

Welcome to our **4-H Minute for December!** We're excited to share an e-mail each week highlighting the educational events to come, 4-H spotlights, meeting mixer, and a policy highlight.

The **December/January Clover Line** is attached.

Events THIS week:

- **Pella Eagles** will be hosting a pet vaccination clinic on December 17th at the Pella Town Hall from 9am til noon. They will be hosting a bake sale also.
- Shawano County 4-H will once again be providing holiday cheer for seniors who receive meals at home. Can you help by making a few **homemade ornaments** to be distributed in December? Donations can be dropped off at Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N Main Street, Shawano by December 16th. Check out more information on our website: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/shawano4h/>
- **Remember to re-enroll for the new 4-H**
at <https://v2.4honline.com/>. Remember, if you wish to participate as a 4-H member in NEXT year's county fair, you must enroll by February 1.

All leaders must take the following course to be an approved leader. It was a new training as of May of 2022. If you have enrolled and have not yet been confirmed, please check to make sure you are not missing this training.

Title IX Training

- **All Auction Checks MUST be cashed as soon as possible.**

Events this Month:

- The **Livestock Committee** will meet on Thursday, December 22nd at 7:30pm in Rooms A&B of the Courthouse.
- The **Extension office** is closed December 23rd and December 26th to observe the Christmas holiday and January 2nd to observe New Year's Day.
- Leader Training will be held at the Shawano County Courthouse beginning at 6pm. This training will cover Title IX, Safe Spaces, and VIP. Check out the Clover Line for more details.

Save the Date:

- **Shooting Sports** practices will begin January 7th. Watch for more info to come.
- **Spark Saturday** dates are set. January 21st we will host a day in Bonduel and February 11th we will be in Tigerton. Spark Saturdays begin at 9am and will finish up by 11:45am. Check the Clover Line for more details.

- <https://tinyurl.com/SPARKBonduel>
- <https://tinyurl.com/SPARKTigerton>

- **Shawano County 4-H Leaders Inc Meeting** will be on Monday, January 23rd at 7pm in Rooms A&B of the Courthouse.
- **Winter Camp** will be held February 3-5, 2023 at a new location, Spencer Lake Camp in Waupaca. Spark your Leadership – for grades 7-12. Registration is available at: <https://bit.ly/4HWINTERCAMP22>.
- **The Livestock Committee will meet on Thursday, January 26th at 7:30pm in Rooms A&B of the Courthouse.**
- **Mandatory Livestock meeting** for all youth enrolled in Livestock and wanting to show/sell at the Shawano County Fair will be held on January 31st and February 11th. Youth and a parent must attend one of these meetings.

Shawano 4-H Highlight of the Week: This week we give a shout out to the Landstad 4-H Club. This past weekend they put together gift bags for residents at the Hillside Apartments. The youth delivered the gifts to the residents and they were so excited to receive a gift. Great job Landstad 4-H – way to share the holiday cheer and give back to your community!



Meeting Mixer: Telephone: An oldie but a goodie: Gather in a circle. Pick one phrase to whisper in the ear of the person next to you –no repeats. That person will whisper what they heard to the person next to them, and so on until the phrase gets back to you. Prepare to laugh at how distorted it gets. To make it more difficult, play music in the background.

Policy for your Perusal: Ice Fishing

- Wisconsin 4-H staff or 4-H volunteers must provide direct supervision of youth for any 4-H ice fishing activities.
- Wisconsin 4-H staff, volunteers and 4-H members must follow the safety guidelines outlined in the [Ice Fishing and Winter Safety](#) document published by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

From our Partners:

- **The Salvation Army of Shawano County** is in need of volunteers to ring bells during the Red Kettle Campaign which runs from Thanksgiving through December 24, 2022. The Bell Ringers are located at Charlie's County Market, Qualheim's True Value and Wal-Mart. Ringing takes place on Friday and Saturday during the season. If you are interested in ringing bells, please sign up through the Shawano County Service Unit Calendar via the following link www.registertoring.com. If you need assistance, please call Jennifer Bisterfeldt at 715-853-6456 or Jeane Sager at 920-304-9161.

Just a few reminders:

- 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.aile.com/specialriskdivision/activityreport>.
- Did you get injured during a 4-H event? You must contact Megan as soon as possible after the event. Injuries must be reported to UW-Madison within 48 hours of their occurrence, ESPECIALLY if you seek medical attention via EMS, 911, or by visiting the Emergency Department or Walk In Clinic.
- If your club wants to hold a **fundraiser/fundraising activity**, please contact Megan first.

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

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