"Women in Dairy" event in Hutchinson

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The Minnesota Dairy Initiative and the University of Minnesota Extension are excited to announce the upcoming <u>Women in Dairy</u> event! The Women in Dairy: Farming with Family event is planned for Thursday, February 13 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Crow River Winery (14848 MN Highway 7) in Hutchinson, MN. The event's purpose is to inspire attendees with ties to the dairy industry through networking, education and empowerment.

This year's program will feature Katy Schulz from Fox Lake, WI. Katy owns Tri-Fecta Farms with her siblings and best friends— Kari and Nick. Katy is a brutally honest, annoyingly positive, whiskey drinking, travel enthusiast, Jesus loving, farmer. As the keynote speaker, Katy will share her story about the good, the bad, and the manure piles of farming with family.

Currently, Katy is the on-farm manager for "everything with a heartbeat"— livestock, employees, and public relations. The family's farm consists of dairy, cash crops, and an on-farm beef market. In addition, Katy is a past PDP (Professional Dairy Producers) board president, a co-founder of Wanted Women's Conference series, currently serving on the Innovation Center for US Dairy Sustainability Alliance, a passionate keynote speaker, and most importantly a personal assistant to her wildly independent 11-year-old Londyn.

The Women in Dairy event will run from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m., beginning with registration and social gathering, followed by dinner and presentation starting at 7:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required by completing the online registration form at z.umn.edu/womenindairy25. Registration deadline is January 31, 2025. Tickets are \$25/person. For tickets, please visit with an event sponsor or contact the McLeod County Extension office at 320-484-4302 to purchase a ticket today!

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