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THE BARRON COUNTY BEACON

Barron County 4-H Newsletter



Find and share your Sparks in 4-H!

We're already one month into the 4-H year and exciting things are happening. 4-H Clubs have started meeting and have participated in some fun activities. Project Leaders have started meeting to get thing started. Project Discovery Days are starting up again in November! Many 4-Hers have been participating in virtual sessions. The Junior Leaders enjoyed a bonfire, games, and fun giveaways. Hopefully you're finding some new sparks as you start the 4-H year, whether you're trying something new or working to get better at something you already love.

We'd love to share pictures of you and your work or to celebrate your 4-H accomplishments with you. Feel free to email them to me at sara.waldron@wisc.edu. Speaking of things to celebrate, we have Barron County 4-H volunteers and pioneers getting inducted into the Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame this year! Congratulations to Lois Anderson and Brian and Kathy (in memoriam of Kathy) Holten. Read more about their 4-H contributions on pages 10-11.

Would you like to nominate someone special for a 4-H Award? We are currently accepting nominations for leadership awards, Friend of 4-H, Volunteer Recognition. Nominations are due November 1 and information can be found on page 3.

Hope the start to your 4-H year has been great, feel free to contact me if you have questions or want to share news or ideas!

Sara Waldron

Sara Waldron
4-H Program Educator



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Have you enrolled for the 2021-2022 year?
wi.4honline.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For an up-to-date list of events, please visit the Barron County Extension website: <http://barron.extension.wisc.edu>; for a listing of statewide events, please visit the State 4-H Website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/calendar/>

October

- 1 Special Awards Deadline
- 4-10 National 4-H Week
- 4 Sign Contest
- 4 Making Muffins (virtual) - pre-registration
- 7 K-4 Grade Light Your Way (virtual) - pre-regis.
- 12 Woodworking-Tinker Boxes (virtual) - Pre regis.
- 19 Adult Leaders Association Meeting
- 20 Paracord Keychain (virtual) - Pre-Registration
- 25 Dairy Committee Meeting
- 28 Calling All Animal Lovers (virtual) - Pre Regist.
- 29/30 Barronett Dragons Haunted Trail
- * *Club Meetings (varies by club)*
- * *Adult Leaders Association Meeting (TBD)*

November

- 7 Fall Forum
- 10 Registration deadline - Project Discovery
- 13 Project Discovery Days (Government Center)
- **There will not be a County Awards Banquet, each club is encouraged to host their own Awards Banquet.

**For full calendar and dates, please watch your email, check online and/or throughout the Newsletter



Barron County Beacon

The Barron County Beacon is the official newsletter of Barron County 4-H. It is published seven times a year, around the 3rd Friday in

September
November
January
March
May
June
August

Please submit newsletter items by the 15th of the months above. Submissions can be sent to sara.waldron@wisc.edu or kim.grover@wisc.edu.

4-H Email Blast

Email Blasts are sent out to all 4-H families in Barron County 2-3 times a month. If you have news to share, please send information to sara.waldron@wisc.edu or kim.grover@wisc.edu by the Tuesday of the week.

Website/Social Media

For current information, be sure to check out **website:** <http://barron.extension.wisc.edu>

Facebook: @barroncounty4h

Instagram: @barroncounty4h

Virtual Meetings

ZOOM 4-H ACCOUNTS AVAILABLE for your Club meetings or project offerings!! : The Barron County 4-H Leaders Association can help you host your virtual meeting. These accounts can be used for Club virtual meetings, county-wide project meetings, or county committee meetings. Please contact Sara at sara.waldron@wisc.edu for information.

Have questions?

Contact your Club Leader: They are a great resource!

or

Contact Sara Waldron, 4-H Educator
715-537-6253 or
sara.waldron@wisc.edu

AWARD NOMINATIONS

We are looking for nominations for Awesome people in Barron County 4-H!

Leadership Award (8th grade and older) - this is different than the youth leader award on the record book form.

Leadership Award (7th Grade and younger) this is different than the youth leader award on the record book form.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation-Community Servant Award: Awarded to an individual 4-H member or 4-H group who has provided ongoing and significant service to their community.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation-Friend of 4-H Award: Awarded to individuals, groups or organizations who have provided ongoing and significant service to or support of the 4-H program.

10 year or more Wisconsin 4-H Foundation-Volunteer Recognition Awards: recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an

opportunity and a privilege. Each county gives its own Lifetime Volunteer of the Year and Volunteer of the year award

Less than 10 years: Wisconsin 4-H Foundation-Volunteer Recognition Awards: recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege. Each county gives its own Lifetime Volunteer of the Year and Volunteer of the year award

County Awards Nominations due November 1

If you would like to nominate an individual for any of the following awards, please do so using the link:
<https://bit.ly/bcaward4h>.

These should be submitted by November 1.

Barron County 4-H Youth and Adult Leadership Award Nominations - Due November 1

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations Erin Lancaster, Kids from Cameron 4-H Club for earning Best of Show on the dress she made and showed at the State Fashion Revue held virtually this summer!

HAUNTED TRAIL

Sponsored by the Barronett Dragons 4-H Club

Come If you dare, to the HAUNTED TRAIL, through the dark forest surrounded by murky swamps and the ghost ship.



One weekend Only!

Friday-October 29, 7-10pm

Saturday - Oct. 30, 7-10pm

Cost: Adults . . . \$8.00

10 & under \$6.00

5 miles N. of Cumberland on Hwy 63 or
2 miles S. of Barronett. Take 28th Ave. East

Hayrides from Mini Storage to Trail!
Chips, Bars, Pop & Hot Chocolate available.

For more information call 715-419-2494

Good Luck!



Justyne Frisley

Peppy Pals 4-H Club

**at North American
International Livestock
Exposition in Louisville, KY
Dairy Judging Event!**



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YOUTH FUN CAT SHOW

Dear Youth Cat Lover,

Thanks for your previous support of our Cat Shows. Enclosed is a copy of the Sheboygan County 4-H Cat Project Youth Cat Show entry form. We hope you, your family and/or friends will be able to attend. This show is open only to Youth 3rd grade thru 12th grade and has extra creative activities to participate in.

Thanks for your support,
Sheboygan County 4-H Cat Project

LEARN ABOUT HOUSEPLANTS!



Register: <http://bit.ly/bcplants22>
Deadline: November 19

BARRON COUNTY 4-H

Learn about Plants

Houseplant Project is a year-long project with monthly Zoom meetings and online support through a Facebook group. It is recommended for 3rd grade and up because of fine motor skills, sharp tools, and some abstract concepts. Youth who attend monthly meetings receive free houseplants to grow for the project! Please submit registration information for youth interested in the Houseplant Project.

QUESTIONS: Contact Anne Staff
anneliesestaff@gmail.com



for current
Events and Project Information
visit
barron.extension.wisc.edu



CALLING ALL KIDS!

YOUTH FUN CAT SHOW

November 13, 2021

Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church
N5990 Country Aire Rd
Plymouth, Wi 53073

For an entry form contact us at:
Facebook: [Sheboygan County 4H Cat Project](#)
Email: sheboygan4hcatproject@gmail.com





Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H Wisconsin 4-H Forestry

Website: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/whepwi4h/>
Email: nbyogerst@gmail.com



“TRACKS” – October 2021

Participation in wildlife & forestry activities are open to all Wisconsin 4-H club members. You can be enrolled in any 4-H project and participate in the activities.

Wildlife WHEP & Forestry 4-H Friends,

Did you know Wisconsin is home to a number of rare and uncommon mammals? In addition to a number of rare bats, Wisconsin is a heritage home to the snowshoe hare, the Canada lynx, northern flying squirrel, and American marten.

Here's more. Snowshoe hares are forest dwellers. Their coats are snow white in winter but turn brown when the snow melts. This color change takes about 10 weeks to complete. The Canada Lynx resembles a bobcat except they have solid black on the top and bottom of their tail. They have triangular ears with black tufts at the tips and are good climbers and swimmers. They are rare in Wisconsin and federally protected. The Northern flying squirrel uses its patagium (loose flap of skin between the front and hind legs) to glide between trees. They live 3-4 years and produce one litter per year between May and October. The American Marten is a member of the weasel family. They had to be reintroduced into Wisconsin after loss of habitat and over trapping significantly dwindled their numbers.

Source: [Wisconsin's Rare Mammals - Wisconsin DNR](#)

Looking for more outdoor inspiration and activities?

Check out this link for free resources! [Education and Learning | Wisconsin DNR](#)



Wildlife WHEP & Forestry Skill Level Workbooks

Check out the Wildlife & Forestry Skill Level Workbooks for your classes.

They are fun and fillable. (Approx. 10 pages each)

Request a copy of Skill Level 1 by email. Answers will be sent upon request.

Skill Level 2 (more advanced) is now available, too.



Wildlife WHEP & Forestry 4-H Art Contest – April 1st & 2nd, 2022. It's time to start taking pictures and getting ideas for the upcoming contest.

Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H & Wisconsin 4-H Forestry committee members and youth leaders can do age specific hands-on activities in your county. We'll train your youth and adult leaders at the same time. Parents, youth, and adult leaders are encouraged to participate to find out how easy it is to lead these hands-on activities. Contact us anytime and reserve your program dates.

“Backyard & Back 40” Wildlife & Forestry Activities – We have topic suggestions for you. Just let us know and we'll email you: Wildlife/Forestry Activities - Anytime or Anywhere, along Wildlife WHEP Class Topics and Forestry Class Topics. There are topics for every interest and age group in the listings and we have more topics if needed. Need more ideas? Try these. 1.) Purple Loosetrife Beetle Growing Program, 2.) Building Bat Houses, 3.) Improving Habitat for Pollinators, 4.) Building Butterfly/Rain Gardens & Project Milkweed, 5.) Improving Habitat for Migrating Land Birds, 6.) Improving Upland Bird Habitats, 7.) Water & Riparian Areas Improvements, 8.) Forestry Fundamentals & Management Practices, 9.) Trees for Wildlife, Recreation, & A Renewable Resource, 10.) Understanding Distance, Directions, & Lay of the Land. 11.) And more.

Kerri, “TRACKS” Editor

Special Thanks are extended to the following for making the “Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H” & “Wisconsin 4-H Forestry” programs possible: Northern Kettle Moraine Chapter of Whitetails Unlimited, Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H & Forestry – Washington County; Safari Club International (SCI) Wisconsin Chapter; Wisconsin Chapter of National Wild Turkey Federation; Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H & Wisconsin 4-H Forestry Friends; Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H & Wisconsin 4-H Forestry State Committee Members. Advisor: Carlea Liermann



Project Discovery Days – NOVEMBER 13, 2021

Barron County Government Center, 9-12:00 am

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, November 10th, 2021

Marilyn Amundson—Fun Fall Theme Iris Folding Cards

Learn an easy paper/ribbon craft, this consists of placing small stripes of ribbon or paper on pre-cut pattern which when finished will create the illusion of looking thru an old-fashioned camera lens.

COST: \$3.00
GRADES: 3rd grade through Adults
CLASS LIMIT: 8 kids
BRING: Scotch tape and a sharp paper scissors



Jerry and Melanie Donath – Wooden Christmas Tree

We will be making a Wooden Christmas Tree for you table this year.

COST: \$10.00
GRADES: K through Adults
CLASS LIMIT: None
BRING: a hammer and a Phillips screw driver



Joyce Ann Nelson – Decorated Fall Wreath

We will be decorating a Styrofoam wreath-using cut out leaf shapes from book pages . . . we will add a fall bow and other decorations if you like.

COST: \$6.00
GRADES: 3rd grade thru adults
CLASS LIMIT: 6 kids
BRING: sharp paper cutting scissors



Sara Waldron – Cloverbud Junk Box Creations

Come and have some fun using your creativity to make junk into something great. While we're at it, we will play some games and have a great time!

COST: \$3.00
GRADES: K through 2
CLASS LIMIT: none



Harriet Taplin – Crochet for Beginners

Come and learn the basics of Crochet.

COST: \$5.00
GRADES: 3rd Grade through Adult
CLASS LIMIT: 6
BRING: all supplies and patterns included...bring a sharp scissors



Dear Club leaders---Please remind your children that when we have these Project Discovery Days, about 98% of the time they will finish a project that can be entered in the fair...this is in just ONE three-hour class!

NOVEMBER 13, 2021

4-H PROJECT DISCOVERY DAY CLASS REGISTRATION

Due: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021

Mail to: Barron County 4-H Educator, Extension-Barron County, 335 E. Monroe Ave., Room 2206, Barron, WI 54812.

Make check payable to: Barron County 4-H.

Name: _____

Grade/Adult: _____

Phone: _____

Club: _____

Address: _____

I would like to register for the _____ class.

Amount: \$ _____

If you have any questions, please call Joyce Ann Nelson at
715-458-1944.

Cancellations will be made with WJMC Rice Lake if there is
bad weather and the event needs to be cancelled.

Or Register Online: wi.4honline.com
(look under events) - Registration is not considered complete until payment is received.



Reflect and Record

The end of summer is a great opportunity to stop and reflect on the past 4-H year. Many 4-H members reflect on their successes, their challenges, and their experiences through a 4-H record book. Record books are presented in a variety of ways, sometimes through journals, videos, or slideshow presentations. All of these formats allow 4-H members to reflect on their project goals and determine how much progress was made over the past year.

Keeping record books throughout a 4-H career will help youth end up with a summary of all that they've done through their time in 4-H. This summary can be helpful when filling out job and college applications. Record books may also be helpful when applying for county scholarships or awards.



Credit: Alyssa Zirbel

Developing Life Skills

Keeping records of work during a 4-H career helps to grow important life skills.

- » **Self-reflection** on experiences and accomplishments
- » **Goal setting** for the future
- » **Planning and organizing** a successful project or experience
- » **Critical thinking** when challenges arise or things don't go quite as planned
- » **Budgeting** time to meet deadlines and budgeting money to cover the cost of supplies

Adults can create space for youth reflection.

- » Help your youth consider what their goals were for the past year and determine if they met their own expectations.
- » Begin to consider goals for next year. Ask questions like, "If you were going to do things again, how would you do them differently?"
- » Reflect regularly with your youth about their experiences at meetings and events.
- » Take a lot of pictures. Photos and videos are great ways to record participation in activities while also recording achievements.
- » Set aside a few minutes every month for 4-H youth to fill out records.

Clubs and counties may offer awards for keeping high quality records. Check with your local club leader or county educator to learn more.





Track Your Progress

4-H members like you do awesome things every year. Keeping track of what you do in 4-H can help you to talk about your accomplishments with others. Many members keep track of what they did with a 4-H record book. Record books can be really helpful when you apply for college, jobs, or scholarships! If you are unsure of what record keeping your county does, ask your 4-H educator or a club advisor. A sample might be posted on your county webpage.

What should I record?

There's a lot that you can do in 4-H, so keeping track of everything might seem like a lot of work. If you answer "Yes" to any of these questions, you should include it in your record.

- » Did you learn something?
- » Did you complete a project?
- » Did you accomplish a goal that you set for yourself?
- » Did you receive an award or a scholarship?
- » Did you travel somewhere with 4-H?
- » Did you spend or receive money for your project?
- » Did you make a presentation or give a speech?
- » Did you participate in a club activity?
- » Did you serve in a leadership role?



Completing a craft project or helping out with a club community service project are great things to include in your records!

How do I record it?

Once you've got something to record, you have a lot of ways to keep track of it. Use whatever works best for you and the situation! You might use a mix of all of these things!

- » Write your record on a piece of paper, and keep all the paper in a folder.
- » Write all your records in a notebook.
- » Create a 4-H career scrapbook.
- » Set aside a box for ribbons, photos, and all your records.
- » Take a video of yourself where you talk about what you did.
- » Type your records in an online document.

**If you store your records online, have an adult help you keep your information safe!
It's always good to store an extra copy of your digital records somewhere.**



Club officers should record their time spent learning to lead.

Records should **always** answer these questions:

1. What did you do?
2. When did you do it?
3. What did you learn along the way?
4. What important details do you want to remember?

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Exploring 4-H for New Families is developed by Heidi Vanderloop Benson, Chippewa County 4-H Program Educator and Ben Hoppe, Brown County 4-H Program Educator, UW-Madison Division of Extension.

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WI 4-H HALL OF FAME

WISCONSIN 4-H INDUCTS TWELVE INTO HALL OF FAME

MADISON — Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development is excited to announce the 2021 Hall of Fame Laureates including twelve volunteers, supporters, and staff who have impacted Wisconsin 4-H. Plans for an induction ceremony for the 2021 and 2020 laureates are in progress and will be shared with the 4-H community soon.

“This year’s laureates have each accomplished so much and I feel sincere gratitude for their contributions to 4-H youth and many years of leadership in both volunteer and staff roles,” says Matt Calvert, Wisconsin 4-H Program Leader and Director of the Institute for Positive Youth Development, University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension. “They have provided the sparks that ignited new interests, and supported the positive development of countless youth and volunteers. Please join me in celebrating each laureate’s generosity and passion for 4-H and their many contributions to their communities.”

The Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame was established to recognize 4-H volunteers, financial supporters, staff and pioneers who made major contributions to the 4-H movement at the local, state and national levels. The candidates represent 4-H in the broadest sense – people who had an impact on the lives of children, their community or state through significant contributions of time, energy or financial resources to 4-H and its members.

2021 HALL OF FAME LAUREATES

Lois Anderson, Barron County 4-H Volunteer and Pioneer
Barbara Barker, Retired Waushara County 4-H Youth Development Agent

Carl and Shirley Daniels, Kenosha County 4-H Volunteers,
In Memoriam of Shirley Daniels

Orabelle Fisher, Manitowoc County 4-H Pioneer, In Memoriam

Brian and Kathy Holten, Barron County 4-H Volunteers;
Barron County Extension 4-H Secretary, In Memoriam of
Kathy Holten

Helen O’Brien, UW Extension Drama Specialist – Pioneer,
In Memoriam

Nadine Pfothenauer, Dane County 4-H Volunteer

Robert and Mari Schmidt, Ozaukee County 4-H Volunteers

Sheila Vander Zanden, Outagamie County 4-H Volunteer

Lois Anderson, Barron County 4-H Volunteer and Pioneer



Lois

Anderson, a pioneer in the dog project provided leadership in Barron County and throughout WI. Lois volunteered as a 4-H Dog project leader in 1966, one year after the project started in WI. She filled that role for 50 years impacting the lives of over 2500 Barron County youth. Her efforts became a

model for other counties as she helped to establish dog programs in six western Wisconsin counties.

Lois’s training included beginning to advanced level. As the project progressed, Lois expanded educational experiences to Drill Teams, Dog Agility, and Dog-related career programs. She encouraged project members to publicly share their obedient dogs in local parades and events. These included demonstrations at Farm Tech Days and a drill team at the 1987 Farm Progress Days. Lois partnered with advanced dog project members to create an 8mm film showing all levels of Obedience training to be used as a reference for other counties.

In 1970, the State 4-H Office requested Lois to help plan the first statewide Dog Project Training Workshop for Project Leaders. In 1972, Barron County hosted the first State 4-H Dog Show and Lois chaired the Host Committee.

Lois was a founding and active member of the Barron County Humane Society for many years. Lois currently resides in her rural Rice Lake home with wonderful memories of her accomplishments with the dog project, which she influenced greatly.

FOUR  **WARD**
together

**Brian and Kathy Holten
Barron County 4-H Volunteers; Barron
County Extension 4-H Secretary
In Memoriam of Kathy Holten**



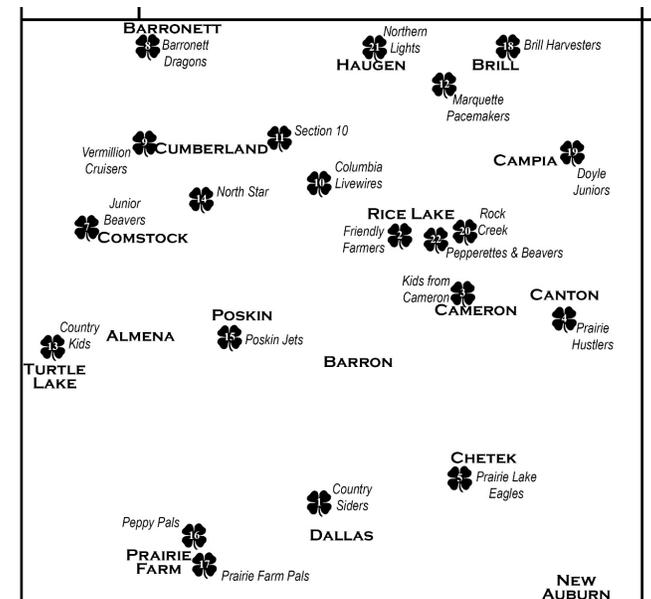
Kathy Holten, a lifelong 4-Her and Brian Holten, “green” by marriage, are the epitome of 4-H. As a youth, Kathy was in the Peppy Pals 4-H Club. Brian and Kathy, high school sweethearts, married in 1978, the same year Kathy started working as the Barron County Extension 4-H Secretary. When their son started 4-H in the Country Siders 4-H Club, Kathy became the Cloverbud leader and Brian helped coach the club’s softball team.

Kathy made 4-H her life, professionally for 32 years as 4-H Secretary and personally as general leader for over 15 years, President of the Adult Leaders Association and multiple other committees. While Brian may have married into 4-H, his love of 4-H continues, even after Kathy’s untimely death in 2012. With grandkids in 4-H, he is currently finishing up his most recent term as the Leaders Association President and still runs the 4-H softball program! Brian and Kathy, along with their four sons, were voted Barron County 4-H Family of the Year in 2000.

Brian and Kathy’s contributions to the 4-H program are about relationships and opportunity. While Brian continues to give back, Kathy’s legacy lives on through the Kathy Holten Memorial Scholarship providing financial support to youth who love 4-H as she did.

Barron County 4-H Clubs & Contacts

1)	Country Siders	Angie Harmon Alicia Wirth	715-296-3552 715-949-1088
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 Shawna Skoug Christine Conoboy	715-458-1944 715-790-1460 715-642-4055
6)	Vacant		
7)	Junior Beavers	Melissa Weaver Greg Weaver	715-419-0500
8)	Barronett Dragons	Peg Thompson	715-822-8872
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 Pacemakers	Cathy Solum Janice Solum	715-234-6874 715-651-7698
13)	Country Kids	Lynn Kettenacker	715-986-2505
14)	North Star	Diana Bazewicz	715-641-0926
15)	Poskin Jets	David Frandsen Kristi Hoff	715-790-0067 715-205-3166
16)	Peppy Pals	Katrina Chovan Tori White	715-455-1104 715-418-0054
17)	Prairie Farm Pals	Becky Segebrecht	715-505-1413
18)	Brill Harvesters	Kellee Scott	715-651-9975
19)	Doyle Juniors	Cindy Broker Arlaina Meyer Amanda Alton	715-234-2044 715-554-4031 715-651-2834
20)	Rock Creek	Kori Richter	715-590-2495
21)	Northern Lights Lights	Karen Germanson Jamie Kunesh	715-236-9123 715-790-0938
22)	Pepperettes & Beavers	Wendie Brooten	715-475-8249





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