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Barron County 4-H Newsletter



What's Happening?

What's happening? This is a question that seems to change on a daily, sometimes even an hourly basis. I'm also sure that all of us would answer the question differently. In my house, schooling and working from home are not easy tasks. I won't pretend that we have it together here. But we do our best and hope for the best, trying to find ways to change things up until we can safely go about our daily business.

What's happening in 4-H? There are a lot of answers here, but also a lot of questions. Most people have questions about the fair. Luckily fair decisions are left up to the fair board and not 4-H! But I am 100% certain that they will make their decisions with our youth in mind.

If you missed our "What's Happening" session on April 30, look inside this newsletter for some links to some great resources and answers to some very specific questions. There is also a new Fair FAQ page on the Wisconsin 4-H site: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/extension-fair-faq/>.

Although we don't know what summer will bring, I look forward to the gatherings we can have and the successes we can celebrate. I do know that Barron County 4-H will find ways to make the best of our situation. Every decision that is made is made with the youth in mind and although we might not be happy with all of those decisions, we will learn a lot of life lessons in the process. I said it before, but I wonder what our future selves will say about the time of COVID-19.

Please consider taking part in the opportunities you will find in this newsletter. If you haven't participated in the Performance Arts Festival, now is a great time to try it. I look forward to seeing all of the entries. I have also included a Joyful Clover activity in the newsletter, check it out and consider sending it in to me. This is for youth of all ages!

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

Conversation Starters:

- *Name 3 good things that happened today.
- *What's the best thing about being a part of Barron County 4-H?
- *If you could go anywhere or do anything right now, where would you go or what would you do?

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RESOURCES

May 2020

11	Hog/Sheep Registrations Due (email)
15	DEADLINE Online Performance Arts Festival https://bit.ly/bpPA for instructions
TBD	Fairboard Meeting via Zoom
19	4-H Adult Leaders Association Meeting VIA Zoom
20	STEAM Team (4-6 grade) VIA ZOOM
24	Junior Leaders Meeting (8th-12+ grade) VIA Zoom

Recent Cancellations:

Camp Counselor Training (CANCELLED)
 Barron County Dairy Breakfast (CANCELLED)
 4-H Summer Camp/Outpost Camp (CANCELLED)

County/State-wide Cancellations

All in-person 4-H events are cancelled through May 31.

All 4-H in-person events drawing more than 50 people in June are cancelled.

Please check the following for changes/cancellations:

E-mail

Barron County 4-H Facebook

Barron County Extension Website

Where to find Information/Resources

There's a lot to keep straight lately, so here's the latest on where to go for specific information.

Barron County 4-H Info/Calendar
barron.extension.wisc.edu

Wisconsin 4-H Response to COVID-19

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/2020/03/30/wisconsin-4-h-and-covid-19-response/>

County Resources

barron.extension.wisc.edu
www.facebook.com/BarronCounty4H

Fair FAQ

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/extension-fair-faq/>

Fun Hands on Learning from Home (WI 4-H)

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/home-activities/> - activities for families at home. There are quite a few resources for Utah Extension that are specifically designed for short term clubs. We didn't ask in our registration about who is a club leader but the Utah work might be fun for community clubs to look at as time allows to plan future activities to do when clubs can meet in person or everyone could do them individually at home then discuss during club virtual meetings. <https://extension.usu.edu/cache/files/InnovativeMethodstoReachYouthTemplates.pdf>

UW Virtual Farm Tours - Arlington and Lancaster Research Stations

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/2020/04/15/virtualfarmtours/>

4-H Art Lab

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4harts/art-lab-2/>

Zoom 101 & The Basics of Using Zoom

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hvolunteers/delivering-4-h-through-technology/> We want to make sure that you all have the tools to be able to meet with youth virtually. Technology offers a venue for youth voice and discussion. On this website there are links to some videos that will provide best practices for you as a volunteer when meeting with youth.

Zoom Test Link

Test out your microphone and camera before you meet.
<https://zoom.us/test>

4-H (Online) Performance Arts Festival

Submission Deadline

May 15, 2020

<http://bit.ly/bpPA>

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 4-H?

What's Happening in 4-H?

If you missed our information session on April 30, here are responses to our Question & Answer part.

What Now?

1. Cancel all overnight/residential programs through June, regardless of size, where Extension may manage or contract with but does not own the facility.

2. Apply our cancellation (May) and maximum group size policy of 50 (June) to all in-person 4-H activities.

3. Programs after July 1 are not cancelled at this time, but continue the recommendation that situations be monitored and alternative planning continue with the likelihood of extended cancellation dates. Six weeks notice of extensions to statewide program cancellation is recommended to allow for communication to participants and for alternative planning.

4. Communicate these decision points (i.e. July programming will be determined by May 15, August by June 15.)

What are we allowed to do this summer as far as meeting are concerned?

Things after June TBD, and dates now could be changed. We should know by May 15 what June restrictions will be. In the mean time, things can be done via Zoom, Google Meet, etc.

Is the fair going to take place?

This decision is up to the individual fair board.

If the county fairs go on as scheduled, how will the judging be handled?

Up to each fair board.

If our fairs are a go is it safe for our kids?

Barron County is in weekly communication with the county health department and decisions will be made taking the health/safety of individuals/families into consideration.

What are the options being discussed if there is not a county fair?

It really is up to the fair boards in each county. Fair boards are regularly meeting as individual boards, and across the state and exploring options they could offer. As Educators we are supporting them as decisions are being made.

Still have Questions?

Contact Sara
715-537-6253

or

sara.waldron@wisc.edu

Project information

*Please remember things are always changing.
We will communicate updates as we have them, but double check before you make plans.*

Dog Project Updates

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

Horse Project Updates

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

Archery

The fair shoots will be rescheduled when possible.

Spring Shooting Sports

Tentative start date of June 3

Watch for more information.

4-H TEAM SOFTBALL ROSTER

Still Accepting Sign-up | Status of season is unknown

CHECK WITH YOUR

4-H CLUB LEADER

FOR SIGN-UP INFORMATION!



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.

Be in the Know.

Visit the Barron County Website
barron.extension.wisc.edu

Follow the Barron County 4-H Facebook Page
[@barroncounty4H](https://www.facebook.com/barroncounty4H)

Read your emails from 4-H Online

Ask Questions



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**

All Links can be found on:

<https://barron.extension.wisc.edu/4hyd/projects/livestock/>

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_nm8pRj6QmT2e9ovatxPeZEWDPWvk/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.

Hog and Sheep Registrations

postmarked or due by May 11

please read requirements carefully.

Forms available on Extension Website (livestock)



ONLINE YOUTH SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION

**Friday, May 22nd @ 9:00 a.m. via Zoom
Open To All Youth Grades 3-13!
Classes will be as follows: 3-5, 6-8, 9-13**



**ENTRIES ARE \$5 FOR SINGLE ANIMAL OR \$8 FOR BOTH
RABBIT AND POULTRY COMPETITION
REGISTER ONLINE AND SEND CHECK PAYMENT BY MAY 15**

Compete for excellent prizes! Winners will receive gear to help them with their showing. Possible prizes include carriers, embroidered aprons, etc. Prizes will be awarded to category and overall winners after a showmanship teaching session.



RABBIT/POULTRY OPPORTUNITY

The Vernon County rabbit and poultry project is hosting an online showmanship competition for all youth, as both a fundraiser and an educational opportunity. Interested youth can enter the competition by clicking the Google Form link. It also contains information about how the competition will be held and scheduled.

There will be an awards ceremony at the the end of the competition, where our judges will be doing some live education and giving advice for showing in the future. If you have families that cannot financially do the showmanship competition, they can still request the link for the educational piece at the end by sending me an email.

LINK: <https://forms.gle/KSuYJXaWHMFKQJLu8>

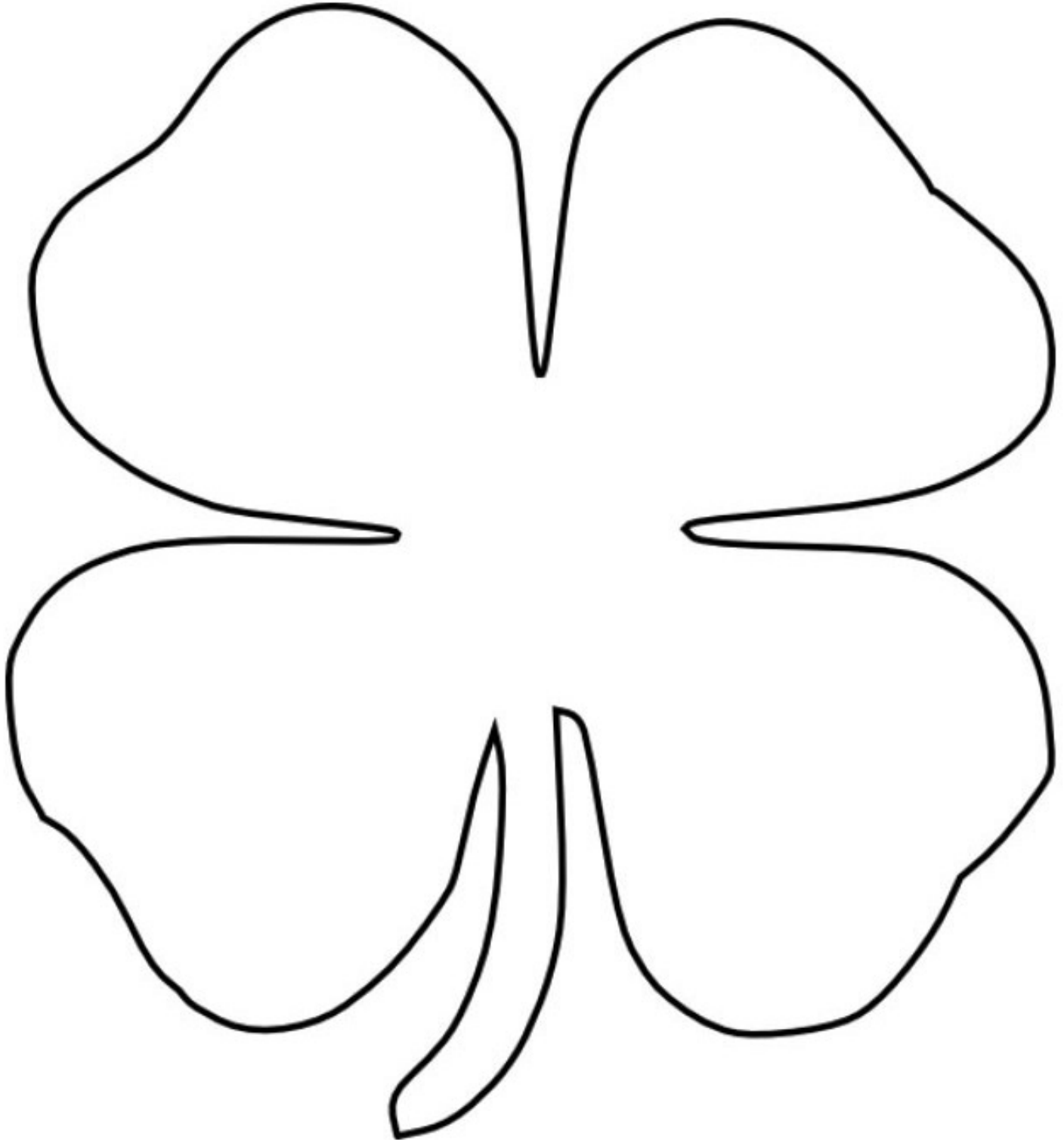
Virtual Tours
Check out the virtual farm tours
(live or recorded)

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/2020/04/15/virtualfarmtours/>

4-H STEAM TEAM

Design a 4-leaf clover that shows 4 things (or more) that bring you joy. (use this clover, or make your own).

Take a picture and send it to sara.waldron@wisc.edu. We will share our joy with others! Include your name and age with your photo!



Barron County 4-H Clubs & Contacts

1)	Country Siders	Kaylee Lemler	715-658-1066
2)	Friendly Farmers	Erin Owens Elizabeth Smith	715-790-9230 715-205-4529
3)	Kids From Cameron	Barb Lancaster	715-658-1988
4)	Prairie Hustlers	Kirsten Huth Saundra Linton	715-764-2097 715-924-4870
5)	Prairie Lake Eagles	Joyce Nelson	715-458-1944
6)	Sioux Creek Go Getters	Dawn Knutson Carolyn Blumer	715-642-1639 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 Heather Colburn Michelle Stouffer	715-419-0629 715-357-6404 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 David Frandsen	715-790-3683 715-790-0067
17)	Peppy Pals	Michelle Klefstad	715-556-9868
18)	Prairie Farm Pals	Tammy Rassbach Becky Segebrecht	715-418-0193 715-505-1413
19)	Brill Harvesters	Bill Holt Jennifer Lindemans	715-651-9846 715-205-9676
20)	Doyle Juniors	Amanda Alton	715-651-2834
21)	Rock Creek	Kori Richter Kara Tarpenning	715-590-2495 715-931-0721
22)	Northern Lights Lights	Karen Germanson Jamie Kunesh	715-236-9123 715-790-0938
23)	Pepperettes & Beavers	Katrina Brunclik Sarah Hamner	715-205-7393 715-651-4144

Save the Date Spring Leaders Meeting

It's time to get your fair information
and sign-up for food stand shifts!
LOOK FOR THEM IN THE MAIL!

HAPPENING VIA MAIL/E-MAIL

**Note the regular Adult Leaders Association meeting
will be held via Zoom on MAY 19

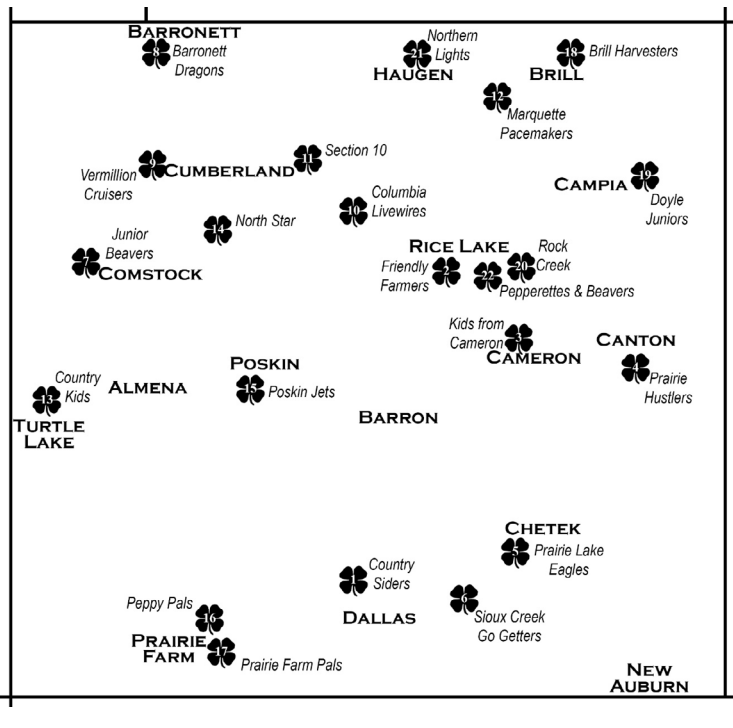
One Club Leader will be receiving a packet in the mail
full of fair information and club dues. Please read
through it carefully and return any required information.

Volunteer/Leader Training

Make sure you've completed your
VIP Training and Mandated Reporter Training.

Online VIP Available

Contact Sara for details.
sara.waldron@wisc.edu





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