



The Clover Line

SHAWANO COUNTY 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

January-February 2021



Extension

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SHAWANO COUNTY

January

- 5 ALL 4-H and FFA enrollments are due (returning and new members and leaders) for all those wishing to participate in the Shawano County Fair
- 15 Virtual Game Night (Details on page 3)
- 21 Livestock General County Planning Committee meeting, 7:30pm virtual
- 25 4-H Leaders Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Virtual
- 30 HandS on Science Saturday, 9 a.m., SNOW SCIENCE, virtual

February

- 2 Cloverbud Kaboom, 6:30 p.m., Virtual
- 9 VIP Training, 6:30 p.m., Virtual
- 12-13 Winter Camp
- TBD Livestock Informational Meeting, 7pm
- 27 HandS on Science Saturday, 9 a.m., HEARTS, in person



This **Clover Line**, was mailed using labels generated for members who re-enrolled January 5 and was released January 6. You can also access all our Clover Lines online at: <https://fyi.uwex.edu/shawano4h/>. You may have noticed that at this time you cannot choose e-mail or mail option. If you prefer to receive your newsletter by e-mail only, please contact Tami at tami.goers@shawano.wi.us

THANK YOU

A special hats off to all 242 4-H leaders. All of you volunteered valuable time to help the 537 members and Cloverbuds learn skills throughout the year. The county couldn't afford to pay for all the time put in. Thank you for being a part of what makes Shawano County so great!

Special thanks to the youth volunteers who served as the annual leadership team for the 2020 Older

Youth Group: Trinity Brede, Anna Petri, Kelly Posbrig, Thea Tauchen, Levi Wendorff, Natalie Ahlers, and Adult advisor, Andrea Race.

Special thanks to the volunteers who served as the 2020 Leadership team for Shawano County 4-H Leaders, Inc.: Jon Johnson, Katie Wolf, Rachel Wudstrack, Nancy Schauer, Angie Jung, & Rhonda Uelmen.

Check out the website for Wisconsin 4-H: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/> for great project info as well as other statewide events

A minute with Megan

January always strikes me as a month of reflections. Freshly fallen snow imitates art's blank canvas. I look at the new year as a fresh start. I'm not a fan of "resolutions" created on New Year's, but I do appreciate the idea of setting a few goals or aspirations for myself and our family.

No one needs to be told that 2020 was different than expected. As I reflect on my hopes for the year past, I realize that I have once again come up short. Classes cancelled, vacations abandoned, new experiences still unvisited all fall as my own unmet expectations. We could stay in that mind-set awhile, right? 2020 was a bummer of a year. But what DID we do?

We made it! And what we did, we did well. I look at the transition to virtual school. Our first month was a MESS. During the past 9 months, my children's independence and mastery has grown. Their ability to look at a day of work and decide how to complete the tasks is one I did not have at their age. Their willingness to reach out to their teachers to ask questions is commendable. Did we travel anywhere? No. But we camped in our backyard, pitching tents and flaming a fire to cook over. We journeyed to local county parks to enjoy the beauty and water that so many TRAVEL TO Wisconsin to find! My kids drove tractors (with assistance) for the first time, flew kites, took engines apart, swam in the cow tank, played tag, and walked calves on halters. We looked through windows at birds, binoculars at deer, and telescopes at stars and planets. They built with legos and k'nex, built forts, and created meals from recipes. The sound of guitar, recorder, trumpet, and piano mixed with singing, yelling and the bleeps of Nintendo noise in great cacophony. Every day was not a picture of Hallmark perfection, but what I learned from the past year is the joy of contentment. The peace of reading a book on the grass. The smile and kindness of a stranger. The importance of family, whether by blood or chosen. The grit and resilience of youth. The appreciation for those who support you.

As I wave the 2020 4-H year out, similar feelings wash over me. There were indeed disappointments: cancelled project and community club meetings, Revues or Expos that did not meet completion, missed residential summer camp, a silent food stand, and a whole different way of being involved at county events. But we had some WINS too! In 4-H, we learned that we CAN deliver programs in different ways: In person/hybrid, learning kits, and virtual. We had some Shawano County 4-H Clubs step up to foster GENEROSITY (Grilled Cheese Project), and find ways to meet CREATIVELY (local community club meetings and fairs). Camp participation was strong, increasing our first time participants as we handed out over 100 Camp Kits in Shawano county alone. Families MASTERED their skills in the kitchen with programs online around Cookies, Chopped!, and in person rolling out pies. More than ever, youth had the time to truly work with their animals & plants, seeing the whole process through. 2020 ignited the opportunity for 4-H colleagues to work together to offer programs, enabling us to share the specialties of those around Wisconsin and the Nation to your couch and kitchen table! Kids were able to connect with other kids from around the state in virtual game nights and celebrations, BELONGING to the same 4-H Team! Shawano County youth still had the opportunity to display their project learning and receive critique. It's true; some activities of yore cannot happen as in the past. However...

As you look to 2021, what's on your slate? Are you determined **to make the best better**? I can't wait to see what we see our youth accomplish this year.

Coming Soon



Friday,
January 15th
at 7 pm
via Zoom

Register with link
in description!



Connect with 4-H'ers from around Wisconsin on January 15th at 7 p.m. for a fun and exciting game night! Youth of ALL AGES are invited to play.

We'll play several virtual games, a few of which you might want to take back to your clubs.

Register at this link:

https://uwmadison.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcpceyqgT8uGNx-v6btnLrth_Qff4AlyA-U

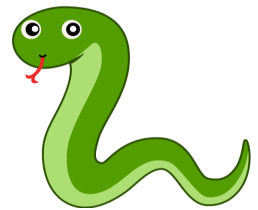
We can't wait to see you there!!

Interested in science and nature? Join us for HSSS

Hands on Science Saturdays

Fun & Free Education near YOU!

Learn more about science and nature in a hands-on environment.
You must register by the deadlines to ensure we have enough project materials.
Any youth in 3rd - 13th grade is welcome to participate.



A few questions...

Q: How do I register?

A: You may call the Extension Office at 715-526-6136 or go to: <https://forms.gle/csqWcydxQwPWJaRw9>.

Q: Do I need to be in 4-H to participate?

A: No, we're excited to welcome youth who haven't been in 4-H, as well as kids who are.
You still do need to register.

Q: Does an adult need to be present with the child?

A: You do not need to have an adult with you during the session, but we're guessing that adults will find the content exciting too!

Date	Topic & Location
January 30 Register by: Jan. 26	Snow Science Virtual (via Zoom)
February 27 Register by: Feb. 23	Hearts - It's not all about Valentines and candy In person, location TBA

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Please call about special accommodations at least 48 hours in advance.

Winter Leadership Camp Open: Grades 7 - 12

Don't miss your chance to participate in the 2021 Winter Leadership Camp! It is a great weekend full of leadership development and fun, and this year we are making it happen in a virtual format. The camp is scheduled for **Friday evening, February 12 and Saturday, February 13, 2021**. Youth from throughout Wisconsin will come together at Virtual 4-H Winter Leadership Camp to work on improving their leadership skills through hands-on, interactive leadership sessions. Youth will gain a better understanding of what it means to be a leader and how to apply being a youth leader in their club, county, and school. Along with leadership learning, youth will have opportunities to participate in a variety of virtual recreational activities. Adult leader volunteers are also needed to support youth in learning leadership skills. Cost for youth is \$20, which includes supplies that will be shipped to you.

Registration can be found here: <http://bit.ly/4HWinterCamp>.

After you submit the form, you will receive a link for payment of a \$20 registration fee that can be paid with a debit or credit card. Please contact: Kevin Palmer, Manitowoc County 4-H Educator, kevin.palmer@wisc.edu or (920)242-5448 with any questions around payment. If you'd rather pay with a check or cash in the Shawano Office, you may.

Have questions about the program itself? Contact Shawano Educator: Megan Suehring at msuehring@wisc.edu.

You do not need to be enrolled in order to participate in this Winter Camp. Please pass the info on to any friends that aren't in 4-H as well.

Space is limited; sign up soon!

Challenges and Activities!

We want to thank you all for your lovely cards that went out to the Meal Participants of Shawano County. We were hoping to receive 200 cards, but our office ended up with 465 to distribute!!

We are hoping that you can find some time in your schedule and glitter in your drawer to help us with a HEART HELLO! Once again, we are setting a goal of 200 decorated cards to be distributed to Shawano Meal Participants (and local nursing home residents/shut-ins if, make that WHEN, we receive an abundance). Everyone deserves to feel special. We're glad to demonstrate our generosity and we know we can count on YOU!

We suggest that your Valentine be from: "Chris" (first name), "Shawano 4-H", "Heart Buddy" or "Valentine". 4-H youth, adults, and community members are all welcome to help create. Cards can be new, recycled, home-made, and created.

Please drop off your Heart Hellos at the Shawano Extension Office (Courthouse, Room 109) by Monday, February 8th. Thank you in advance!



Cloverbud KABOOM

Tuesday, February 2nd, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 2nd, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Is your Cloverbud looking for an hour all about THEM?!

Join us for Cloverbud Kaboom, a one-hour session doing activities, challenges, and exploring the many fun features of the Cloverbud program. This program will begin as a Virtual exploration, and move face-to-face in the spring.

For February and March, program materials will be sent to your child ahead of time and/or will be things commonly found in your home or kitchen.

Interested? Please register below:

<https://forms.gle/cMpr2Jzw1WR6eWuK6>

or by calling the office at 715-526-6136.

There is no cost associated with this program.

Learning Through Doing: The 4-H Way

You have a story to tell.

Tell it with

WORDS

PHOTOGRAPHY

ART WORK.

Help us tell the 4-H Story in your own language.

We are looking for submissions for a traveling exhibit through Shawano County of how 4-H demonstrates "Learning Through Doing." We are seeking pictures, art work, poetry, and other demonstrations that can be captured in print. The display will be touring communities and businesses in the spring and summer of 2021. All ages are welcome to submit.

Interested? Drop us a line below by February 5:

<https://forms.gle/L2pgWwkgkabi8gHC6>

or by calling the office at 715-526-6136.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Super Saturday Series

In 2021 we are offering a series of Saturdays that are guaranteed to be SUPER! In an effort to provide in person programming in a COVID safe manner, we will be setting up events as follows:

April 10	Animal Sciences
April 24	Natural Resources and Environmental Ed
May 8	Plant and Soil Science
May 22	Arts and Communications
June 5	Family, Home and Health
June 19	Mechanical Science

At this time what is needed is for volunteers to step up and offer to teach some hands on activities. Depending on how many volunteers show an interest and willingness to help these days may be set up in tracts where participants can stay with the same group all morning. We are currently thinking of 3 one hour sessions in the morning with 2-3 options to choose from. So as you can see we will need lots of volunteers and creativity. If you have an interest in helping out, please contact Terri at terri.brunner@co.shawano.wi.us or call the office.



Where on the calendar are the “annual” events?

As you are well aware, 2020 brought many “new” guidelines that Extension programs must take into account, especially in light of face to face events. Typically we release the dates of residential camp, counselor training, food and clothing revue, and the music and communication expo during our January Clover Line. We are asking for your continued patience and flexibility at this time. In mid-February, we expect to have more of a forecast of the events that may be allowable in a face-to-face format. Thank you for your grace and your ongoing support.

Youth K5 - grade 13 are invited to join us on zoom for a 5 part series on Thursdays at 6pm beginning January 28 and running through February 25 as we learn about Forensics Science. Steph Diepenbrock, Controlled Substances Analyst at the Wisconsin State Crime Lab in Wausau and Lincoln County 4-H Volunteer, will be leading this zoom. Each session will begin with general information about the topic, then proceed to some hands on activities, and end with Question and Answers. Register @ tinyurl.com/4-HForensicScience Deadline: January 15

Learn more @ tinyurl.com/ForensicSciencesessions.

Please submit one form for all youth enrolling in the Forensic Science virtual workshop. There is a \$5 fee for the first 2 youth or \$10 fee for 3 or more youth (Fees and the amount of supplies sent will be based on the number of youth listed on this form). This will cover the cost of supplies and mailings. Invoice will be mailed to you with supplies.


4-H FUN with FORENSICS


Cost:
\$5 1-2 youth
\$10 3+ youth


Register @ tinyurl.com/4-HForensicScience
Deadline: January 15


FORENSICS
Examining the evidence

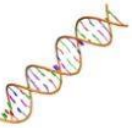
A 5-part short series intro to Forensic Science



Jan. 28


Feb. 4


Feb. 11


Feb. 18


Feb. 25





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4-H FOOD STAND

Open Flea Market Dates

Extension Programs are required to follow the guidance provided by UW-Madison. If it is possible, we will open the food stand in 2021. For now, we are asking you to reserve the space in your calendar so we can be ready to go when we are given the signal. The office will be in contact with you as spring approaches. Thanks for your cooperation!

May 9, June 20, July 4th & 5th dates are still available for the flea market food stand as well as some late season dates. If your club would like to pick up a 2nd date, please let the office know at 715-526-6136 or emailing Tami at tami.goers@co.shawano.wi.us. Any unfilled date will go into the mandatory club rotation fill on March 1. Your group is guaranteed a minimum profit of \$150 by Shawano County 4-H Leaders, Inc., rain or shine! If your club or key committee is interested in any of these dates, contact Tami at the Extension Office.

Learning Materials

Literature Needed?

When you received your re-enrollment information, every family should have also received an "Enrollment Guide 2021" from your club leader. Return the guide to your club leader AFTER you fill out what you would like to order for your family. Your leader will then compile all family guides into one 'club guide' and submit it to the 4-H office. Literature orders are typically filled in February as time allows or, if your club has a leader that has time and desire to fill your literature order, have them call our office to coordinate a date. Every effort will be made to complete your literature order for your March meeting date.



PROJECT UPDATES

Dog Project Members

Susan Palmer, one of our county dog project trainers, is wanting to know if you have interest in testing your knowledge in a dog quiz bowl. If you are interested in meeting about this and/or any other topic, please complete the form found here: <https://forms.gle/GWVQ7xjcWdHhb9ZR9>

We are hoping to meet in person on Tuesday, February 19. We will keep those who pre-register up to date with the details. Questions: Contact Susan at 715-250-4800.

Poultry & Rabbit Project Members

Watch for a letter to come in the mail from the Key Committee. Read thoroughly and email Shaina at shaina_oakley@hotmail.com that you have received, read, and agree to the guidelines in the letter. Any questions can be directed at that time. For questions now or throughout the year, please email rabbit.poultry@yahoo.com or call Betty at 715-853-6114, or Shaina at 715-304-9716.

Rabbit/Poultry Dates for 2021

January	Letter to project members
April 10	Super Saturday Series
May 9	Fundraiser– work 4-H Food Stand
May 15	Swap held at the Fairgrounds
July	Date to be determined: Fun Show at 9am, tattoo/blood testing clinic at 8am Shawano Fairgrounds
July	Date to be determined, following the Fun Show, practices for pre-auction activity: rabbit jumping
August 3	Getting ready for the fair meeting, 6:30pm, Shawano Fairgrounds
August 3	Following the meeting, practices for pre-auction activities: rabbit jumping
September 1-6	Shawano County Fair

LIVESTOCK PROJECT UPDATES

LIVESTOCK PROJECT NOTES:

Initial Weigh-In dates are back for Beef and Sheep only in 2021 and dates are set.

Beef Weigh In: Saturday, JANUARY 16, 8:00-11am
Sheep Weigh in: Thursday, May 6, 5-6:30pm

Rules and Policies as well as the Educational Credit Handouts will be mailed to you. It is our hope that you have already received this mailing as well as other important project information regarding the beef, sheep and swine projects. If you have not, please contact our office. You can also find a copy of these documents on our website at: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/shawano4h/animal-sciences/livestock-project-information/>

Contracts and eartags will be available for pickup via a drive by pick-up on Saturday, January 9, from 9-11. You will be able to drive into the fair grounds where you will find volunteers with your supplies just north of the Huntington Family 4-H Youth Building (the red building as you drive in).

We ask that you pre-order your supplies by January 8th at noon, so that we can have them all ready for you to pick up upon your arrival. You can order them here: <https://forms.gle/9vtowcbb2fq1sB5h8>

If you cannot make it that day you should still pre-order your beef tags so that we can have them ready for you in the office. Please call Tami at 715-526-6136 to set up a time to come in.

This January date is primarily for beef members but if you are also in sheep and swine and wish to pick up everything at once you are welcome to. There will most likely be another drive-by set up for swine and sheep later in the year unless circumstances change.

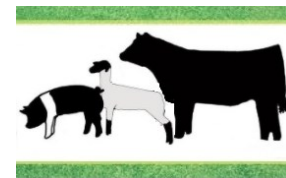
Announcing:

... **our very own Facebook Livestock group**: Check out our new group on Facebook, "Shawano County Livestock" which you can join. This will be another location where you can not only find the latest information but feel free to ask questions. We know there is a LOT to learn.

Webpage for Livestock Members

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/shawano4h/animal-sciences/livestock-project-information/>

All the latest information will be found here.



Sheep and Goat Exhibitors

When purchasing animals that you wish to exhibit at the fair, documentation is required from the seller that states their animal was born in the United States. (Country Of Origin Labeling – COOL). This can be a bill of sale, an affidavit, etc, which needs to remain in your possession as exhibitor of this animal. The day you purchase your project animal, would be a very convenient time to get this taken care of. The COOL Affidavit form is available at Livestock credit meetings and on the 4-H website at <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/shawano4h/files/2017/12/Country-of-Origin-Affidavit-COOL-Fillable.pdf> Make one copy for yourself (keep it for two years) and submit one copy to the UWEX office.

Pig Project Scholarships

Due: Feb 1

The Wisconsin Pork Association Youth Committee is offering scholarships designed to assist 4-H and FFA youth in their swine projects. Awards in three age divisions from 9 to 19 years. These ten \$50 scholarships are used to offset costs associated with their pig project. Scholarships will be available at www.wppa.org/youth-pig-project

Important livestock note in 2021:

- The Livestock County Planning Committee is requiring **THREE EDUCATIONAL MEETING CREDITS** to be earned to sell in the fair livestock auction. Read your mailing for more details.
 - ◊ One of those credits must be YQCA just like last year, it will not carry over from 2020.

VOLUNTEER LEADERS

4-H Leaders Meeting

Shawano County 4-H Leaders, Inc. will be meeting virtually on Monday, January 25th at 7:30 p.m. This meeting will feature interactive activities and models that you can use at your own community club and project level meetings.

Any adult volunteer and older youth involved with the program is welcome to participate!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/97395464392?pwd=cjVDdkNSWUM3M1JoRkR0RFNsZD3BZdz09>

Meeting ID: 973 9546 4392

Passcode: HHHH

Or dial: 1-312-626-6799 (long distance rates may apply)

Meeting ID: 973 9546 4392#

For New Leaders:

Volunteer in Preparation training

ALL adults wishing to serve as volunteers (club general leaders, project and activity leaders, coaches, chaperones, etc.) are required to attend this one-time orientation, sign a list of volunteer behavior guidelines annually and authorize a confidential records check through the Department of Justice every 4 years.

All 4-H Leaders (who have not previously attended a VIP Training) should plan to attend the next session February 9th at 6:30 p.m., virtually. Please register by calling the office: 715-526-6136. The VIP Program is in place to protect every child who is involved with 4-H and to make a solid effort in training volunteers so a safe environment is maintained.

Scholarships

WI 4-H Foundation Scholarships

Due: March 15

More than \$15,000 will be awarded to 4-H youth to support higher learning. Applications must be received by March 15th at 5pm. and will be awarded based on personal growth, development and leadership, academics and educational goals.

Students must have been a 4-H member, have a GPA of at least 2.5 and be enrolled at a college, university or tech school. Current information and application is available at the WI 4-H Foundation website <http://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>

Dairy Farmers of America Scholarship

Due: Jan 15

DFA Cares Foundation awards scholarships for three categories of students: incoming freshmen, undergraduate students and graduate/professional students. The number and amount of scholarships in each category will be determined annually based on the number of applicants and available funding. Scholarships are available to students pursuing a career in the dairy industry or a related field. Application can be found online at <https://dfamilk.com/careers/students-and-graduates>

Greenstone FCS Scholarships

Due: Feb 28

\$40,000 worth of scholarships to freshmen in an Ag related field with participation and leadership in school, community and agricultural activities. Check their website for details and deadline. <https://www.greenstonefcs.com/en/community/scholarships>.

Larsen Cooperative

Due: March 31

Will award up to \$20,000 in scholarships to youth grade 12 and 13 who will attend a two or four year college or tech. Family needs to be a Larsen Coop patron to qualify. Application can be found at <http://www.chslarsencooperative.com/>

Gwen Wilson Memorial Scholarship

Due: March 1

Gwen Wilson was an outstanding General Leader and founder of the Brener Youthful Workers 4-H Club. This scholarship goes to a four-year or technical college student toward any degree. \$600

to an individual who has participated fully (minimum of 7 years) in what the 4-H program has to offer. To obtain details and an application, contact the Extension office.

United Cooperative

Due: March 6

Multiple \$1000 scholarships to high school seniors pursuing Ag or non-Ag education. Student or parent must be a patron of United Coop. Application on: www.unitedcooperative.com

Assoc for Home & Community Education (HCE)

Due: Apr 15

A \$400 scholarship to a full time student having completed one semester or more. Check out "HCE Scholarships" by visiting <https://shawano.extension.wisc.edu/healthyfamilies-communities/hce/>

Shawano County Farm Progress Scholarship

Due: March 1

Available to Shawano County residents enrolled in an Ag related field at a UW-System 2 or 4-year campus. Scholarships can be in excess of \$2000. More info & applications are at: <https://shawano.extension.wisc.edu/agriculture/youth/> or contact the UWEX office.

Shawano Co. Farm Bureau – Brunch on the Farm Scholarship

Due: March 15

Open to Shawano County residents who pursue Ag related degree. Up to six \$500 scholarships to university, college or tech school, freshman through senior. The direct link to the information & application is: <https://forms.gle/edoE84TEKGxVLtxb8>

Shawano County Forage Council Scholarship

- Due: March 15

Info and application at <https://forms.gle/y8Rv5rWHsXUJVMxU6>

United Veterinary Service

Due: March 31

Available to 4-H and FFA members in Waupaca, Shawano, Outagamie, Waushara or Winnebago counties who were enrolled in an animal project. A \$1000 scholarship for college or technical school. Contact the Vet Clinic at 715-752-4747 or uvs@unitedveterinaryservice.com

WAY TO GO!

From rolling pins to evergreens, 4-H youth were BUSY this early winter! Thank you to the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation for helping fund the “Get Your Greens Together” Initiative, that provided wreath kits to the Mohican Family Center, the Boys and Girls Club, and Safe Haven.

Thank you ALL for spending time in 4-H. Shawano County had the best representation at the Clover Cookie Creations class with 30 participants! We saw wreath kits leave our door, 20 baked pies leave a fellowship hall, and Cloverbuds posting pictures of their snowman’s emotions.

We appreciate you! Without members and leaders, 4-H would not be the amazing program it is today. THANK YOU!



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