

Welcome to the 2nd **4-H Minute for February!** 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.

Events This Week:

- 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 9th. Thank you to those that have donated cards; we have received over 100 cards.
- **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. Friends of 4-H members are welcome to attend as well. The cost is \$5 per person. **Sign up at: [tinyurl.com/4-HFebNightOut]tinyurl.com/4-HFebNightOut** or call the office at 715-526-6136.

Events This Month:

- The next **4-H Livestock Committee Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, February 17th at 7:30 p.m.** in the Courthouse, Rooms A & B. ***Please note the date change for this meeting.**
- **Shawano Livestock** will be hosting their **Information Meeting on Tuesday, February 22nd at 7 p.m.** in the Shawano High School LGI 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.
- 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: Our shout-out this week is to the **Belle Plaine 4-H Club**. As part of their December meeting they tied blankets for the Willow Tree Cornerstone Child Advocacy Center. They donated 38 blankets and stuffed animals.

Shawano County 4-H Centennial Memories: By 1939, dairy and field crops were the most popular projects. There was also an annual county 4-H picnic held in June at the Shawano County park.

Meeting Mixer: Who's the Leader?: Choose a person to be the guesser and send them out of the room. Then pick another to be the leader. Everyone else is a follower. The Leader's job is to direct the followers (without saying anything) through a series of actions (winking, whistling, snapping fingers, etc). Each action should last about 10 seconds. Whenever the leader makes a change the followers must immediately mimic him/her. Once the leader has begun, call the guesser back into the room and see how long it takes them to figure out who the leader is. Then it is someone else's turn to be the guesser.

Policy for your Perusal: Roller Blading or Roller Skating - 4-H volunteers must discuss the roller skating and rollerblading activities with participants (4-H members, non-members, 4-H volunteers and other adults) to assess the risk, determine and record a suitable safety training plan and ensure controls are in place to reduce or eliminate the potential for injuries, risks and hazards. Youth and adult volunteers must then carry out a safety training plan for all. This plan should include:

- Helmets are required when roller skating and rollerblading outdoors; helmets and other safety gear are encouraged but not required at roller rinks.
- Clothing appropriate for roller skating and rollerblading must be worn. No loose clothing which might get caught in the wheels or trip the skater(s). Hats, scarves, bandannas, or head wear may be worn when skating and must be tight fitting. ALL clothing and head wear must be proper fitting.
- Roller skating and rollerblading etiquette, at either roller rinks or outdoors, includes: No pushing, tripping, playing tag, etc. while roller skating and rollerblading.
- Additional topics could include: accident insurance, risk management checklist, etc.

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

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