
The family-run LaClare Farms just opened a 35,000 square foot dairy plant, retail store, and cafe... and three of those hard-working family members are CAFES alumni! **Clara Hedrich, 1976** co-owns the dairy with her husband Larry. Daughter **Anna Hedrich, 2002** works part-time in herd management and daughter **Jessica Hedrich, 2010** runs the retail store and cafe. [http://www.thenorthwestern.com/article/20130804/OSH03/308040079/Couple-builds-state-art-goat-dairy-Fond-du-Lac-County?nclick_check=1](http://www.thenorthwestern.com/article/20130804/OSH03/308040079/Couple-builds-state-art-goat-dairy-Fond-du-Lac-County?nclick_check=1)

**Sonja (Lee) Maki, 1982** was a member of a team of scientists and educators who earned a *Science* IBI (Inquiry Based Instruction) Prize for developing a web-based tool for teaching genomics. The project is described in a paper entitled “Keeping an Eye on Biology” (*Science* 25 January 2013: 408-409).

Several agricultural education teachers participated in a South Africa Study Tour during the summer of 2013. The trip was developed for ag teachers by U of M Professor, Claudia Parliament. Participants included **Nikki Beucler, 2011** Ag Instructor at Lake City High School, Lake City, MN; **Kimberly Houser, 1998** Ag Instructor at Wis. Heights HS, Mazomanie, WI; and **Linda Sattler, 1995** Ag Instructor at Laconia High School, Rosendale, WI.

**Kristin Hanson, 2000** Ag Instructor at Prairie Farm High School was honored as the Outstanding Agricultural Educator at the Wisconsin Association of Agricultural Education Annual Professional Conference in Green Bay in June.

**Maria Bendixen, 2002 and 2010** accepted a position as a Farm Business Program Instructor at Chippewa Valley Technical College. Maria had been the Clark County, Wisconsin Extension dairy and livestock agent.

**Nicholas Folk, 2003** recently accepted the Head Superintendent position at Rochester, Minnesota Golf & Country Club.

Leslie (Shuler) Svacina, 2004 is now an internship coordinator in Career and Internship Services at the University of Minnesota, serving students in the College of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resource Sciences. She continues to serve on the Alumni Board for the CAFES.

Mamie (Henderson) Luhmann 2005, and husband Paul welcomed Hazel Louise Luhmann on Sept 1, 2013. Hazel was greeted at home by big sister Clara, who is 3 years old.

Katie Mattison, 2005 is an agricultural and business banker with Bremer Bank. Katie was recently appointed to the Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Young Farmer and Agriculturalist Committee. She is also a current member of the current Wisconsin Farm Bureau Institute leadership class.

Kenzie Payne, 2007 returned from her successful Peace Corps-Tanzania service in 2012. She was an Environmental Volunteer for 27 months in a rural village. Upon return to the United States she enrolled in the Bioregional Planning and Community Design graduate studies program at the University of Idaho-Moscow.

Molly (Gilbert) Wildenberg, 2011 and Joe Wildenberg, 2010 welcomed Hank James Wildenberg to their family on July 21, 2013. Joe is a Reliability Engineer for Manitowoc Crane; Molly is a Grower with Floral Plant Growers in Denmark, WI. They make their home in Manitowoc.

Jason Cavadini, 2011 completed his M.S degree at Purdue University this past spring and accepted a position as the Assistant Superintendent at the University of Wisconsin Ag Research Station in Marshfield. His main responsibilities are to coordinate crop research and manage the production of forage and grain to supply the station’s dairy herds.

Audra Zentner 2012, is now a Regulations Compliance Specialist at Bonide in Rome, New York

Bethany Gapinski, 2013 is the UWRF Sustainability Coordinator in the new Office of Sustainability on campus. She will work in collaboration with the St. Croix Institute for Sustainable Community Development, directed by Kelly Cain. The goal is to enhance student, faculty and staff awareness and participation; further raise campus reputation for sustainability; and enhance integration of students, faculty, and staff in both on-campus and off-campus initiatives, especially in the city of River Falls.

Rebecca (Becky) Lynn Goplen, 2013 married Reggie Brogan in August. The reception was held at the Goplen Farm in Pine Island, MN.