

Editor's Notebook



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Milk Pouches Solve School Shortage

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Wisconsin might be a dairy hub of the United States, but that didn't prevent a milk shortage for schools throughout Central Wisconsin. The closing of two Borden-Select bottling plants (Illinois and Wisconsin) cut out a key supplier for schools.

This led to a packaging shortage of the half-pint containers that are standard in school lunches. Without a way to serve milk, schools can't comply with federal lunch guidelines, which leads to cuts in funding. Wood, Clark, and Marathon County schools were forced to bring in milk from faraway states to comply with guidelines.

Thanks to a Marshfield bottling plant, 17 school districts and close to 10,000 kids are served local milk with their lunch in a unique way—plastic pouches.

This milk comes from the Weber's Farm Store bottling plant. It's one of the family's many businesses, which includes Nasonville Dairy. This fifth-generation Wisconsin Century Farm has served local dairy since 1904.

Family member Ken Heiman got the idea to make a change when his grandchildren started complaining about the milk situation at school. The dairy has been packaging milk in half-gallon plastic pouches for almost half a century, so it wasn't difficult to size the packaging down to 8-oz. pouches instead.

The pouches work similarly to a juice box with a straw and offer the added benefit of being cheaper and cutting garbage by 80 percent. Looking forward, the bottling plant is exploring the use of biodegradable plastic for the pouches, though that will increase the price point per pouch.

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Beware Of Online Fraud

Buying a tractor or piece of equipment online is becoming more common and can make finding a certain model easier when searching online compared to shopping in person. A number of websites have cropped up recently that feature items for sale that are below market value prices with photos of actual equipment. A few items to check before acting on any online purchase for equipment are:

Prices: Are the prices too good to be true? Are they comparable with similar machines offered elsewhere? Low prices are used by scammers to lure victims.

Business Name: Have you or anyone you know ever heard of or dealt with the company? If not, it's another warning sign that it could be a scam.

Location: Is the business located where it would be unusual to find the equipment for sale? If the address comes up in the middle of a city when searching the address, it's probably not a real equipment dealer.

Phone Number: If the number listed (if any at all) is a cell phone and doesn't show to be associated with the business address, beware.

Questions: Ask a technical question about the equipment. If the answer comes back wrong or generic, buyer beware.

Kick the Tires: Don't buy sight unseen. You can save time by searching for equipment online but seeing it and its condition for yourself is the best way to ensure you aren't getting scammed.

Don't Pay Up Front: If you are going to see it in person, you can arrange for payment in person. If you are pressed to make a downpayment before you can see it, beware. Don't give any financial information over the phone for any equipment purchase unless you are 100 percent sure who it is.



Gifting a book from FARM SHOW's "library" of best-sellers is a great way to treat your father or grandfather.

Don't Forget Father's Day!

If you're lucky enough to still have your father or grandfather around, don't forget him this Father's Day. One way to treat him is with a book from FARM SHOW's "library" of best-sellers, or to gift him a new subscription or renewal. Check out the order form on page 39, go to our website (www.farmshow.com), or call us at 800-834-9665.

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Points To Ponder

Getting angry with people for making mistakes doesn't teach them not to make mistakes, it just teaches them to hide them.

"If you want to make everyone happy, don't be a leader - sell ice cream." *Steve Jobs*

"We all have an unsuspected reserve of strength inside that emerges when life puts us to the test." *Isabel Allende*

"Do not confine your children to your own learning, for they were born in another time." *Chinese Proverb*

"Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it." *Maya Angelou*

"You will never reach your destination if you stop and throw stones at every dog that barks." *Winston Churchill*

"Your struggles develop your strengths." *Arnold Schwarzenegger*

"I was wise enough to never grow up while fooling most people into believing I had." *Margaret Mead*

"Think for yourselves and let others enjoy the privilege to do so, too." *Voltaire*

Every time someone comes up with a foolproof solution, along comes a more talented fool.

"Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little." *Edmund Burke*

"It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it." *Aristotle*

When the doctor noticed that Ole looked in rough shape, Ole said, "High blood pressure, Doc. It comes from my family."

"Your mother's side or your father's?" The doctor asked. "Neither," Ole replied. "It's from my wife's family."

"Oh, come now Ole," the doctor said. "How could your wife's family give you high blood pressure?"

Ole sighed, "You otta meet dem sometime, Doc!"

Ole and Lena were visited by a door-to-door salesman.

He tried to convince them that if they bought the big new freezer he was selling, they'd save enough money on their grocery bill to pay for the new freezer.

Ole responded that they were paying for the house on what they were saving on rent. Also, they were saving on movie tickets with the price of cable TV.

Finally Ole said, "And we're saving on the laundromat with the new washer and dryer. So I guess, we have to say dat ve can't afford to save any more right now!"

The teacher asked the class to use the word "fascinate" in a sentence.

Molly put up her hand and said, "My family went to my granddad's farm, and we all saw his pet sheep. It was fascinating."

The teacher said, "That was good, but I wanted you to use the word fascinate, not fascinating."

Sally raised her hand. She said, "My family went to see Rock City and I was fascinated."

The teacher said, "Well, that was good Sally, but I wanted you to use the word fascinate."

Little Ole raised his hand. The teacher hesitated because she'd been burned by little Ole before.

She finally decided there was no way he could damage the word "fascinate," so she called on him.

Little Ole said, "My mom Lena has a sweater with ten buttons, but she has put on weight so she can only fasten eight."



Photo courtesy of Institute For Justice

The Supreme Court recently ruled that the DeVillier family can sue Texas for flooding caused by the state.

Institute For Justice Helps Texas Rancher

Recently, the Institute for Justice scored a win at the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of Texas rancher Richie DeVillier, who's fighting for compensation after the state government built a barrier along a nearby highway and flooded his ranch. The decision overrules and vacates a lower court opinion that would've gutted the Constitution's guarantee of just compensation when the government takes your property.

Richie's family has farmed their land for three generations. A few years ago, Texas built a concrete barrier along a nearby highway to keep the road from flooding. The barrier works as intended, meaning that during heavy storms, the land north of the highway turns into a lake. In one storm, Richie lost acres of crops and about 100 cows and horses.

Richie and his neighbors sued under the Takings Clause of the Fifth Amendment, which says private property shall not be taken for public use without just compensation. They lost at the appeals court when it ruled, despite decades of precedent to the contrary, that the Constitution itself doesn't allow people to sue states when they take your property and don't pay for the privilege—the state must pass a law allowing you to sue.

IJ convinced the Supreme Court to take up Richie's case. Once the Court agreed to take the case, the State of Texas changed its tune. The State had argued in the lower courts that Richie couldn't sue under the Fifth Amendment. Facing off against IJ at the Court, it reversed course and conceded that state law does let Richie sue under the Takings Clause. With this concession, the high court overturned the appeals court decision and sent Richie's case back to Texas to proceed under Texas law.

Unfortunately, because the Court says Richie has a way to sue under Texas law, including filing a claim under the Takings Clause, it declined to answer the bigger question: whether everyone can sue directly under the Takings Clause of the U.S. Constitution. To IJ, the answer is obviously yes. The Constitution is an empty promise if it can't be enforced.

The IJ is currently litigating 132 cases in 36 states. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Institute for Justice, 901 N. Glebe Rd., Suite 900, Arlington, Va. 22203-1854 (ph 703-682-9320; www.ij.org).