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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

# THE BARRON COUNTY BEACON

## Barron County 4-H Newsletter



### Check out all of the GREAT things happening!



Have you checked out the Barron County 4-H Calendar lately? It is FULL of great opportunities. Project Discovery Days had a great turnout in November and December and we are looking forward to February, March and April. Make sure you watch your email for registration information for February. It is coming out SOON! Summer Camp is on the schedule for June and Camp Counselor applications are out and due to be turned in by January 20. Archery is starting soon with a new project member orientation on January 12 and the season beginning on January 16. If you aren't signed up for Archery and want to be, there's still time! Make sure you put dates on your calendar for the Talent Expo (Performance Arts Festival on April 15 and the Foods/Clothing Revue on April 23! Barron County 4-H will also be hosting Area Animal Science Days on June 28 (and you're the first to know!). In addition to all of these great opportunities, clubs have been meeting and busy too! If you have any great pictures or stories to tell, we'd LOVE to see them.

As planning continues, a great way to be involved in planning is to join a committee. The Leaders council will be meeting on January 17 at 7PM at the Barron County Government Center in room 110 to work on planning for the Food Stand, Record Books, and more. All are welcome!

I hope you're finding 4-H to be the experience that's just right for you. The great part about 4-H is that you can be as involved as much or as little as you want to be. There's no pressure to do it all! As always, if you have questions, comments or concerns, please reach out to me at 715-537-6253 or [sara.waldron@wisc.edu](mailto:sara.waldron@wisc.edu).

*Sara Waldron*

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Barron County  
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## ATTENTION!

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### NOTICE

#### Important Notice from the Barron County Fair Board.

Any 2022 Fair premium checks that have not been cashed are no longer valid. If you have any questions please contact Kevin Roske: 715-761-5160

## 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/>

### January

- 12 Archery Information Session
- 13 Talent Expo Registration Opens
- 16 Archery Begins\* (most Mondays/Thursdays after)
- 17 Adult Leaders Council Meeting
- 18 Winter Livestock Meeting
- 20 Camp Counselor Applications Due
- 21 **Cat Project Meeting**
- 22 Horse Project Meeting
- 26 Dog Project Meeting

### February

- 4 Meats Judging Contest
- 11 February Project Discovery Days
- 16 Dog Project Meeting
- 21 Adult Leaders Council Meeting
- 26 Horse Project Meeting

### Save the Date:

- Performance Arts Festival (Talent Expo) April 15
- Foods/Clothing Revue - April 23
- Summer Camp - June 14-16



# PROJECT DISCOVERY DAYS

Join us for fun crafts and project discovery opportunities!!



November 12th  
December 3rd  
February 11th  
March 11th  
April 1st

## BARRON COUNTY 4-H APPA WI 4-H State Horse Association REL

### Looking for Barron County 4-H Apparel?

We have youth and adult t-shirts, long sleeved t-shirts and hooded sweatshirts left from last years apparel order. T-shirts are \$15, Long Sleeved T's are \$20, Sweatshirts are \$35. All proceeds go to the Barron County 4-H Leaders Association. Please contact the office at 715-537-6250 or email Elora at [elora.repman@wisc.edu](mailto:elora.repman@wisc.edu) with the sizes you are looking for and we will check our inventory!



### 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](mailto:sara.waldron@wisc.edu)

### 4-H Email Blast

Email Blasts are sent out to all 4-H families in Barron County throughout the month. If you have news to share, please send information to [sara.waldron@wisc.edu](mailto:sara.waldron@wisc.edu) or [kim.grover@wisc.edu](mailto:kim.grover@wisc.edu) by the Tuesday of the week.

## 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

☘ October ☘ December ☘ January/February ☘ March  
☘ May ☘ June ☘ August

Please submit newsletter items by the 15th of the months above. Submissions can be sent to [4h@co.barron.wi.us](mailto:4h@co.barron.wi.us)



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## Happy New Year Members and Volunteers!



Sara and I are very excited to see what the new year is going to bring to the 4-H. A big part of my job is a focus on communications. 4-H is a great place to make new friendships, learn new skills, and it can be a great place to open new doors for the future. So, it is very important to have good communication, not only within each club, but each project as well. You ever know where an opportunity, leader, or volunteer can lead you. In addition, good communication helps build good leaders and to establish a good understanding for all those involved.

With this in mind, the 4-H office will be making new communication efforts in the coming year. You may find that some projects have introduced a website where you can find current information regarding your project. All current links can be found bellow. In addition, the Barron County website: <https://barron.extension.wisc.edu/>, is always being

updated with everything you need to know about your club, project, and other 4-H opportunities. Through out the year there will be 6 newsletters and an Email blast every other week so you are always up to date on all current event as well as updates on Facebook: @barroncounty4h and our newly rebooted Instagram: @barroncounty4h.

If you ever have any questions or have 4-H information you wish to share (or can't find), please don't hesitate to contact be at [elora.repman@wisc.edu](mailto:elora.repman@wisc.edu)

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Barron County 4-H Program and Communications Asst.

## 4-H OPPORTUNITIES

### This is WI 4-H!

As a 4-H member, you have many opportunities to find your “spark” through experiences at the club, county, state, and national level. Sometimes, there are so many choices it can be difficult to learn about them all or reach out and try something new. That's where this brand new “4-H Opportunities” booklet comes in! Visit <https://go.wisc.edu/i73z3b> to learn more about opportunities in Wisconsin 4-H!

#### Youth Leadership

State Arts Teams, Wisconsin

Leadership Council, 4-H Fall Forum

Youth as Partners in Civic Focus

#### Opportunities to Explore

Summer Camps, Shooting Sports

Agriculture and Animal Sciences, Dog Project,

Horse Project, Virtual 4-H Project Opportunities



## 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](mailto:sara.waldron@wisc.edu) for information.

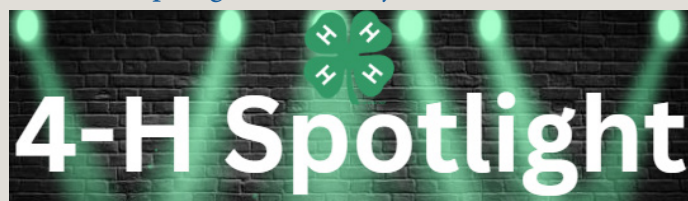
## Project Website Links

Dog project: <https://go.wisc.edu/m96f40>

House Plant Project: <https://go.wisc.edu/d621p6>

Horse Project: <https://go.wisc.edu/3z90h8>

Livestock: <https://go.wisc.edu/4j0z67>



Please submit spotlights here:

Send us pictures: <https://bit.ly/bc4hpic>

Submit a Spotlight: <https://bit.ly/spotlightbc4h>

OR email [sara.waldron@wisc.edu](mailto:sara.waldron@wisc.edu)





### Registration for the 2023 Talent Expo Opens January 13

Do you have a special talent you would like to share? Join us on April 15 in Turtle Lake for the 2023 Talent Expo. Entries include instrumental, piano, or vocal performances, demonstration speeches, interpretive reading, original speech, plays, group musical performances, and NEW this year, digital media entry! Gather your friends, club members, or go for a solo and create something great to showcase your talents.

Registration will be completed through 4-H Online (under events), but paper forms are available by request. All large group performances will need to fill out a paper form. See full event descriptions and large group registration forms in this month's newsletter. All registrations are due by March 15th

For more information and the list of events visit <https://go.wisc.edu/5j21n6>, or scan the QR code.

### Speaking/Interpretive Reading Entry

*Open to youth grades K and up, except 4-H Pledge (K-4) and FFA Creed (6-9)*

**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. TIMES: Grades K-2: 1-2 minutes; Grades 3-5: 2-3 minutes; Grades 6-8: 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 group. 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 K-2: 1-2 minutes; Grades 3-5: 2-3 minutes; Grades 6-8: 3-4 minutes; Grades 9-13: 4-6 minutes. *\*For groups, age is determined by oldest member*



## Barron- Polk County Talent Expo 2023 Continued

### Demonstration Entry

*Open to youth grades Kindergarten and up, Individual or Team, one 8-foot table is provided.*

**Formal Demonstration** – 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. Select a topic of interest to you. Props and visual aids are encouraged. **TIMES:** Grades K-2: 2-4 minute demonstration; Grades 3-5: 4-7 minute demonstration; Grades 6-8: 5-8 minute demonstration; Grades 9-13: 8-10 minute demonstration.

**Action Demonstration** – 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. Select a topic of interest to you. 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 15 minutes.

### Musical Performance Entry -Vocal, Dance, Instrumental

*open to youth grades Kindergarten-13, solo or groups of 4 or less) 4-H members may enter in more than one category. Each participant should bring a copy of their music for the judge.*

*A piano is not available in the instrumental room.*

**Vocal**- Performances should emphasize vocal qualities and delivery. **TIMES:** No longer than 5 minutes.

**Dance**-Performances should be original and show interpretation of the musical selection.

**Instrumental**-Includes all instruments other than Piano. Please note: *a piano is NOT available in the instrumental room for accompaniment.*

**Piano**-Performance should show proper interpretation of the musical selection through the use of dynamics, expression, and precision.

### Group Musical Performance

*Performances may include vocals, instrumentals, and/or dance. Pantomiming or lip synching to recordings is not permitted.*

- Performances must include five or more performers.
- All props will be the responsibility of the performers/directors.
- All performers and directors must be currently enrolled as Barron, Pierce, Polk, or St. Croix County 4-H members/volunteers.
- No hay bales, straw bales, candles, real fires, liquids, or weapons of any kind (real or fake) will be used in performances.
- Performances should be no longer than 15 minutes in length, including set-up and take-down.
- Accompanists or directors will not be allowed to sing along with their group's presentation.
- Groups should give a brief introduction to the musical performance to set the stage.

## Barron- Polk County Talent Expo 2023 Continued

### Drama Entry

- All props will be the responsibility of the performers/directors.
- All actors and directors must be currently enrolled Barron, Pierce, Polk, or St. Croix County 4-H members/volunteers.
- No hay bales, straw bales, candles, real fires, liquids, or weapons of any kind (real or fake) will be used in performances.
- Performances must include two or more actors.

On Stage Drama—Performance length can be up to 30 minutes, including set-up and take-down time.

Mini-Drama or Skit—Mini-dramas and skits can be performed at or in any place (setting) without a stage and might include puppetry, creative dramatics, etc.

Mini-dramas may use props and costumes. Skits use minimal or no props and costumes. Performance length can be up to 15 minutes, including set-up and take-down time.

### Digital Media Entry -New in 2023!

*Open to youth grades 3 and up, Individual or Team*

Digital Video Creation – A creative or informational work on any topic in digital video format. Can include action, still images, music, voice, etc. Be prepared to answer questions about your editing and planning. TIMES: Grades 3-5: 2-4 minute video; Grades 6-8: 3-5 minute video; Grades 9-13: 4-7 minute video.

Score Sheets can be found here: <https://go.wisc.edu/4rqbrq>

## Interested in Archery?

We have everything you need (bows, arrows, etc) or you can bring your own!

# Barron County 4-H ARCHERY

Rice Lake Seventh Day Adventist Church Gym (1779 20 1/2 Street, Rice Lake)



**Mondays and Thursdays**  
**January 16-March 30**



Session 1  
4:00-5:30

Session 2  
5:30-7:00

Session 3  
7:00-8:30

*\*times are recommended, if they don't  
work for you come when you can.*

**Project Fee \$15/individual - \$25/family**



## New to 4-H Archery?

**Join us Thursday, January 12 at 7PM**

Barron County Government Center | 335 E Monroe Ave Room 110 | Barron WI 54812

**Learn About 4-H Archery Rules, figure out your  
equipment, and anything else you need to know.**

More information: <https://barron.extension.wisc.edu/4h/projects/shooting-sports/>  
Questions? Contact Jody 715-418-5912

## Archery Will Be Starting Soon, Are You Ready?

Join us on Mondays and Thursdays from January 16-March 30 to practice and learn archery skills. Youth practice at Rice Lake Seventh Day Adventist Church (1779 20 1/2 Street, Rice Lake) with certified Archery volunteers. Youth will have the opportunity to participate in the Barron County indoor and outdoor Fair Shoots; there is also an opportunity to compete in the 2023 Wisconsin 4-H Competitive Shoots (visit <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/shooting-sports/competitive-shoots/> for information about these statewide opportunities)

For More information about Barron County 4-H Shooting Sports, visit here: <https://barron.extension.wisc.edu/4h/projects/shooting-sports/>

### 2023 Barron County 4-H Archery Project Information

#### TRAINING DATES, LOCATIONS, AND TIMES

**Location:** The Rice Lake Seventh Day Adventist Church (1779 20 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Street, Rice Lake) will serve as our training center. All sessions will be held at the Church Gym on MONDAY and THURSDAY nights.

#### Dates:

##### MONDAYS

JANUARY 16  
JANUARY 23  
JANUARY 30  
FEBRUARY 6  
FEBRUARY 13  
FEBRUARY 20  
FEBRUARY 27  
MARCH 6  
MARCH 13  
MARCH 20  
**MARCH 27 FAIR SHOOT**

##### THURSDAYS

JANUARY 19  
JANUARY 26  
FEBRUARY 2  
FEBRUARY 9  
FEBRUARY 16  
FEBRUARY 23  
MARCH 2  
MARCH 9  
MARCH 16  
MARCH 23  
**MARCH 30 - FAIR SHOOT**

**Times:** In an effort to allow for adequate spacing, we will be offering 3 different shooting sessions each night. If these times don't work, you can start and end anytime between 4:00 and 8:30.

##### Session 1

4:00-5:30

##### Session 2

5:30-7:00

##### Session 3

7:00-8:30PM

It is recommended that all project members participate in a minimum of five training sessions to be eligible for competing at fair shoots; beginner shooters must attend 5 practices. Fair shoots may be done prior to the listed Fair Shoot dates if needed. (Exceptions may be made for extenuating circumstances.)

#### FAIR SHOOTS

**Indoor Shoot** - Seventh Day Adventist Church      **Monday, March 27 or Thursday, March 30**

**Outdoor Shoot** - Brill Area Sportsmen's Club

**TBA**

#### **Project Fee \$15/individual or \$25/family**

Please bring to first session

**CANCELLATION:** IN THE EVENT OF BAD WEATHER OR ANY OTHER REASON NOTICE WILL BE BROADCAST OVER RADIO STATIONS, TEXT, EMAIL or SOCIAL MEDIA BY 4:00PM.

**For questions and concerns contact :**

JODY – 715-637-5281      STACI RAE - 715-419-2718



## EXPECTATIONS AND RANGE PROCEDURES

- Remember that we are guests at the training center. Please make sure:
    - The floor of the center is swept and restrooms and entry way are left clean.
    - Chairs, tables, and brooms are returned to their original location
    - **Do not throw targets away at the church** – take them home with you!
    - You express your appreciation for the use of the facility
  - Sign in upon arrival at the training center and help set-up.
  - Bows brought to the training center must be cased and remain cased until the range has been “set up” for shooting. Bow cases should be kept out of the way of doors, bathrooms, etc.
  - Everyone help clean-up.
  - Follow additional COVID-19 regulations and guidelines.
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## IMPORTANT NOTES

- Any time anyone calls **CEASE FIRE**, shooting must absolutely **STOP** immediately because something has become unsafe. Any time anyone sees something that may be unsafe that person must call **CEASE FIRE**!
  - Arrows must always point down range when nocking and drawing.
  - Never cross in front of the firing line for any reason until you hear the commands: “The line is closed - you may inspect your targets.” Never attempt to retrieve an arrow or equipment dropped in front of the line.
  - Goofing off will not be tolerated. First offense will get you one reminder; a repeat offence will result in loss of the privilege of shooting for the remainder of that session. A parent or guardian will need to accompany you to the next session.
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## BOW DRAW-WEIGHT LIMITATIONS

- The backstop material has a limited capacity to stop arrows shot from higher poundage bows. In order to limit damage to the facility, **no bow will exceed a draw-weight of 50 lbs.**
  - Bows with a draw-weight so great that the shooter must struggle with the draw or hold pose a danger to the shooter and to others and will *be adjusted*
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## USED EQUIPMENT

An area will be provided to display any archery equipment which you may want to sell or trade. Attach a note to an item offered indicating specifics, poundage, price, and contact information.

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## AGE GROUPS, SHOOTING DISTANCE, SHOOTING CATEGORIES

Participants must be enrolled in regular 4-H (3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older). The participant may select one of three shooting categories (may only compete in one category)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ages 15-19: <b>Senior</b> - 20 yards</li><li>• Ages 12-14: <b>Intermediate</b> - 15 yards</li><li>• Ages 10,11: <b>Juniors</b> - 10 yards</li><li>• Ages 8,9: <b>Beginners</b> - 10 yards</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Barebow</b>: No sights, mechanical release, or stabilizers.</li><li>• <b>Limited Freestyle</b>: A mechanical release <i>OR</i> non-optical sights and stabilizers may be used.</li><li>• <b>Unlimited Freestyle</b>: Any type of sights, mechanical releases, and stabilizers may be used.</li></ul>
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## RANGE COMMANDS

COMMAND: **“SHOOTERS TO THE LINE”**

Shooters will bring bows and arrows to the shooting line, positioning themselves in front of the target they have hung. If there is a high and low target hung, shooters shooting at high targets will be asked to approach the line first. **DO NOT NOCK AN ARROW UNTIL DIRECTED TO DO SO!**

QUESTION: **“IS THE FIRING LINE READY?”**

If you have a problem say NO! or NOT READY! and raise your hand. Your instructor will be watching from either in front of or behind the shooting line and will respond.

- 1st Repeat of Question: **“The Line is Ready?”** If you have a problem say NO! or NOT READY! And raise your hand.
- 2nd Repeat of Question: **“Ready on the right?”**
- 3rd Repeat of Question: **“Ready on the left?”**

If there is not a NO! or NOT READY! response and if your instructor sees no problem, your instructor will confirm the line is ready.

CONFIRMATION: **“READY ON THE FIRING LINE.”**

**(REMEMBER, DO NOT NOCK AN ARROW UNTIL DIRECTED TO DO SO!)**

COMMAND: **“NOCK AN ARROW AND COMMENCE FIRING”**

You may now nock, draw, and shoot your first arrow. You will then continue to shoot the remaining 4 arrows at your own command to complete the end of five arrows. When you have completed an end with the shooting of **five arrows**, retreat back from the firing line to allow others to begin shooting or to wait for others to finish.

QUESTION: **“IS ANY MORE TIME NEEDED?”** If yes, say YES!

COMMAND: **“CEASE FIRE - THE LINE IS CLOSED.”**

COMMAND: **“YOU MAY INSPECT YOUR TARGET AND RETRIEVE YOUR ARROWS.”**

WALK to within 3 steps of the targets and stop. If some targets are hung high and some targets are hung low, the shooters with the high-hung targets will pull their arrows first and return to the firing line. The shooters of the low-hung targets will then advance and pull their arrows. **Don't get poked in the eye by an arrow!**

Reminder: Any time anyone calls **“CEASE FIRE,”** shooting must absolutely **STOP** immediately because something has become unsafe. Any time anyone sees something that may be unsafe that person must call **CEASE FIRE!**

## CHECKLIST FOR PARTICIPANTS

### Before Coming:

- ☐ **Read through the archery project information and identify any questions you may have.**
  - Project instructors will discuss and answer questions concerning rules, procedures, commands, safety, techniques, equipment, etc. with participants and parents.
- ☐ **Review and become familiar with range safety commands**
- ☐ **If using your own equipment, inspect it for damage**
  - If you have any questions or concerns about your own equipment, speak to an instructor *before* shooting. Damaged equipment will not be allowed.

### What to Bring:

- ☐ **Parent or guardian**
  - We ask the parents or guardians accompany first year shooters.
  - Parents or guardians may stay with shooters during training sessions, but may be asked to stand back if they are interfering with the learning and practice of their youth or others.
- ☐ **Bows, arrows, releases, etc. that you plan to use**
  - If you have questions about your equipment, please ask an instructor.
  - Shooters may use compound or recurve bows. Most will use compound.
  - Cross bows may not be used at indoor training centers or the indoor or outdoor fair shoots. A separate outdoor cross bow event will be held for interested participants.
  - Each shooter should have 5-6 arrows fitted with **target or field tips** only.
  - Damaged or unsafe equipment will not be allowed. Inspect your equipment.
  - **Participants are not required to have their own equipment.** If you do not have your own equipment ask an instructor to help fit you with a county bow.
- ☐ **Project fee (\$15 per shooter or \$25 per family)**
- ☐ **Shooter Information Form including**
  - Emergency contact information
  - Any health information leaders need to know to help shooters be successful
  - Any accommodations shooters may need due to disability

### What to Expect the First Night:

- ☐ **Brief orientation time for new shooters with an instructor, individually or in small groups**
  - An instructor will go over rules, range commands, safety, and procedures with new shooters.
  - An instructor will demonstrate safe shooting stance and techniques with new shooters.
- ☐ **Shooting**
  - Depending on age and abilities, first year members may begin shooting the first night at a closer distance before moving to the distance they will be shooting for the fair shoot.
  - Continuing members will spend most of the time shooting and adjusting sights.
- ☐ **Fun!**



## Project Discovery Fun



## Attention Cat Project!



Got cute cat pics?

Cat Project needs your cat photos for their website.

Please send them to [bc4hcat@gmail.com](mailto:bc4hcat@gmail.com)

## Hello 4-H Cat Project Members!

We have some GREAT things planned for the cat project members this year! We will start with a Cat Project member meeting on Saturday, January 21 at 9AM in room 110 at the Barron County Government Center (335 E. Monroe Ave, Barron WI 54812).

Cat Project Meeting  
**Saturday, January 21 at 9AM**  
 Barron County Government Center Room 110

Topics:  
 All about the 4-H Cat Project  
 Kennel and harness training  
 T-shirt design (bring your ideas)  
 A great way to learn more (new members, old members, interested members)

## Dog Project Dates

**Barron County Dog Project**

Meetings:  
 January 26th  
 February 16th  
 March 30th  
 April 4, 11, 18

More information to come



## Local Tack Sale

### Synergy Cooperative First Annual Tack Sale



Saturday February 25, 2023

9am-1:30pm (Set up at 7am)

Almena Feed & Seeds Store

651 Garfield St. S

Almena, WI 54805-7031

- U \$10 per space – Bring your own table
- U \$15 per space – If you need a table
- U Each table space will be approx. 10x10
- U Limited space available
- U To reserve a space, please fill out an exhibitor application. Ask Jen for a copy!
- U Must be reserved by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023



## HORSE PROJECT DATES/INFO

### Horse Project Dates and Information

Congratulations to our new youth board: President Lachelle Dahlstrom, Vice President Charlotte Odden, Treasurer Baleigh Stouffer, Secretary Victoria Skoug; Adult Advisory Committee: Sheila Kisling, Rebecca Odden, Michelle Stouffer, Ken Wells

Upcoming 4H horse project meetings (Room 110 at Barron County Government Center, 335 E Monroe Ave Barron WI 54812)

\*1/22/23 4pm Agenda for this meeting will include

-Drill Team

-By-Law change voting (bylaws can be found at [barron.extension.wisc.edu](http://barron.extension.wisc.edu))

A. "Youth Reps" to be "Approved Youth Representatives as needed" instead of said number

B. Adult Advisory committee to be "As many as willing to Serve"

C. Add Statement regarding grades for Youth, that if no upper grades willing to serve, younger grades can be voted/appointed

\*2/26/23 4pm

\*3/26/23 4pm

Please make sure you are receiving horse project related emails, if you are not, check your junk mail, or contact the Extension office to make sure you are on the list.

## 2023 LIVESTOCK DATES



### 2022-2023 LIVESTOCK DATES

WINTER LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MEETING - JANUARY 18 AT 7PM AT BARRON HIGH SCHOOL IMC

SPRING LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MEETING - MAY 3 @ 7PM AT BARRON HIGH SCHOOL IMC

YQCA MEETING-MARCH 7 AT 6:30 PM AT BARRON HIGH SCHOOL COMMONS (REQUIRED FOR ALL LIVESTOCK PARTICIPANTS)

YQCA MAKE-UP MEETING MARCH 23RD AT 6:30 AT BARRON HIGH SCHOOL COMMONS

LIVESTOCK KICK-OFF MEETING JUNE 21 AT 7PM AT BARRON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS \* REQUIRED FOR ALL LIVESTOCK PARTICIPANTS

CARCASS AWARDS JULY 27 AT 7PM BARRON HIGH SCHOOL COMMONS

### Weigh-In/Registration Dates:

BEEF- Saturday, December 10, 2022— 9 am-11 am- Equity Sales Barn, Barron

LAMBS- Monday- April 24, 2023- BC Fairgrounds, 5 pm- 8 pm

HOGS- Registration\* due ONLINE- Monday 4/24/23- 11:59 pm

\*tags distributed at YQCA meetings in March.

### Winter Livestock Committee Meeting January 18 at 7PM

## Livestock Opportunities around the State

### State Level Livestock

Meat Science Animal Biologics Discovery Building Tours  
UW Madison Campus



**2023**  
**Jan. 28**  
**Feb. 25**  
**April 29**



<https://www.youthanimalsciences.wisc.edu/>

Contact Bernie O'Rourke, [borourke2@wisc.edu](mailto:borourke2@wisc.edu) for more information.

For youth groups and  
chaperoning adults.

## Carcass Judges Training

**Feb. 5, 2023, 1 p.m.**

**Meat Science & Animal Biologics  
Discovery Building (MSABD)  
UW Madison Campus**

For: Those who judge carcass shows and want to learn  
more about carcass evaluation.

**Contact Bernie O'Rourke, [borourke2@wisc.edu](mailto:borourke2@wisc.edu)  
if you plan on attending.**

<https://youthanimalsciences.wisc.edu/>



## WISCONSIN YOUTH LIVESTOCK PROGRAM (WYLP) PRESENTS



### EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING 2023

**January 9 - Why participating in knowledge and judging  
teams is important!**

Join us to learn how to get involved, prepare, and learn about the  
advantages you gain from being involved in teams.

**Speakers:** Scott Howard, Meyer Natural Foods (Columbia County  
alumni); Liz Gartman, Ag Instructor at Lakeshore Technical College  
(Sheboygan Co. alumni); Stephanie Witberler, Kansas State  
Student (Marathon Co. Alumni)

**February 6 - Beef Live/Carcass Evaluation & Cookery**

**March 6 - Reproductive Technologies in Agriculture**

**All events are virtual and begin at 7 p.m.**  
**Can meet county educational requirements.**

**For more information & how to  
register: <https://go.wisc.edu/tnq61h>**



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## More Livestock Opportunities around the State

### 2023 WI 4-H State Livestock and Skill-a-thon Contest Contests



Mark your calendars for the upcoming 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skill-a-thon Contest! If you have participated in the past or this is the first time you are hearing about the contest, we would love to have you join us for this day of learning, fun, and competition.

**What are the contests?** These are two different contests all about livestock where you can use your knowledge about the animal species (beef, sheep, swine, meat goat) and the industry.

**Livestock Quiz Bowl:** Livestock Bowl is a quiz competition where all the questions are about beef, sheep, swine, and meat goat topics. Students use a buzzer to answer the questions by giving oral answers to questions posed by a moderator. Similar to the game show Jeopardy. Each match has both an individual and toss-up question round. Teams compete in a double elimination format. The top team earns the opportunity to compete at the national competition.

**Livestock Skill-a-thon:** Everything you know about raising your animal adds up to so much knowledge of the species and the industry. The Skill-a-thon contest will help you challenge you to share that information through a written quiz and learning stations such as breed identification, feed identification, equipment identification as well as some team activities such as demonstrating evaluation skills. There are both individual and team stations. The top team earns the opportunity to compete at the national competition.

**Who can participate?** Any current 4-H members grades 3-13. Please note, there are age divisions for each of those contests and parameters for grade 13 members. Please see the contest information in the link below for more information on the age divisions. Even if your county has not participated in the past, round-up some 4-H friends and take advantage of this fun opportunity to show your knowledge of the animal species and industry.

**Looking for more information, where to register, or resources to study from? Check out the links below:**

**4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon – Saturday, March 25, 2023**

**Location:** UW Madison Campus

**Deadline:** March 10, 2023 through 4-H online (more information located in the registration materials link below)

More information and registration available at:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/livestock-quiz-bowl-skillathon-contest/>

Additional resource information can be found at <https://youthanimalsciences.wisc.edu/>

If you have any questions, please contact Jill at [jill.jorgensen@wisc.edu](mailto:jill.jorgensen@wisc.edu)/phone at 920-39104659 or Bernie at [borourke2@wisc.edu](mailto:borourke2@wisc.edu)/phone at 608-263-4304.

\*Barron County 4-H does not currently have a coach but members are still able and encouraged to participate.



## 4-H Meats Judging Contest

Mark your calendars for the upcoming State 4-H Meats Judging Contest on Saturday, February 4, 2023! If you have participated in the past or this is the first time you are hearing about the contest, we would love to have you join us for this day of learning, fun, and competition.

**What is the 4-H Meats Judging Contest?** Have you been to your local meat market or grocery store lately and think you could choose the best cut of meat out of the case? Have you ever watched a live animal contest and thought you could

choose what animals would provide the best meat products? This is your opportunity to put those skills to work. This contest tests the knowledge of youth in the placement of carcass and retail cut classes, carcass grading, and retail cut identification. Top teams earn the opportunity to compete at regional and national competitions.

**Who can participate?** You must be a currently enrolled WI 4-H member to participate in this contest. The age divisions are: Junior – Age 8-13 as of January 1, 2023; Senior – Age 14-18 as of January 1, 2023. WI 4-H members that are in the 13th grade and have reached their 19th birthday prior to January 1, 2023 are eligible to compete at this state contest as individuals but not as a member of a team. Youth must be in or completed 3rd grade, 8-year-old Cloverbuds cannot participate.

Even if your county has not participated in the past, round-up some 4-H friends and take advantage of this fun opportunity to show your knowledge of the animal species and industry.

**Looking for more information, where to register, or resources to study from? Check out the links below:**

### **4-H Meats Judging – Saturday, February 4, 2023**

**Location:** \*New\* Meat Science and Animal Biologics Discovery Building, UW Madison Campus

**Deadlines:** (more information located in the registration materials link below):

- Estimated number of participants (needed to order PPE): January 20, 2023 - through Google form
- Final registration: January 20, 2023 - through 4-H online

**More information and registration available at:**

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/meats-judging-contest/>

## Dairy Bowl Information - County and State Opportunities

# DAIRY QUIZ BOWL



Are you interested in being part of the Barron County 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Team? E-Mail [sara.waldron@wisc.edu](mailto:sara.waldron@wisc.edu) to let us know you're interested. 4-H Youth 3rd-13th Grade can compete at the State Quiz Bowl and will meet during the winter months to prepare and learn.

K-2 (Cloverbuds) can also join for fun and learning. The 2023 contest will be held on February 25, 2023 at UW Green Bay at the STEM Innovation building.

The Dairy Bowl is a "quiz bowl" competition where all questions deal with dairy topics. Competition in the 4-H Dairy Bowl encourages a 4-H member to develop a more complete knowledge of dairy animals and related subjects. This contest provides an educational dairy program for all dairy project members, including those who may not own a dairy project animal, and provides a way to develop alertness, self-confidence, teamwork skills, and mastery in the area of dairy science.

TO READ MORE ABOUT THE DAIRY QUIZ BOWL, PLEASE VISIT:

[HTTPS://4H.EXTENSION.WISC.EDU/OPPORTUNITIES/STATE-WIDE-EVENTS-AND-OPPORTUNITIES/DAIRY-QUIZ-BOWL/](https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/state-wide-events-and-opportunities/dairy-quiz-bowl/)



## Wisconsin 4-H Dairy Bowl is back on track!!

Join us, it will be fun!

Coaching will be headed up by Cathy Solum (who has 45 years of experience of dairy bowl participation and coaching both 4-H and Jr. Holstein Dairy Bowl teams with multiple trips and wins at state and national levels in both organizations) along with her family members, with Isaac Solum being one of the main coaches.

They welcome other parents, and adult helpers during the practices and coaching the teams at the contests. (If you can make the time, talk, read, or communicate you have way more than what is needed to make it fun and worthwhile for the youth involved and for yourself. Please let us know if you'd like to help all the time or just one practice at a time!

Dairy Quiz Bowl is for anyone in 4-H that has an interest in agriculture, dairy, animals, science, nutrition, health, history, learning fun facts, having fun, competition, and the possibility of going to the state competition which will be held February 25th, 2023, at the UW Green Bay. (You do

not have to go to the state competition to join in the practices and fun on the Barron County level.

We will have to have teams finalized prior to the state registration deadline of Feb. 12th, Per state rules, team member's ages are ages as of January 1st of 2023 (grades 3- 13)

We would like to offer this in Barron County to the youth Ages 4 - through grade 2 that are interested. (A parent or adult will be asked to stay at practices with them.) We know there are many young kids that would love learning more about the different breeds, how to take care of a newborn calf, and dairy products which is a good place to start.] This could be so fun!

**You DO NOT need to live on a farm or be in the 4-H dairy project or show dairy cattle to be in dairy bowl. (Some of our best players over the years were not from a farm or showed cattle-we needed to take them out to the barn to show them some of the things they were learning!)**

Farm and dairy show kids are great too but be forewarned some of the "correct answers" in the contest may not be what you are used to doing or seeing on your farm, as we know all farms operate differently and ALL are correct in their own operations. (This can make it frustrating to them and their parents) So we always go to what is in the resource provided.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Speaking of the resources, this is what frustrates me, Cathy, the most! If you know all of them, inside and out, you will have learned more than in your 4-year college degree. This is not the level I want to start our young members out



at. They include ALL material in ALL the resources for ALL age levels. SO CRAZY. We will not be able to cover all the material. We will learn a lot, even if what we learned is not asked during the contest!

Besides learning all the fun facts, we will learn to work together as a team, be a leader, learn to follow -for the team, become confident, speak clearly, listen well, think strategy, buzz in fast, follow rules, play fair and be respectful ...to name a few!

Do you think you, or your child is, too introverted or quiet or shy for this oral contest? No way- again, this takes a while, but the shyest of kids have been some of our best players.

**So, sign up and let us know you are interested by contacting Sara Waldron at the county ext. office or contact Cathy Solum at 715-234-6874, text 715-651-2759, or email [ctn94610@centurytel.net](mailto:ctn94610@centurytel.net) ASAP We would like to start meeting January 15th.**

We will need the youth's name, age as of Jan. 1st, grade, phone # and email, parents name, phone and email.

We will meet weekly, usually on a Sunday afternoon/evening or on Saturdays. This may change each week and will be decided by those who sign up and attend, so please know your calendar of events, each week, so we can meet with the most people possible each time. Location will be the Rice Lake Public Library as much as possible.

We will plan to have a county fun event/contest prior to the state contest date so all your family, friends, grandparents etc. can come and watch, maybe we can even get them to play and have the kids ask the questions!

GOOGLE Wisconsin 4-H Dairy Bowl 2023 to see further information and resources.

Once signed up, with us, we will send you some questions (and answers) to start learning.

If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Solum using the above information.

#### **Sample Questions:**

1. Since copper and zinc are actively involved in the formation of hard keratin in hooves, these products traditionally have been used for over a century in what? (answer: Footbaths)
2. The Babcock Test was developed in 1890 by Stephen Babcock to detect what? (answer: Fat content in milk)
3. What percent of all U.S. alfalfa hay exports were shipped to China in 2021? (answer: 55%)
4. Artificial insemination was first used in what country in 1900? (answer: Russia)
5. Most people who have spent time working with fresh cows would agree that clinical hypocalcemia often becomes more of a problem as cows get older. What is another name for hypocalcemia? (answer: Milk fever)
6. Milk contains how many essential nutrients? (answer: 13 nutrients)
7. Carbon is the root of what two greenhouse gases? (answer: Carbon dioxide and methane)
8. The USDA estimates that over 30% of the total food supply in the U.S. is lost at the production level or wasted how every year? (answer: Retail/consumer level )
9. What ice cream flavor continues to top the flavor chart year after year? (answer: Vanilla)
10. What U.S. state produced the most pounds of new milk in 2021?

Wisconsin

11. Up to how many miles away can a cow smell something. (answer: 6 miles )
12. Which vitamin can be synthesized by the skin when exposed to adequate sunlight? (answer: Vitamin D)
13. What term describes the removal of the horn producing skin cells before attachment to the skull?  
(answer: Disbudding or dehorning)
14. What is the father of a calf called? (answer: a sire)
15. What is the mother of a calf called? (answer: a dam)
16. Where did the Brown Swiss breed originate? (answer: Switzerland)
17. What Cheese is white in color and has characteristic holes in it? (answer: Swiss cheese)
18. What is a female calf called? (answer: heifer)
19. What dairy breed has the color markings of black and white? (answer: Holstein)
20. What is a male calf called? (answer: bull)
21. Which breed of dairy cattle is known to be the smallest in mature size? (answer: Jersey)

**If you learned just 3 of these in a day, you would know all of it in a week!**



# 4-H CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATIONS

14-16  
JUNE AT CAMP  
KIWANIS



Many activities to choose from

## FUN & CREATIVE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

For youth 9th grade and older, 8th graders may also apply and will be considered based on recommendations. Please apply online:

<https://forms.gle/zMCrAxBDiByNEtMQ6>

Attend Trainings

Deadline to apply: January 20

Gain Leadership



Please see pages 19-20  
for a physical copy of the  
application.



## Counselor Application

### **Camp Counselor Application Due: January 20**

**Must currently be in grades 8-12 to apply**

**\*8th graders will be considered for Counselors in Training if space allows**

**Send completed application to: [sara.waldron@wisc.edu](mailto:sara.waldron@wisc.edu)**

**Or Complete online here: <https://go.wisc.edu/xrr3u3>**

Name		Current Age	Birth Date	Male	Female
Address			City	Zip	
County	Club		Grade in School	Years in 4-H	
Cell Phone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T-shirt size (adult sizes)				
Email					
Have you previously attended a Camp Counselor Training Workshop?					
If so, when and where?					
Do you want to be considered for a junior director's position?				Yes	No
What skills would you bring to this junior director's position?					
List camps (4-H and non 4-H) which you have attended:				camper or counselor	
Camp			Year	Camper	Counselor

Training Dates: We have 4 scheduled training for camp counselors, do you have any conflicts for the following dates, please X any dates you have a conflict (leave blank if you can attend)	
	Training Session 1 (Zoom): Connection and Planning: Sunday, February 12 at 6:30-7:30pm
	Training Session 2 (Zoom): Policies and Planning: Sunday, March 5 at 6:30-7:30pm
	In-person training day: Final planning, skits, songs, follow-up to policies, camp rules, letters, etc. (1-5): Sunday, April 30 from 1-5 in St. Croix Falls 4-H Building
	Final Date: Tuesday, June 13 at Camp Kiwanis (10AM-2PM)

Camp Activities			
Which of the following are you comfortable leading at camp? (Please check all that apply.)			
	archery		games & recreation
	arts & crafts		music
	backpacking		nature
	campfire programs		nature activities (other than water)
	canoeing		relay games
	drama activities		science discovery activities
	fishing		singing
	flag ceremonies		swimming
	foods & nutrition		other (describe)

**Describe your experiences with 5 of the camp activities you identified on the front page.**

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**Explain why you want to be a camp counselor.**

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**What do you want to learn from your experiences as a camp counselor?**

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**Please list the names, phone number, and e-mail of 2 references (one 4-H adult, and one non 4-H adult). These individuals may be contacted about your leadership potential as a camp counselor.**

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(Applicant signature)

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(Date completed)

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Application Deadline: February 1 [wi.4honline.com](http://wi.4honline.com)



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# CANADA

## *Fishing Experience*

### TRAVEL TO LAKE PAKASHKAN IN ONTARIO WITH BARRON COUNTY 4-H



*Fish for Walleye and Northern*



*Camp in a Cabin*



*Take roles in meal and camp making*

- Don Drost and Don Peterson, experienced fishermen and co-owners of the property, will serve as chaperones and hosts of this trip. Trip dates are July 29-August 3
- Requirements: be in grades 8-13, have or obtain a passport or passport card. Cost: \$200 or less (depends on numbers and cost of mileage/supplies)
- Cost: Final costs estimated prior to departure, financial assistance is available

#### Requirements to travel

Passport or Passport Card (the card is only for entering Canada/Mexico and is cheaper than a passport) <https://www.dhs.gov/apply-for-a-us-passport>  
International Travel Permission form (notarized)

Health Form (completed in 4-H Online)

Funding available from Leaders Association: 50% or \$150 whichever is more

\*\*We have room for 6-8 youth depending on chaperone availability and equipment, registration does not mean you will automatically get to go on this trip. We are also accepting applications for chaperones



# JULY 29- AUGUST 3

#### Expenses include:

- Transportation
- Lodging
- Fishing License
- Food/Supplies
- Bait
- T-Shirt
- Other



# Resources for Volunteers

**Looking for resources to support your work as a 4-H volunteer? Check out these Wisconsin Positive Youth Development (PYD) resource libraries! You'll uncover everything from downloadable lesson plans and project tip sheets to ready-to-use, hands-on educational materials you can borrow! There's a treasure trove of materials just waiting to be discovered!**

## **PYD MEDIA COLLECTION**

A collection of free resources which can be borrowed for use in programming statewide. Mostly animal science, but some other project areas.

### **Sample Resources:**

*Hippology Charts, Learning Labs, DVD's, Skillathons, and Displays*

<https://go.wisc.edu/1tnckj>



## **VOLUNTEER RESOURCES WEBSITE**

A resource hub for youth leaders, club volunteers, project volunteers, and more.

### **Sample Resources:**

*Trainings, Marketing and Communication, Volunteer Recognition Opportunities, and Financial and Administrative Information*

<https://go.wisc.edu/1271sv>

## **RESOURCE LIBRARY**

A searchable library of resources related to 4-H community club organization, 4-H projects, youth-adult partnerships, and more.

The PYD Media Collection is also included in this mix.

### **Sample Resources:**

*Project Tip Sheets, Lesson Plans, Club Financial Report Forms, and PYD Media Collection Resources*

<https://go.wisc.edu/emz3iw>



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**If you have questions about any of the resources, contact your local county educator.**

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## 4-H RESOURCES

### Barron County 4-H Curriculum Library

Did you know that we have curriculum to borrow in Barron County? We have STEM, Arts, Animal Science, Photography, Sewing, and more.

If you would like to browse, please stop by the Extension Office. We hope to list our resources online soon!

Barron County Government Center  
335 E. Monroe Ave  
Room 2206  
Barron WI 54812

## 4-H VOLUNTEERS

Are you interested in sharing your knowledge?

We are looking for project volunteers to help plan and put on clinics, workshops, etc. for any and all project areas.

If you have an interest, let us know and we will help as much as you need!



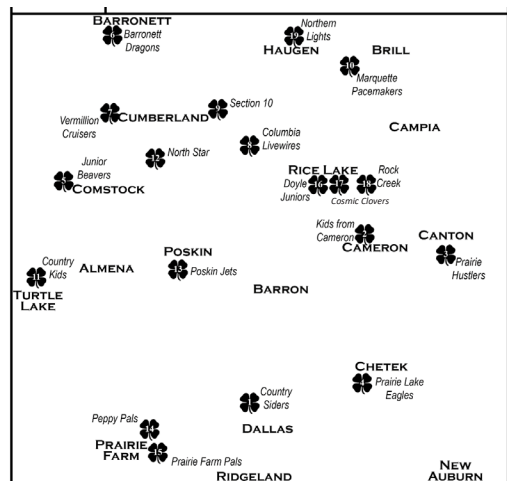
# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Youth Leaders are welcome to teach and lead with an adult volunteer present!

## Barron County 4-H Clubs & Contacts

1) Country Siders	Angie Harmon Alicia Wirth	715-296-3552 715-949-1088
2) Kids From Cameron	Jen Stovern	715-418-3214
3) Prairie Hustlers	Kirsten Huth Saundra Linton	715-764-2097 715-924-4870
4) Prairie Lake Eagles	Joyce Nelson Shawna Skoug	715-458-1944 715-790-1460
5) Junior Beavers	Melissa Weaver Greg Weaver	715-419-0500
6) Barronett Dragons	Peg Thompson	715-822-8872
7) Vermillion Cruisers	Heather Colburn Michelle Stouffer	715-357-6404 715-822-2823
8) Columbia Livewires	Carie Peterson	715-651-4545
9) Section Ten	Tamala Anderson	715-419-0421
10) Marquette Pacemakers	Cathy Solum Janice Solum	715-234-6874 715-651-7698
11) Country Kids	Lynn Kettenacker Jamie Donath	715-986-2505 715-529-1124
12) North Star	Elisha Putzke Diana Bazewicz Jean Gurtner	715-790-3683 715-641-0926 715-822-2732
13) Poskin Jets	David Frandsen Kristi Hoff	715-790-0067 715-205-3166
14) Peppy Pals	Katrina Chovan Tori White	715-455-1104 715-418-0054
15) Prairie Farm Pals	Becky Segebrecht	715-505-1413
16) Doyle Juniors	Cindy Broker Arlaina Meyer	715-651-9299 715-554-4031
17) Cosmic Clovers	Missy Bablick Cassie Ritchey	715-827-0434 715-417-0231
18) Rock Creek	Vacant	715-537-6253
19) Northern Lights Lights	Karen Germanson Jamie Kunesh	715-236-9123 715-790-0938

\*Special Interest Membership 715-537-6253





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