

Happy February; Welcome to the **4-H Minute!** We're excited to share one e-mail per week highlighting the educational events to come, 4-H spotlights, meeting mixer, and a policy highlight. This communication will complement the February - March Cloverline, which will be hitting e-mail inboxes and real mailboxes soon.

Events This Week:

- **Today is the last day to enroll in 4-H for 2022 in order to be eligible to show at the Shawano County Fair.** Log into: <http://v2.4honline.com> and complete the process.
- **Help Shawano County 4-H spread Love this February** by donating Valentines for Seniors. Cards should be dropped off to the Shawano 4-H Extension Office, 311 N. Main Street, Room 109 by February 4th. Thank you to those that have donated cards; we have received over 70 cards.
- The 4-H Livestock Awards Committee will be meeting on February 3rd at 7 p.m. in Rooms A & B of the Courthouse.

Events This Month:

- The next **4-H Livestock Committee Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, February 10th at 7:30 p.m.** in the Courthouse, Rooms A & B.
- **Shawano Livestock** will be hosting their **Information Meeting on Tuesday, February 22nd at 7 p.m.** in the Shawano High School Auditorium for those planning to participate in the Market Animal Program with beef, sheep, swine, or meat goat. General rules and requirements for the year will be shared. ALL first and second year exhibitors and parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to attend. All other members welcome to attend as well. All members attending may receive one livestock meeting credit upon their attendance and sign in.
- **Shawano 4-H is hosting a Torchlight Snowshoe Hike on February 11th** at the Navarino Nature Center in Shiocton. Snowshoeing, hiking, cross country skiing, and sledding are all planned. The cost is \$5 per person. **Sign up at: tinyurl.com/4-HFebNightOut or call the office at 715-526-6136.**
- The next 4-H Camp Counselor Training will be held on Monday, February 21st from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in Rooms A & B of the Courthouse.

Save the Date:

- **Camp Counselor Full Day Training: March 12th from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
- The **Music & Communication Expo** will be held the afternoon of **April 24th.** Opportunities to share your talents in speaking (demonstration, poetry, other) and music (vocal, instrumental) – both individual and team.
- The **Foods Revue** will be held on the morning of **May 14th** with a “Just Say Cheese!” theme.
- The **Wisconsin 4-H Foundation** will award more than \$15,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2022. To be considered

for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by **Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 5:00 pm**. To see if you qualify, check out their website: <https://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>

- Potential campers in grades 3 - 7: **4-H Camp will be held on August 2 - 5, 2022.**

Shawano 4-H Highlight of the Week: Shawano was proudly represented by Annika, Taya, Makenna, and Amber at the Rosholt Lions Camp. 31 youth from 9 counties attended to learn more about teamwork, leadership, brain science, and creative problem solving, as well as snowshoe and tube outside in the snow. Thank you!



Shawano County 4-H Centennial Memories: Moving into Shawano County's second decade, the first Shawano County 4-H agent, Mrs. W. A. Schmidt, was hired part-time in 1934. Prior to that there was one county agricultural agent who was known simply as the county agent and they also worked with 4-H.

Meeting Mixer: Animals: Peek-a-Who - Split the group into two teams. Have two people hold up a blanket between the two groups so that neither group can see the other. Each group quietly picks one person who scoots to the center of the blanket. On the count of three, the holders drop the blanket and the two people in the center try to be the first to identify the other person. Whichever of the two people says the other's name first gets that person to their side. The process is repeated until there is only one group. Be sure to rotate blanket holders or else use leaders as holders.

Policy for your Perusal: More of a reminder this week – If you are planning to have your club participate in a more “risky” event (i.e. tubing, ice skating, etc.) please strongly consider taking up American Income Life insurance policy. Find them at: <https://www.aillife.com/specialriskdivision/activityreport>.

Thank you for all that you do – we couldn't do it without you!

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