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Barron County 4-H Newsletter



What can Barron County 4-H do to Help?

I can't believe it's already April. Our world has changed so much since the last newsletter. Everyone has a different outlook on life and even a different perspective of what life looks like depending on our circumstances. I know I am thankful for all of our essential workers helping to keep us safe, fed, and with everything else we need. I am also thankful to all of our non-essential workers who help problem-solve new ways of doing things or who remind others we need to be safe and smart as we venture forward. I know my Facebook feed is full of people from all circumstances supporting each other and staying positive in this unknown time. I'd like to share a quote that was recently shared with me:

"When the story of COVID-19 is just a story we tell, let's make sure our stories are stories we're proud to tell." -Aaron Brockett, Traders Point Church

Do you ever wonder what you story you will tell about this time period in 50 years? I bet it will be very different for everyone. Please make the best of whatever your situation is. For some of us, that will be easy, and for others, this will be a difficult time. We can only get through it the best our situation allows.

This brings me to the question, What can Barron County 4-H do to help? I don't know what the right answer is, and for many 4-H is the last thing on your mind. Although not directly related to COVID-19, I'm going to use this newsletter to present to you 15 4-H related things you could do in the weeks to come. Hopefully for some of you, keeping your mind busy will help you through this time. If you come up with your own ways to help, or to keep our minds busy, please share them!

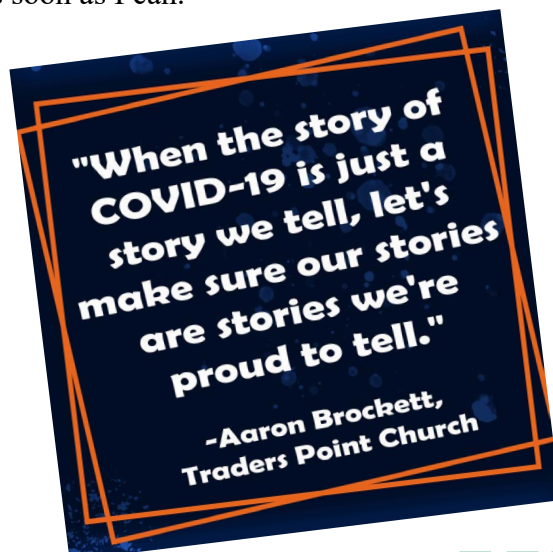
Please follow us on the Barron County Facebook page to stay up to date @barroncounty4h

As always, reach out to me if you have questions, or just want to chat. E-mail is the fastest way to reach me sara.waldron@wisc.edu or leave me a message at 715-537-6253 and I will give you a call as soon as I can.

Sincerely,

Sara Waldron
4-H Program Educator

WHAT WILL OUR STORY BE?



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IDEA #1

Check out the Barron County 4-H Website:

There's a new spot on the website (barron.extension.wisc.edu) where you can find the most current updates! Just head to the website, click the 4-H tab and find the Digital Newsletter Tab! The most recent News is on the top! I hope you find this space helpful for finding the latest information!

Like the Barron County 4-H Page @barroncounty4h:

If you haven't been on and liked the Barron County 4-H page, make sure you do! This is another place you can go to find updates and fun information about Barron County 4-H Happenings! Let's Get Connected!

IDEA #2

Connect with a Volunteer:

Is there something you want to learn how to do? I bet we can connect you with a 4-H volunteer that would like to help you with that. Let Sara know what you're interested in and let's see who we can find!

IDEA #3

IDEA #4

Fair Time!:

Although we don't know what things will look like in July, the fairbook is READY! Check it out: barroncountyfair.com/

IDEA #5

County, State, National:

Look up all of the County, State, and National events you can participate in. Is there a trip you want to go on? Look through all of the wonderful opportunities and maybe make some plans for summer 2021! Here's a link to the travel opportunities in 4-H: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hedopp/>

IDEA #7

Learn.

Learn something new about 4-H. What does 4-H have to offer that you don't already know? Make a list of new things to try in the upcoming year. Share your list with other people. Good resources are 4-H.org and 4h.extension.wisc.edu

IDEA #6

Challenge Time.

If you're looking for some family fun watch the Facebook page @barroncounty4h for some fun challenges to complete. Send in photos and we'll do some drawings for prizes when things get back to normal. If you have ideas for some great challenges, we'll take those to. Can't wait to see what everyone comes up with! The sky is the limit for interpretation!

Share.

Share with us what you're doing! We'd love to see it.

IDEA #9

IDEA #8

Fail! You read that right! Now is the time to fail! My family tried an experiment with fire and we failed big time (no we didn't burn anything down). But we tried for over an hour to make fire in every color of the rainbow. We got about half of them, and learned a lot, but we never got it right. It was one of the best FAILS ever though, because we had a lot of fun!

IDEA #10

Host or attend a meeting or event virtually:

Use virtual meeting software to join or host an event. The state has some

project offerings, maybe your club will have a meeting. Maybe you'll decide to host something yourself. If you need help, let me know. Here is a look at some of the options (this is not a list of all options, please do your research):

Zoom Basic - Free - Meetings for a limited number of participants for up to 40 minutes.

Zoom Pro - \$14.99 per month - Up to 100 participants per meeting. No time limit. (Zoom is available Free for educational use - <https://blog.zoom.us/wordpress/2020/03/13/how-to-use-zoom-for-online-learning/>)

Google Meet - Free - Restrictions vary based on whether they are using Google Suite or regular Gmail as a host account. <https://cloud.google.com/blog/products/g-suite/helping-businesses-and-schools-stay-connected-in-response-to-coronavirus>

Cisco WebEx - Free during the Pademic - <https://help.webex.com/en-us/n80v1rcb/Cisco-Webex-Available-Free-in-These-Countries-COVID-19-Response>

Microsoft Teams - Microsoft has tools within their MS Teams platform, both for paid and free users available as part of their response to the pandemic - <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/blog/2020/03/0Z5/our-commitment-to-customers-during-covid-19/>

IDEA #11

STEAM TEAM (4-6th Grade youth)

If you're interested in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and/or Math (STEAM) join me for a brainstorm session on Wednesday, April 8 from

3-4PM via ZOOM. An email will be sent out to all families with 4-6 youth, and info will be posted on Facebook and on the website. Here's the link to join us on the 8th: <https://uwextension.zoom.us/j/809432112>

IDEA #12

Let's Meet!

Sara Would love to meet you, and is planning Zoom sessions. Watch your email and Facebook for dates and times! Can't wait to see you soon!

Teach us.

Do you have a skill, talent, or love making stuff? Record it, or let us schedule a Zoom with you so we can learn together. Just send us a list of supplies and we can join together to make something or learn something new. Think of it like a Virtual Project Discovery Day! I bet a lot of people would appreciate learning from you! We can do this!

IDEA #14

IDEA #13

Write.

Write a poem about 4-H, or anything happening. Share them with us by sendingthemtosara.waldron@wisc.edu or Facebook messenger.

IDEA #15

You!

What ideas do you have? Let us know. This is the time to think outside of the box and try something new!



2020 Online Performance Arts Festival

Music * Speaking * Demonstrations

The 2020 Barron-Polk Performance Arts Festival is going online! Entries can be uploaded anytime between April 1 and May 15. We will accept entries from all individual categories, duet/team events consisting of individuals living in the same household, or creatively compiled using technology. Should the "Safer At Home" mandate be lifted, group/team events in the areas listed below will be accepted via the same format until May 15.

At this time, we are not able to accomodate Drama and Musical large-group events.

Registration/Submission Instructions: Your submitted form and file will act as your registration. Please use the following to enter.

- 1) Go to the website: <http://bit.ly/barronpolkPA>
- 2) Choose from these options to upload (read all to make the best choice).
 - a) No Google Account (File Upload): Click on the graphic at the top half of the screen for the area in which you want to enter (if it asks for a user name, you are in the wrong spot). Enter the information (you will need to know file name of your video). Click submit. AFTER you click submit you will need to click on the link provided and click upload to submit your video (this process can take some time to upload)
 - b) No Google Account (Youtube video or other URL): Follow the same steps as above, except enter your URL and do NOT continue on to link after you click submit.
 - c) Google Account (please use this one if you currently have a Google/Gmail account): Click on graphic at the bottom half of the screen and follow instructions to submit, you will need to sign-in to your google account if not already signed in.

Musical Performance Entry *As a reminder, many events are eligible for fair premiums Youth may receive fair premium by signing up in Department J-18 on their fair entry form for either Barron or Polk Counties. An exhibit related to this performance may be displayed at the fair. Exceptional entries will receive ribbon recognition.*

(Vocal, Dance, Instrumental)

Vocal-emphasis on vocal qualities and delivery (solo or duet)

Dance (solo or duet)

Vocal and Dance-emphasis 60% on vocal qualities and 40% on interpretation and choreography

Instrumental-other than Piano (solo or duet)

Piano (solo or duet)

Speaking/Interpretive Reading Entry *As a reminder, many events are eligible for fair premiums Youth may receive fair premium by signing up in Department J-31 on their fair entry form for either Barron or Polk Counties. An exhibit related to this performance may be displayed at the fair. Exceptional entries will receive ribbon recognition.*

Original Speech - Open to all youth. Talks should be developed by the member who is presenting it. No posters or props may be used. The youth may speak about any topic of interest to him/her. TIMES: Grades 3-4: 1-2 minutes; Grades 5-6: 2-3 minutes; Grades 7-8: 3-4 minutes; Grades 9-13: 4-6 minutes.

4-H Pledge - For youth Cloverbud up to Grade 4. Cloverbuds will not receive a fair premium. Pledge must be memorized. Youth will be judged on voice, stage presence, expression, general effect, and correctness.

FFA Creed – For youth in Grades 6-9. Creed must be memorized. Youth will be judged on voice, stage presence, expression, general effect, and correctness.

Interpretive Reading - Open to all youth, individual or team. Selections may be prose or poetry, original or selected reading. If not an original, the author must be credited. Include a short introduction to your reading. Reading should NOT be memorized. Use full-sized copies of selections (not note cards). No podium will be provided. TIMES (Individual or Team): Grades 3-4: 1-2 minutes; Grades 5-6: 2-3 minutes; Grades 7-8: 3-4 minutes; Grades 9-13: 4-6 minutes.

Demonstration *As a reminder, many events are eligible for fair premiums Youth may receive fair premium by signing up in Department J-31 on their fair entry form for either Barron or Polk Counties. An exhibit related to this performance may be displayed at the fair. Exceptional entries will receive ribbon recognition.*

Formal Demonstration – An individual or team showing and telling an audience how to make or do something. Presents information through actions with an explanation. Has an introduction, body and conclusion followed by a time to answer questions. Open to all youth grades 3 and up. Select a topic of interest to you. Props and visual aids are encouraged. One 8-foot table will be provided. Easels and other equipment will not be provided. TIMES: Grades 3-5: 4-7 minute demonstration; Grades 6-8: 5-8 minute demonstration; Grades 9-13: 8-10 minute demonstration.

Action Demonstration – An individual or team sharing ideas or showing how to do a skill in an informal way. The audience may participate and ask questions throughout the demonstration. The demonstrator(s) converses with audience members who are standing around the table/area. The audience participates by talking with the demonstrator, trying things, doing, tasting, asking questions, etc. Handouts, posters, pictures can be used. Open to all youth grades 3 and up. Select a topic of interest to you. One 8-foot table will be provided. Easels and other equipment will not be provided. Youth must interact and have enough supplies for the audience to take part in the demonstration. TIMES: Action demonstrations for all age groups should be up to 20 minutes.

SPRING/SUMMER SERVICE

Are you looking to add a service project to your 4-H Club activities? Well, here's your chance. We are looking for volunteers to help with the community garden this year. If you're interested, please call Kathy Splett, Foodwise Coordinator at 715-537-6250. You can also email her at kathy.splett@wisc.edu.

They are also looking for volunteers to build a mobile garden bed. Funding is not currently available, but if a group would want to donate the materials and labor, that would be great. We are pursuing a grant that would provide funding after October. If you can help out with this opportunity, please contact Kathy Splett at the information above. Plans and information can be provided for those interested.



SCHOLARSHIPS



The Barron County 4-H Scholarship (due May 1) and the Kathy Holten Memorial Scholarship (due June 1) forms are available on the Barron County 4-H Website: <https://counties.extension.wisc.edu/barron/4hyd/4hforms/> Please

make sure our 2020 4-H graduates know where to find them.

4-H TEAM
SOFTBALL ROSTER
Still Accepting Sign-up
CHECK WITH YOUR
4-H CLUB LEADER
FOR SIGN-UP INFORMATION!



Barron County Junior Livestock

Show & Sale Committee

330 East Monroe Avenue, Room 2206
Barron, WI 54812

March 26, 2020

To: Barron County Junior Livestock Members

From: Barron County Junior Livestock 4-H & FFA Executive Committee

Subject: **2020 COVID-19 Barron County Junior Livestock Committee Changes To Youth Program**

This letter contains important information and updates happening in the Livestock Project. Due to the recent Covid Pandemic and numerous Federal and State rulings, the Barron County Junior Livestock Executive Committee met virtually to make required changes to the 2020 Barron County Junior Livestock Fair requirements including weigh ins, tagging, and YQCA programming. These are temporary changes and are not going to be in effect for the 2021 Fair and beyond.

Lamb and Hog Weigh-in Changes and Modifications

1. Lamb and Hog registrations are due Monday, May 11th. You will need to provide a clear profile photo (showing the side profile rear leg to head) of each animal and a photo of original tags and/or notches that are already in the animals ear. Photos need to be postmarked by May 11th and mailed to the Barron County Extension Office or emailed to Kim Grover (kim.grover@wisc.edu).
 - a. Mail to:
**Extension Office, Barron County 4-H
Barron County Government Center
330 E. Monroe Avenue, Room 2206
Barron, WI 54812**
 - b. Due to the cancellation of initial weigh ins, there will be no Rate of Gain awards for Hogs or Lambs.
2. All exhibitors that have not attended the YQCA Meeting will need to be certified using the online YQCA program and watch an online video regarding things specific to Barron County. Each member will then need to complete a short Google Survey to verify that they watched the video. This will serve as the member Project Card signature that we have to do at the YQCA Meeting. You will need to complete this by May 11th as well. These links can be found below, the [Barron County 4-H Livestock webpage](#), or the [Barron County Jr. Livestock Facebook Page](#)
 - a. YQCA Website <http://yqca.org/>
 - b. Please select this link to view the video prepared by the Barron County Jr. Livestock Committee regarding the information that was covered at the first YQCA meeting https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dG8_nm8pRj6QmT2e9ovatzPeZEWDPWvk/view

- c. Complete this survey to verify that you watched the video. Each individual needs to complete this survey.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1EiPECpJx3IGVUNGwQv9CGbYgYoIJG8LtxVw44cPA3E/viewform?edit_requested=true
- d. RFID tags will be handed out at the June 24th Kick Off meeting at the Barron County Fairgrounds.

We are following guidelines established by the Federal and State, along with guidelines received from UW Extension Livestock Specialist. These are uncertain times and we do not want to put people at risk.

Be sure to follow the Barron County Junior Livestock Facebook Page or Barron County 4-H Livestock page <https://barron.extension.wisc.edu/4hyd/projects/livestock/> to follow the latest details. Information will also be sent via email and mail.

Other Reminders

Cost of RFID tags are \$3.50 each and can be paid for at the Kick Off Meeting. Kick-Off Meeting, June 24th, 7pm, Barron County Fairgrounds, Youth Expo Building
Forms you should complete and bring to the meeting are as follows:

- Livestock Project Signature Card
- Code of Ethics & Exhibitor Expectation Form
- Livestock Compliance Certificate

****The Code of Ethics and Livestock Compliance certificate need to be signed by exhibitor and parent.**

The Animal Health Form (for cattle only) and the “COOL” (Country of Origin) should be brought to the Fair Office.

Stall and Pen requests should be given to your club leader. The club leader will turn them in to species Superintendents. Changes for pen and stall requests can be made until July 8th.

If you are unable to attend the Kick Off Meeting, contact the Extension Office to have your name put on the “unable to attend” list. A Make-Up Meeting will be scheduled at a later date. You will be contacted as to the date, time, and place of the meeting.

Note- 2020 Fair Book is completed and is now online. Members may start signing up for fair entries immediately. Deadline for fair entries: Hard Copy-June 5th, Online entries-June 19th.

**YQCA Online
Save \$3 - April Only
Details on Website**

JOIN US EVERY TUESDAY BEGINNING
APRIL 7, 2020 @ 1PM OR 7PM
CONNECT WITH US USING ZOOM FOR:

THE PARENTING CONNECTION

- Time with trained Extension Parent Educators
- Discuss your parenting needs
- Opportunity to connect with other parents

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For more information contact:
missy.bablick@wisc.edu -or- 715-635-4446

The Parenting Connection

UW-Madison Division of Extension is offering an opportunity for parents/caregivers to connect and manage the challenges everyone is facing right now. Ask questions, brainstorm solutions to daily problems, build relationships with other parents. In a nonjudgmental environment supported by UW- Madison trained parent educators that are facing the same challenges. Come when you can leave when you must. All you need is a smartphone or computer with a camera. Download Zoom and Connect: For more information contact Missy Bablick missy.bablick@wisc.edu or Beth Rank at beth.rank@wisc.edu or Danette Hopke: 715-635-4446 Zoom link: <https://uwextension.zoom.us/j/672776281>

What can YOU do for Barron County 4-H?

Please reach out if you have ideas. It might be as simple as sharing resources (see info from Peterson's at the right), or maybe you have something you can teach directly using Zoom!

Project Lambs and Project Opportunity



Please see photos of our best set of lambs ever! We were blessed this year with many lambs and a high % of males and so the quality is deep! What kind of quality? The kind that has been

producing Champions at the Barron County Fair and around Northern Wisconsin for the past few years for our family and many others. The kind coming out of some of the most successful genetics in the country.

Yes, we know there is much uncertainty in these times about shows and fairs but it is our belief that livestock projects are a still a great way to teach and grow kids. We believe in this project so much and that these lambs will work so well that we are going to offer a special guarantee and a special kind of show this year.

All project lambs sold we will buy back at original price if your county fair is canceled!

All project lambs sold will be eligible for our virtual show with \$500 in prizes!

What's the catch? There is no catch but our simple desire to get our lambs into the hands of families to have a great experience with their lamb project!

As another way of helping families have a better experience, we recommend the following series of YouTube clips

1) Purina Honor Chow

How to Show Sheep

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vSu67BCROxk>

2) Weaver Leather Livestock

Teaching Show Sheep to Brace

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2kg2S5Q0vNU>

If you are interested in learning more about what how we can help your family get the most out of your lamb project, please contact me (John) at:

715-651-2161 | johnandcarie@yahoo.com

(see photos of a couple of lambs from Peterson Family Farms)



Horse Project - Virtual Opportunity

Zoom Trail Clinic with Sara Novotny

4-H Horse Project Members join us for this awesome opportunity hosted by Kewaunee County. 4-H members and volunteers welcome

Zoom Trail Clinic with Sara Novotny, Wednesday, April 8th, 3:30pm Central Time

Sara will be going through some basics of trail that you can work on at home - even if your horse isn't there with you. Please pass on to any 4-H Horse project members that might be interested.

Zoom Connection: A computer or smart device connection will allow you to hear and see the speaker, other participants and the presentation. A phone connection will allow you to hear the speaker.

Join Zoom Meeting - <https://uwextension.zoom.us/j/898048560>

Horse Project Updates

All Current Scheduled 4-H Horse Project Meetings are Postponed until further notice. We will communicate plans as information becomes available.

Registration Forms/Sponsorships please hold until further notice.

Changes to this will be communicated as soon as they are known.

Shooting Sports

Archery

The fair shoots will be rescheduled when possible.

Spring Shooting Sports

Tentative start date of June 3
Watch for more information.

Dog Project

Dog Project Updates

All Current Scheduled 4-H Dog Project Meetings are Postponed until further notice.

We will communicate plans as information becomes available.

Please hold on to your paperwork if you have not sent it in.

We will re-evaluate as things evolve.

Changes to this will be communicated as soon as they are known.



Looking for 4-H enrolled Adult Leaders/Volunteers

interested in:
STEM/STEAM
Science, Technology,
Engineering, Arts, Math

3-D Printing
Laser Engraving/Cutting
Vinyl Cutting
Robotics

Other

This MIGHT involve getting trained to use
equipment related to the above and working with
you on developing their skills.

IF you MIGHT be interested or ARE interested,
please email sara.waldron@wisc.edu or call
715-537-6253

Save the Date

Spring Leaders Meeting

It's time to get your fair information
and sign-up for food stand shifts!

Postponed Until May
Barron County Government Center
Auditorium

**Note the regular Adult Leaders Association meeting
will be held via Zoom on April 21 at 7PM

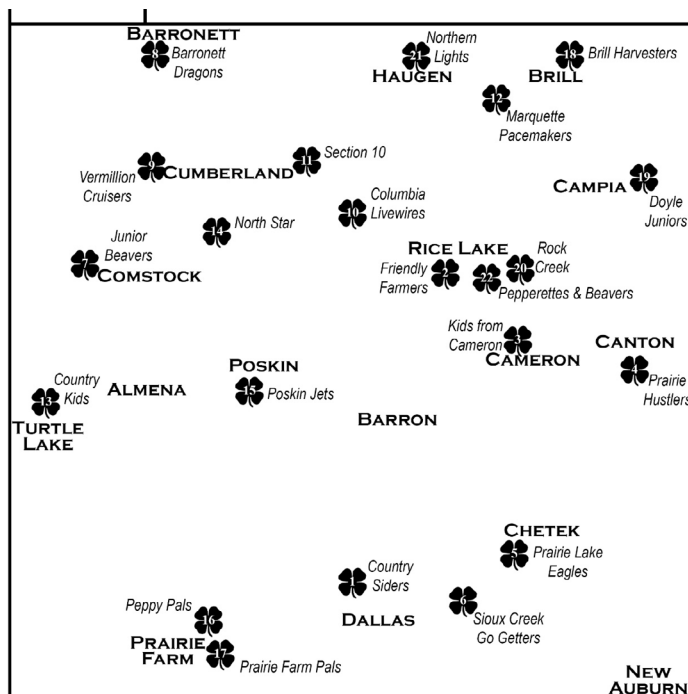
Volunteer/Leader Training

Make sure you've completed your
VIP Training

Online VIP Available
Contact Sara for details.
sara.waldron@wisc.edu

Barron County 4-H Clubs & Contacts

1)	Country Siders	Kaylee Lemler	715-658-1066
2)	Friendly Farmers	Erin Owens	715-790-9230
		Elizabeth Smith	715-205-4529
3)	Kids From Cameron	Barb Lancaster	715-658-1988
4)	Prairie Hustlers	Kirsten Huth	715-764-2097
		Saundra Linton	715-924-4870
5)	Prairie Lake Eagles	Joyce Nelson	715-458-1944
6)	Sioux Creek Go Getters	Dawn Knutson	715-642-1639
		Carolyn Blumer	715-764-2000
7)	Junior Beavers	Melissa Weaver	
		Greg Weaver	715-419-0500
8)	Barronett Dragons	Kathy Thompson	715-822-5286
9)	Vermillion Cruisers	Emily Drafall	715-419-0629
		Heather Colburn	715-357-6404
		Michelle Stouffer	715-822-2823
10)	Columbia Livewires	Carie Peterson	715-651-4545
11)	Section Ten	Tamala Anderson	715-419-0421
12)	Marquette	Cathy Solum	715-234-6874
13)	Pacemakers	Janice Solum	715-651-7698
14)	Country Kids	Lynn Kettenacker	715-986-2505
15)	North Star	Diana Bazewicz	715-641-0926
16)	Poskin Jets	Elisha Putzke	715-790-3683
		David Frandsen	715-790-0067
17)	Peppy Pals	Michelle Klefstad	715-556-9868
18)	Prairie Farm Pals	Tammy Rassbach	715-418-0193
		Becky Segebrecht	715-505-1413
19)	Brill Harvesters	Bill Holt	715-651-9846
		Jennifer Lindemans	715-205-9676
20)	Doyle Juniors	Amanda Alton	715-651-2834
21)	Rock Creek	Kori Richter	715-590-2495
		Kara Tarpenning	715-931-0721
22)	Northern Lights Lights	Karen Germanson	715-236-9123
		Jamie Kunesch	715-790-0938
23)	Pepperettes & Beavers	Katrina Brunclik	715-205-7393
		Sarah Hamner	715-651-4144





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