was Rural Mutual Insurance started by Farm Bureau?

Please RSVP to Meredith Bowers at bowers_jerseys@yahoo.com or 920.428.9095 by **August 11**. Bring the family.



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