



# The Clover Line

SHAWANO COUNTY 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

August - September 2020



**Extension**

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON  
SHAWANO COUNTY

<b>July 27</b>	Shawano 4-H Leader's Inc. Meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom
<b>August 4</b>	Cat Project Meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom
<b>August 10</b>	Judging Clinic, 6 p.m. via Zoom (Information on Page 4)
<b>Aug. - Sept.</b>	4-H Groups of 10 or less may meet with approved Safety Plan; Contact Megan
<b>Sept. 1</b>	Charter Financial Documents due to Shawano Extension Office

## ***A few minutes with Megan***

First off, I would like to thank you all for your involvement with the Shawano County 4-H Program. Our program is continuing to evolve and adapt to better serve youth and their families in the safest ways possible. The 4-H Program is inherently hands-on: "Learning Through Doing." We are continuing to develop creative ways to meet and learn that fit the given safety protocols. Keeping you up to date:

- The Extension Office is open from 8 - 4:30, Monday - Friday. There are staff available though they may be housed within individual offices instead of out front; please ring the bell, and someone will come as soon as they are able. The easiest way you can be in contact with us is through e-mail: [msuehring@wisc.edu](mailto:msuehring@wisc.edu) for Megan and [terri.brunner@co.shawano.wi.us](mailto:terri.brunner@co.shawano.wi.us) for Terri or by calling 715-526-6136.
- 4-H Community Clubs are encouraged to meet virtually if possible. Contact Megan for a zoom link.
- 4-H Clubs/Project Areas may contact Megan for a Safety Application to meet in person. Groups of 10 or less, outdoors, with physical distancing are preferred. Have a crazy idea? Run it past Megan. She will move your application up the chain for approval.
- Fundraisers are "out" for the foreseeable future. The 4-H Food Stand will not open in 2020.
- Charter Documentation has been distributed to Community Club Leaders. **Financial Documents are due to the Extension Office by September 1st.**
- Community Club Leadership Check Ins are recommended. Officer teams and leaders, please chat virtually to decide what the best option for your group is.

Our office continues to be impressed by the learning that is shared. Please keep up your amazing work!

***"To Make the Best Better"***

### **Significant Change for 2020:**

In years previous, Adult 4-H Leaders and Volunteers have been granted wristbands through an application and approval process by the 4-H Leaders. Given that this is a grace extended by the Agriculture Society, they may be granting these to individuals who choose to volunteer at the Shawano County Fair. Please see page 2 for more information.

## Of Interest to All

**Thank you to all the families who participated in our Camp in a Box Program.** We had the HIGHEST participation rate, with 130 bags being distributed to 4-H, not in 4-H yet, Boys and Girls Club, and Mohican Family Center youth all over Shawano County! Altogether, this program served more than 400 families and 1,000 youth in more than 9 counties!

Campers enjoyed creating their own camp and cabin name, making and shooting rockets, creating cloud dough, playing water games, flying kites, recreating outside, stargazing, dissecting owl pellets, playing games, and much more. Campers were also invited to participate in 3 virtual campfires that featured songs, games, and education around Timbersports as well as meeting the owls of Raptor Education Group, Inc. in Antigo. We are looking forward to seeing you all at camp in 2021!



**Monday, July 27  
Leaders Inc. Meeting  
7 p.m. via Zoom**

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pwd=VWtIbHUvOXhPNDZVR3E0NytHd1J3QT09](https://uwextension.zoom.us/j/96980200879?pwd=VWtIbHUvOXhPNDZVR3E0NytHd1J3QT09)

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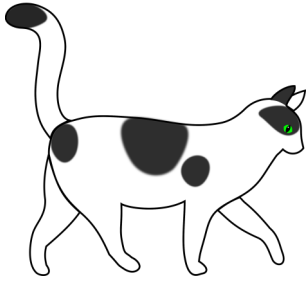
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Join us for Charter tips, program updates, and time for questions and answers. Everyone welcome!

## Volunteer Opportunity for Shawano County Fair

It takes many people to make an event like the fair happen. Those who help for at least 6 hours *may* be able to earn a fair pass. Sign up here if interested: <https://forms.gle/EdhbHbmf3MNjxQ2A> . You will be contacted if your help is needed. The hours you volunteer at the fair do not count towards 4-H.

## Project Information



### Cat Project Meeting

Tuesday, August 4th at 7 p.m.  
via Zoom

Every member in the Shawano County 4-H Cat Project should make an effort to attend our virtual meeting.

Please “bring” your cat, your cat project curriculum (hopefully completed) and yourself. Prize will be given to best dressed cat. One cat per person.

Connection information:

<https://uwextension.zoom.us/j/93270655471?pwd=TmpPOEJ5U1lxU0NOaHF4T21SZGhpQT09>

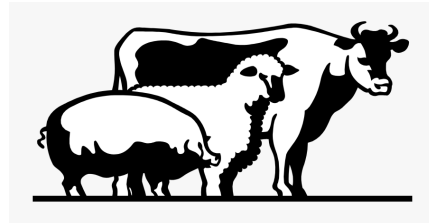
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Or dial: 1-646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 93270655471#

### Livestock

The <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/shawano4h/animal-sciences/livestock-project-information/> webpage has all the information you need to make the best decisions for your family regarding your project work including a regularly updated member listing of educational credit status and a copy of the “member letter from the 4-H key committee regarding the non-fair processing option”. You should have already received this letter in an e-mail earlier this month but in case you lost it, this letter also spells out other options to find buyers for your animals.



## ~ ~ ~ ~ 4-H RECORD BOOK UPDATE ~ ~ ~ ~

Prior to the pandemic, a group of involved leaders and youth gathered several times to discuss the process of Shawano County Record Books. It is highly recommended that each 4-H member take the time to reflect on their learning in the projects they chose. Our Experiential Learning Model is: Do. Reflect. Apply. We want youth to take the time to think about what skills they gained, as well as what goals they would like to set for the year to come.

This year, you will have 3 options to choose from:

- 1. Traditional Record Book:** You may choose to do the record book as you have in years past, including the project work sheets for each project you learned in. Some project area sheets have been updated with suggested changes. You may use the sheets from last year or this year.
- 2. Basic Book:** You will do an “intro” sheet and may choose to do the “basic” Project Plan & Record Book Evaluation Form for each project. You do not need to add specific project sheets unless you want to.
- 3. Interview Option:** You may choose to submit a 4-H resume and sign up for a short interview with 4-H educator Megan (in person or zoom).

An e-mail will be released by August 1st with all the updated links. This is a flexible process, and one that is improving as we go. We learn by doing. Please give us grace as we continue to make the record book process a more useful learning tool for youth and their leaders.

### Youth-In-Action Program

Community involvement is essential to 4-H. Now is the time of year when clubs plan their community year. Why not go one step further and get involved in Youth-In-Action?

How? Ask Terri to e-mail you a copy of the action plan that you can complete. This form is to be included in your scrapbook. Then keep a picture record of your activities for your scrapbook (a good project for youth leaders!). The scrapbook is due Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> to the UWEX Office and will be judged. Cash awards will be given to all participating clubs. Give your club recognition for their community service projects. Be a Youth-In-Action club! *Clubs may receive up to \$50 for their efforts!*



# ShawanoShows4-H!

**4-H members are allowed to show at the Shawano County fair in 2020, per individual choice. You may decide to show project learning through ShawanoShows4-H or by sharing exhibits in other ways. We encourage your family to have a discussion on how to proceed.**

One of the ways our 4-H youth gain expertise in their projects is by going through a judging process. In a typical year, the most common event is the county fair. In 2020, we are encouraging you to explore the Health part of 4-H, and consider alternatives to large gatherings of people (as per CDC and UW-Madison guidance). How are we supporting you?

- **Judging Clinic on Monday, August 10 at 6 p.m.:** Want to learn the ins and outs of being a professional judge? Join us in trying your hand at critiquing exhibits, from cats and calves to cakes and crafts. Get the zoom link by signing up here: <https://forms.gle/ofnaWoNoEYLB6H8C6>. This will be an interactive experience with time for questions from youth.
- **Share your work with your family:** Ask for feedback from your parent, guardian, older siblings, or other members that would like to know what you're working on. Set up a time and make it special.
- **Be brave and share your learning within your club:** Utilize your club's Facebook page and ask your leaders/peers for their feedback.
- **Throw a Front-yard Family Fair:** As a family, talk about what makes the county fair so special. Are there recipes you can make like the 4-H Food stand chocolate shakes or blooming onions? Throw your own animal show or judging event! Invite someone you respect to come evaluate your work (with a mask or physically distanced of course.) Name your fair and share your fun with our office!
- **Share your projects community-wide:** We are speaking to partners such as libraries, businesses, and nursing homes in your towns. This option meets the need for exhibition of your project. Project sharing is important! We will have more information forthcoming about where you can exhibit your projects. Animal exhibitors, think about creating a poster introducing your creature feature as well as the work you did along the way.

## **To ALL entrusted with critique**

Please look at this handout for more info on the types of questions to ask: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hvolunteers/files/2016/06/ReflectionQuestions-Experiential-Learning-Aug-2019.pdf>.

We are asking the youth about what they learned in their project, as well as the techniques and skills they improved in.

Try the "oreo" technique:

- ⇒ Tell me why you chose to do this project.  
Why was it interesting for you?
- ⇒ What is one thing you might change/improve for next time. (You can add your opinion here too.)
- ⇒ Tell me what you learned/favorite part.

**Remember to end on a positive! The youth should feel proud of their learning and their work on the project they are sharing.**

We know this year has been a roller coaster. Nonetheless, we are PROUD of all the work Shawano 4-H youth have done. Keep up your learning! We look forward to hearing more about it soon.

Posting about your project learning? Use the #ShawanoShows4H for the opportunity to win prizes!



# ***Shawano County Junior Fair Participants Only***

## ***General Information from the Agricultural Society***

1. All exhibitors are limited to 25 entries.
2. If you are a 4-H or FFA member, that membership make you eligible to show in the Junior Fair division.
3. Be sure to read the login page of [www.fairentry.com](http://www.fairentry.com) before adding logging in and creating your entry form. As a reminder you can find specific directions for the entry process on the fair website above, under the premium book tab.
4. If you need instructions for logging in and creating your entry, please refer to the instructions found on the [www.shawanocountyfair.net](http://www.shawanocountyfair.net). You will find them on the Premium Book page.
5. All Jr Fair exhibitors will need to pay your \$2 processing fee (Cloverbuds still have no charge) when you stop at the FAIR OFFICE to pick up your wristbands, entry tags and entry print out. You will receive an e-mail when they are ready for pick up.

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### **Non Animal exhibits**

1. There will be no face to face judging this year in any project.  
Once entries close, a schedule will be set up and announced for drop off times. For now, be aware that the items usually judged on Pre-Fair Saturday (Aug. 29) will be scheduled to be dropped off the week previous to that. Family Living & Cloverbud entries will also be scheduled for that time. Foods and Plants will most likely be scheduled during the week of the fair. This will allow judging to occur in a safer format with only the judges and helpers spaced out throughout the building.
2. "Ribbons" for exhibits will be stickers this year.
3. Pick up of exhibits will be announced.

### **Animal Exhibits**

1. Club displays may be done if you wish. You can also simply use the Animal ID cards provided this year.
2. Shows will go on as regularly scheduled as possible, unless otherwise notified.
3. At this time all other expectations and rules set at the beginning of the year for members/exhibitors are to be followed.
4. More information will be announced after fair entry deadline.
5. Ag Society has said there will be a traffic flow pattern set up in each of the barns.

### **Auctions**

If your project has an auction, auctions will be held in the Crawford Center. Livestock exhibitors must submit their photo of themselves and their animal as well (as the 2nd copy of your contract) by August 1 in order for them to be used in a PowerPoint which will be displayed on three screens for the buyers. Other potential auction participants will be notified of your due date closer to the fair. Youth are expected to be present at the auction. The auction was moved here for social distancing of the buyers. There will be no hospitality table at the sales this year. The small animal auction will not allow any food item to be added to the animal to be sold.

### **Volunteers Needed**

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Where to find the answers to your fair questions [www.shawanocountyfair.net](http://www.shawanocountyfair.net).

"Like" the [Shawano County Fair](#) page on Facebook.

Be sure to read the login page of [www.fairentry.com](http://www.fairentry.com) before logging in and creating your entry form. You can find specific directions for the entry process on the fair website above, under the premium book tab.

## VIRTUAL Bike the Barn Quilt (July 1-Sept 30)

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, and social distancing recommendations, the Bike the Barn Quilts ride presented by ThedaCare is going remote. This will allow our supporters to choose the activities they want to do to raise funds for Shawano Pathways and Friends of the Mountain Bay Trail and complete their goals over time.

We would like to use this opportunity to have our very first global event. It doesn't matter where you are in the world, you can get involved. We appreciate that these are unprecedented times both financially and socially but with a little imagination we can still do great things!



This remote event is a great chance to have some fun in these challenging times while supporting trails and greenways in Shawano County. And you don't even have to ride a bike if you don't want to or can't.

Here are some ideas:

- Ride your bike on a trail or quiet road
- Ride a stationary bike in your home
- Run, jog, or walk on your favorite local trail (a treadmill at home also works)
- Just do something that's active and fun that you enjoy while being safe about it

Download a distance tracker and post your progress toward your fundraising goal in photos and videos on social media using hashtag #BTBQS and tagging Shawano Pathways in your social media posts.

Register for the event directly through Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bike-the-barn-quilts-presented-by-thedacare-registration-111735182940>

OR

Contact Extension at 715-526-6136 by Sept 1. If enough Interest, 4-H will pay the youth group rate to register members.

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