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Kris Benitez, of Glenview, with La Taquiza y Mas, serves one of 300 attendees at the annual Baconfest on April 8.

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Through the view of glass in a museum market, Emily Cushing, in red T-shirt, of Highland Park, with Hofherr Meat Co., of Northfield, serves guests at Northshore Baconfest April 8 at Historic Wagner Farm in Glenview.

FOR THE LOVE OF BACON

Fourth annual fest benefits Friends of Wagner Farm

BY KARIE ANGELL LUC
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The fourth annual Northshore Baconfest at Historic Wagner Farm, in Glenview, drew about 300 people April 8, with funds raised benefiting the Friends of Wagner Farm.

The Friends help make field trips possible for regional schools that wish to have their students visit Wagner Farm.

"I think it's a great opportunity for people to come out and support Wagner Farm and to support these

field trips," said Todd Price, a resident of Golf and director of Historic Wagner Farm.

Historic Wagner Farm is a facility of the Glenview Park District.

In the past two years, Wagner said, 2,500 children have experienced the farm thanks to funds distributed by Friends of Wagner Farm.

An event fundraiser goal was \$20,000. Historically, Price said, an amount just shy of \$20,000 has been raised yearly.

The band Sunnyside Up provided bluegrass music during the three-hour event, and neighbors could catch up with each other at low tables, noshing on bacon while sitting on hay-



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stacks.

Approximately 40 volunteers assisted at the event, Price said.

Nearly 20 providers pre-

sented bacon-infused fare, including entree sampling, dessert and hors d'oeuvres.

There was bacon served with ice cream, bacon mac-

aroni and cheese and even maple bacon fudge provided by the Glenview Clover 4H Club.

Bacon and bourbon baklava was devoured, plus bacon marshmallow lollipops topped with rainbow nonpareils.

"Bacon is a comfort food," said John Dempsey, of Des Plaines, a cook at The Cafe at the Glenview Park Golf Club, which served an appetizer of bourbon black pepper candied bacon dipped in chocolate.

"The saltiness, the texture — it (bacon) pairs up well with anything," said Chad Kruger, of Chicago and of Sweet Pies Bakery of Skokie.

His bakery served croco-

dile pie with bacon, Elvis sheet cake, a maple bacon cupcake with candied bacon plus a monster cookie with bacon.

"Bacon goes with any meal, that's why it's so popular," Kruger said. "People love it. It's sinfully good."

Hel's Kitchen Catering, of Northbrook, served a double bacon BLT, a whiskey bacon s'mores bar and duck bacon candy.

For Allan and Susan Friestad of Glenview, coming to Northshore Baconfest was a first-time treat.

"It's amazing," Susan Friestad said.

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