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### Madison County Extension Welcomes Ellen Lupkes as New CYC

Ellen Lupkes is the Madison County Youth Coordinator. A native of the area, she participated in 4-H and FFA showing hogs at the state and county fair. She earned a dual bachelor's degree from Iowa State in Agricultural Communications and International Agriculture while also working in Pre-College Education at the Center for Biorenewable Chemicals implementing STEM programming for K-12 teachers and students. Post-graduation, she lived and worked in West Africa developing school-based agriculture education programs in partnership with AgriCorps, 4-H Ghana, 4-H Liberia, and local communities. She's excited to get to know everyone and serve the community!



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## CLUB CALENDARS NEED TURNED IN BY OCTOBER 1ST

Each year, club leaders are required to turn in their club's calendar of events for risk management review and as part of the club chartering process. This is required for clubs to remain chartered and in good standing, and it is also required for our accident and liability insurance. Our accident insurance protects families and volunteers from excessive financial burden to pay medical bills should their child become injured while participating in an approved 4-H sponsored activity. Club calendars are a critical part of the activity approval process. Please note: Some club activities, such as swimming, trampoline parks, and hayrack rides, require special waivers and special best practice guidelines. Club calendars do not have to be fancy, just complete. Club calendar templates can be found on the Iowa 4-H website on the "Impact" menu on the "Guidance" page.



### 4-H BEST PRACTICES FOR FALL 2020 RELEASED

Our efforts to deliver safe, educational programming have become more challenging as we also navigate a worldwide pandemic. Iowa 4-H has released [fall best practices](#) for 4-H staff and volunteers to follow to promote safe learning environments. You can review this document on the 4-H website at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/regulations-and-guidance> Please review these and follow this guidance as your move forward with 4-H learning events this year.

Questions? E-mail [xmadison@iastate.edu](mailto:xmadison@iastate.edu)



# 4-H Enrollment & Re-Enrollment Begins October 1st



Iowa 4-H is switching to 4-H Online 2.0 this fall. Enrollment will be open October 1st. You may enroll using your same 4-H Online 1.0 user name and password. The new 4-H Online 2.0 website can be found [here](#). - [CLICK HERE](#). Please note that we will be unable to accept credit card payments for the 2020-2021 year. Please stop in the Extension Office and pay your dues with cash or check or you can mail them to 117 North John Wayne Drive, Winterset, IA 50273. We apologize for the inconvenience. If you have troubles enrolling on the new website please contact the Madison County Extension Office at 515-462-1001. Please continue to track and turn in club meeting/event attendance. You can use a sign-in sheet at meetings or events, a club leader or officer taking attendance by name, or ask families to complete a paper enrollment form. Attendance records are MANDATORY. Attendance records need to be kept for all programming, not just 4-H clubs. See also the Open for Iowa guidance related to attendance rosters. [CLICK HERE](#)



## 4-H Awards Banquet Update

Due to COVID-19 we were informed by Madison County Public Health that it would not be safe to host the banquet in person alongside of the Fair Board annual meeting as we historically have done in the past years. While we understand and prioritize the safety of our youth, we also want to ensure that the county youth and community members are recognized for their hard work and accomplishments over this past year. The 4-H and Youth Committee as well as the 4-H Youth Council are collaborating with the Madison County Extension Office to come up with the best possible way to acknowledge our valued 4-H members and volunteers. We will make sure to post an awards recognition update to the Madison County Extension Facebook page, webpage and will email the information out to all members as soon as we come to a decision.

# Midwest Heritage Accepts Applications for Program that Supports Youth in Agriculture



WEST DES MOINES, IOWA (September 4, 2020) – Midwest Heritage, a subsidiary of Hy-Vee, Inc., is now accepting applications for their award-winning program to help youth get a start in the cattle industry.

The goal of the Midwest Heritage Youth Heifer Program is to help future young farmers gain interest and knowledge of the beef cattle industry by awarding bred heifers to program recipients. Midwest Heritage will grant up to five 7th and 8th graders, three bred heifers each. The program will span five years. During this time, recipients are responsible for management of the herd including daily care, records and breeding. At the conclusion of the five years, recipients are responsible for paying back the market value of the three bred heifers. When submitting applications for the program, the participants are required to list their goals for the program, their future, give descriptions of how they would promote it within their communities and submit three letters of recommendation.

“This program provides an excellent opportunity for youth to get started in raising cattle,” said Tracy Taylor, Midwest Heritage Market President. “The program goal is for these students to have established a foundation herd and gain financial self-sufficiency by the end of five years.”

Students from Adair, Lucas, Madison, Wayne and Warren County are invited to apply.

Applications are being accepted until October 30, 2020 and can be found online at

[mhb.com/youth-heifer](https://mhb.com/youth-heifer).



# Marketing Livestock Post Fair



Here are a few options that you can explore before the 2021 Madison County Fair to market your livestock. Market livestock includes beef, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy steers, market poultry and meat rabbits.

- **Livestock Buyer or sometimes referred to as a “floor bid.”** Floor bids traditionally have been obtained from buyers for swine, sheep and goats. This is when a livestock buyer comes forth and offers a bid –price/pound – for a species of livestock. Many times a certain number of head are required to guarantee the bid. These bids are not a guarantee and if one is offered it is usually received during the fair. The Madison County Livestock Auction Committee along with the Fair Livestock Superintendents and the Extension Office Staff work together to obtain bids.
- **Sales Barn**
  - The local Madison County Livestock sale barn traditionally has an auction on Tuesdays.
  - There are other sale barns and livestock markets in the area. Your family may utilize these markets. If you are interested in more information the following link lists many of the regular livestock auctions in the state of Iowa. This list is not inclusive.  
<https://iowaagriculture.gov/agricultural-diversification-market-development-bureau/iowa-livestock-auctions>
- **Direct Marketing to Consumers** You may choose to sell the meat from livestock directly to a consumer. This would entail contacting a local locker plant to secure a slaughter date where the animal is delivered to the plant for slaughter and processing.

-A list of plants in the state of Iowa can be found at the following link. [CLICK HERE](#)

-It will be the youth's responsibility to contact the locker - note many plants are already booked through 2021, but may have dates available specifically for 4-H and FFA member's livestock. There are no specific slots reserved for Madison County 4-H and FFA members at these plants. You should identify yourself as a 4-H or FFA member and are wanting to book a *fill-in the blank of the kind and number of livestock* next year after the fair (fair dates are July 21-25, 2021).

-If you need more information about selling meat products from your livestock or what plant you would fill your needs you can contact Janis Hochstetler at the Iowa Meat and Poultry Inspection Bureau for additional information and regulatory requirements. Phone 515-281-8858 or at [Janis.Hochstetler@iowaagriculture.gov](mailto:Janis.Hochstetler@iowaagriculture.gov). Janis is also available to present information about direct marketing at club meetings or other events.

Please remember that all 4-H and FFA members that exhibit livestock at the County and State Fairs must complete training for Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). YQCA is offered in the spring, check Clover Connections for dates or contact CYC Ellen Lupkes for more information.



## NEW VOLUNTEER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

There will be a New Volunteer Training opportunity on Monday, October 5th. If you plan to attend you will need to register online at the link below. – (scroll down to the middle of the page to: Training for New Volunteers and click on the October 5 Virtual Offering in WDM)

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/volunteertraining>



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# Madison County Sharp Shooters 4-H Members Compete at State Match

On August 29, eleven members of the Madison County Sharp Shooters 4-H Club and coaches traveled to Big Springs Shooting Range near Searsboro to compete in the 2020 State 4-H Shooting Sports Match Competition. The youth competed in Compound Bow Archery, Smallbore Rifle, Air Rifle and Shotgun Trap with other 4-H youth from across Iowa.

## **Archery Compound Bow**

### **Intermediate Division**

Carli Venhaus – 3rd place

### **Junior Division**

Moses Hochstetler 2nd Place

## **Smallbore Rifle –**

### **Senior Division**

Carol Cooley 8th place

### **Junior Division**

Moses Hochstetler 1st Place

Nick Swalve 2nd Place

Caleb Moetsch 3rd Place

Cohen Hansen 4th place

Matthew Brakhane 5th place

Ty Bane 7th Place

## **Shotgun Trap**

### **Senior Division**

Jensen Kaldenberg 17th

Jack Conner 20th

Gunner Hutton 23rd

Junior Division

Caleb Moetsch 3rd Place

Nick Swalve 4th Place

Cohen Hansen 6th Place

## **Air Rifle**

### **Senior Division**

Carol Cooley – 5th Place

## **Coaches**

Judd Stover, Crystal Venhaus and Kevin Smith– Archery

Kevin Smith, Cody Hutton, Bill Venhaus and Mike Murray – Shotgun Trap

Stephen Smiley, Mike Murray and Mike Cooley – Small Bore Rifle

Mike Murray – Air Rifle

Stephen Smiley -- Muzzleloader

Maria Forgy, Jody Smith and Janis Hochstetler – Club Coordinators





**Small Bore Rifle Members and Coaches** L-R Carol Cooley, Ty Bane, Nick Swalve, Coach Stephen Smiley, Moses Hochstetler, Cohen Hansen, Matthew Brakhane and Caleb Moettch. Not pictured Coaches Mike Murray and Mike Cooley



**Shotgun Trap Members and Coaches**  
L-R: Coach Mike Murray, Gunner Hutton, Nick Swalve, Cohen Hansen, Caleb Moetsch, Jensen Kaldenberg and Coach Cody Hutton. Not pictured: Jack Conner and Coach Kevin Smith and Bill Venhaus



**Archery Compound Bow Members and Coaches** – L-R: Coach Judd Stover, Carli Venhaus, Moses Hochstetler and Coach Crystal Venhaus. Not pictured Coach Kevin Smith.



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**3 Mile Sharp Shooters 4-H Club**  
**Trap Shoot Fundraiser**

**WHERE:** High Lakes Outdoor Alliance Shooting Range,  
2216 130<sup>th</sup> St., Afton, IA

**DATE:** Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

Range opens at 8:30 am

Program starts at 10:00 am until finished

**100 TARGETS:** 50 from 16 yard line

50 from handicap (Handicap based on  
16 yard line average.)

**THREE CLASSES:** Youth (thru 16 years old)

Novice

Experienced

**COST:** \$50.00 – includes targets and prizes

Prizes will be various meat products, i.e. ham,  
turkey, pork loin, bacon.

**LUNCH:** Costs Extra – Provided on grounds by the  
High Lakes Outdoor Alliance.

**CONTACT:** Tom King, Ph 641-344-5193

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