

*Cass Clover*

4-H Family News

July 2016

Dear 4-H Family and Friends,

Fair week is quickly approaching and there is a lot that still needs our attention! Check out the details of this newsletter to really see what is going on and when your help may be needed! A lot of our yearly reminders are in this Clover, but also be sure to reference back to previous newsletters for questions about the upcoming fair.

If you can't find your question answered, please give us a call and we'll be happy to help you find the answer to your question.

Sincerely,

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Fair Registration Procedure

Registration and judging for non-livestock exhibits will be on Saturday, August 1st from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All still project exhibitors must pick up their entry forms and exhibit tags from the registration tables before judging and return the form to the registration tables after all their projects are judged on Saturday. Passes may be purchased at that time. The yellow copy of the registration form is given back to the exhibitor to be kept for picking up projects on Sunday, August 7, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. until noon. If you are not able to pick up your projects at this time, please make arrangements with someone to have these picked up. Any exhibits left after 12:00 p.m. may not be saved.

Club Hangers and Banners

Clubs that are planning on completing Club Hangers, size should be no bigger than 2 poster sizes and should only be decorated on one side. Check the fair book for additional guidelines and rules for Club Hangers and Club Banners.



State 4-H Dog Show

The 2016 State 4-H Dog Show, held at Michigan State University, will be held on Saturday, August 15th at the MSU Pavilion. It is open to exhibitors 9-19 years old as of January 1. Entries, class forms, and shot records are due to the Extension office before 5:00 p.m. on July 13th. Make Checks payable to Michigan State University.

For more information, please visit http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/state_4_h_dog_show

Fair Exhibitor Fees

Dairy Feeder and Swine exhibitors will need to pay a \$10 exhibitor fee to show at the Cass County Fair in 2016. New to 2016, the \$10 fee will be deducted from your auction check!

Fair Alumni Sheep Show

In 2015, the Cass County Fair hosted a Swine Alumni Show. In 2016, there will be a **Sheep Alumni Show**. The show will take place on Saturday, August 6th at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$20.00 per entry. All proceeds will go towards sheep barn improvements.

4-H Workshops

July 18: 4-H Teen Spokesperson Training
<http://events.anr.msu.edu/4HTeenSpokesperson>
Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, East Lansing

July 22-24: 4-H Mentoring Weekend
<http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E68499A13D2C7CE3>
Kettunen Center, Tustin

Other 4-H Events

July 14: State 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest
<http://bit.ly/lqnhDvu>
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

July 18-22: 4-H Dairy Days
http://www.ans.msu.edu/uploads/files/ANS_Youth/DD_entry_information_16_CRX.pdf
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

July 20: 4-H Robotics Challenge
<https://eatoncounty4h.wordpress.com/county-programs/robotics-challenge>
Barry County Fair, Barry Expo Center, Hastings

July 22: State 4-H/FFA Meats Judging Contest
<http://bit.ly/1OpB2RH>
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

July 31-August 6: 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp
<http://bit.ly/1Xn5uTU>
Camp Chickagami, Presque Isle

August 2-4: 4-H Health & Food Science Camp
<http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=DB6531563678F88A>
Shaw Hall, Michigan State University

August 6: 4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament
<http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=3214D0FE1A177D96>
Centerline of Calhoun County, Bellevue

August 13: State 4-H Dog Show
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/state_4_h_dog_show
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

August 19-21: State 4-H Horse Show
http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

August 27: State 4-H Miniature Horse Show
http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs
South Barn, MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>

Events Coming Soon or With Nearing Registration Deadlines

4-H Robotics Challenge

If you love robotics or have county robotics teams, showcase your engineering skills in a two-hour, real-time robotics (LEGO advanced Mindstorms and Junk Drawer) design challenge. Teams will design, build and program a robot to complete challenges.



Who: 3- to 5-member robotics teams (aged 9 to 19 as of January 1, 2016). At least 1 team member must be an enrolled 4-H member.

When and Where: July 20, Barry County Fair, Barry Expo Center, Hastings

Registration: As a team, select the challenge and division in which you want to compete. **Complete and return the Team Roster Form** (<http://bit.ly/1XZBZt9>) with the registration fee (\$20 per team) to the Barry County MSU Extension Office (<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/info/barry>) by July 1.

Sources of More Information*

- Challenge web site (<https://eatoncounty4h.wordpress.com/county-programs/robotics-challenge>)
- Robotics Team Packet (<http://bit.ly/1tudxmk>)

4-H Teen Spokesperson Training

Tell the world about the amazing things Michigan 4-H members are doing! Workshop includes: social media, creating dynamic messages about 4-H, planning for an interview and practicing public speaking.

Who: Enrolled 12- to 19-year-old (as of January 1, 2016) 4-H members, and adults providing transportation

When and Where: July 18 (East Lansing) and August 22 (Mackinac City)

Cost: \$15 per person

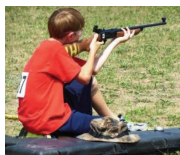
Registration: Online (<http://bit.ly/1WRz3Og>) by the deadline given on the web site.



Sources of More Information*

The training web site (<http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=6DA24872D3A1572E>)

Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament



Sometimes referred to as the "4-H State Shoot," this event allows Michigan 4-H shooting sports members the opportunity to test their skills and earn recognition.

Who: 9- to 19-year-old, as of January 1, 2016, Michigan 4-H members, enrolled in a shooting sports group

When and Where: August 6, Centerline of Calhoun County, Bellevue

Cost: \$30 per person

Registration: Online (<http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=3214D0FE1A17D96>) by July 13.

Sources of More Information*

- Tournament web site (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_state_shooting_sports_tournament)
- The tournament general rules (<http://bit.ly/261MMY8>)

National 4-H Congress

This five-day educational gathering includes workshops on topics such as leadership development, character education, workforce preparation, science and technology, and communication-skills development.

Who: 4-H members aged 15 to 19.

When and Where: November 25- 29, Hyatt Regency, Atlanta, Georgia

Registration: Counties identify their delegates. Interested 4-H members should contact 4-H staff in their local MSU Extension office (<http://bit.ly/1u0f9E3>).

Cost: The cost (including airfare, registration fee, lodging, a tour, baggage fees, snacks, most meals, two shirts and a photograph) is approximately \$1,500 per person.

Sources of More Information*

- The Congress Facebook page (<http://on.fb.me/1FGhdQH>)
- Previous delegations to Congress: (<http://bit.ly/1UdULq6>), (<http://bit.ly/1FMTFz6>),



Light Horse Driving Schedule

The light horse driving schedule for 2016 is as follows.

Driving Workouts will take place at 12:00 p.m. on the following dates:

Saturday 7/16/16

Dates of shows are below. More information about times will be announced at workouts.

7/24—Centreville show

7/29—6:00 p.m., Cass

County Fair Light Horse Driving Show, Draft Horse Arena

Fair Dairy Feeder Day Change

Due to the swine show day change, the date of the 2016 Dairy Feeder Show will be Monday, August 1st, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

Fair Swine Day Change

New to the 2016 Cass County Fair is a one-day swine show! The show will take place on Tuesday, August 2nd, 2016 beginning at 9:00 a.m. The order of the show will be as follows: Pee Wee/Cloverbud showmanship, youth showmanship, and market.

COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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4-H Leaders' Association

Are you looking to help the county 4-H program? The 4-H Leaders' Association is the place for you! Come to our next meeting on Thursday, July 21 at 7:00 p.m.. at the MSUE Conference Room to see what we are all about!

Questions? Visit our webpage at <http://www.casscounty4hleaders.org/> for more information.



Dog Workouts

Dog workouts are on the following dates! Remember, youth must attend and qualify at one mandatory workout to be eligible to show at the fair. All workouts will be at 6:30 p.m. at Bergman's Veterinary Small Animal PC unless otherwise noted.

July 21
July 23—1 p.m. MSUE office for Versatility Test
July 24—2 p.m. Mandatory

July

- 14 Rabbit and Cavy Association Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Kincheloe Room
- 20 Horse Leaders' Association Meeting, 7:30 p.m., MSUE Conference Room
- 21 Leaders' Association Meeting, 7:00 p.m., MSUE Conference Room
- 30 Cass County Fair Still Exhibit Judging, 9:00 a.m., Cass County Fairgrounds

Cass County Fair 2016 Dates

July 31st — August 6th

Cheers to Our Volunteers!

August

- 17 Horse Leaders' Association Meeting, 7:30 p.m., MSUE Conference Room
- 25 Leaders' Association Meeting, 7:00 p.m., MSUE Conference Room
- 31 Horse After Fair Meeting, 7:00 p.m., MSUE Conference Room

September

- 1 Livestock After Fair Meeting, 7:00 p.m., MSUE Conference Room
- 6 Key Leader Meeting, 7:00 p.m., MSUE Conference Room
- 7 Still Exhibit After Fair Meeting, 7:00 p.m., MSUE Conference Room
- 8 Rabbit and Cavy Association Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Kincheloe Room
- 14 New Leader Orientation, 6:00 p.m., MSUE Conference Room
- 17 Outdoor Experience Day, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., T.K. Lawless Park
- 21 Horse Leaders' Meeting, 7:30 p.m., MSUE Conference Room
- 22 New Leader Interviews, 5:30 p.m. by appt, MSUE office
- 22 Leaders' Association Meeting, 7:00 p.m., MSUE Conference Room
- 24 Color Run, Council on Aging, Decatur Rd. More details, TBA
- 26 CWF Applications due

Clerks and Runners Needed!

We are in need of adult clerks for Still Exhibit day, July 30th, 2016. We are asking each club to identify one or two adults available that day to serve as clerk for our judges. This year, clerks working all day will be provided lunch! This is in appreciation for all of the hard work you do to make the judging process go smoothly, following the fair theme of volunteer appreciation! A gift from the fair board to you.

Youth ages 12 and older are needed as runners during Still Exhibit judging day helping youth bring exhibits in, assisting judges display projects, and other general tasks as needed. Morning, afternoon, or all-day sign-ups are available.

We are still in need of approximately 10 clerks and many more runners to make the still exhibit judging run smoothly. Please contact your key leader or the MSU Extensions office at 269-445-4438 Ext 3 to volunteer!

Fair Reminders

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Fair Barn Clean-Up dates

Still Exhibit Barn Clean Up

Tuesday, July 12th

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 13th

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Poultry

Saturday, July 9th

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Rabbits

Saturday, July 9th

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Beef

Tuesday, July 12th

6:30 p.m.

Swine

Tuesday, July 12th

6:30 p.m.

Goat

Thursday, July 14th

6:30 p.m.

Dairy Feeder

Saturday, July 23rd

10:00 a.m.

Beef Hoof Trimming

The Beef Superintendent will be holding a hoof trimming session on July 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The last hoof trimming will take place at 12:00 p.m., so be sure to arrive early!

Barn Un-loading Passes

One barn unloading pass will be provided per family with youth aged 8 -19 showing large livestock at the fair. The hanger should be placed on your rear view mirror, print side facing out. Please be aware that NO EXTRAS or replacements will be given out under any circumstances. (Short-term small animal unloading passes may be signed out from the superintendent.) The un-loading pass allows you to unload feed and supplies in your barn area until 9:00 a.m. daily, it does NOT permit you to park next to the barn. Immediately after unloading, please move your vehicle to the parking area.

Fair Passes

Youth fair passes may be purchased for \$5.00 beginning on Saturday, August 1, 2015 at the registration area **after** projects are judged and exhibitor has returned their entry form to the registration table. You must exhibit a project in order to qualify for a discounted pass.

4-H Leader passes will be available to purchase for \$5.00 on Saturday, July 30th at the registration area. You must be a currently enrolled and approved leader (2016 enrollment on file and completed the Volunteer Selection Process) to purchase a leader pass. If you have NOT renewed or enrolled as a leader you will not be sold a reduced priced pass.

Regular season passes may be purchased for \$20.00. Passes may be purchased after Saturday at the "Youth" office at the fairgrounds.

Darlene B. Lowe Complex Clean-up!

July 12th and 13th @ 5:00 p.m.

We had an AMAZING donation from Quality Kids & Critters 4-H Club of new shelving units for the Lowe building and still exhibit projects, which is why we have scheduled 2 clean up dates. The first date will be for cleaning and organizing what we have and the 2nd day will be for assembly of the new shelves to see how and where we can use them!

Please bring: Push/barn brooms, dust pan or scoop shovel, paper towels, window cleaner, buckets, rags or sponges. There will be heavy things to move, so we can use older kids to help!

Livestock Entry Requirements for All Exhibitors

Youth livestock may enter the fairgrounds from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 31st.

All beef, beef breeding stock, dairy, and dairy feeders must have an RFID tag. (Tag should be provided by the breeder that you purchased your animal from.) Regardless of age... this includes animals under 6 months of age.

All sheep and goats will need proper identification (Scrapies tag) and health certificates according to the Scrapies eradication rules.

All horses & ponies MUST present negative Coggins test results upon entry.

All market rabbits had to be validated prior to fair. All breed rabbits must be tattooed prior to arrival at fair.

All swine will be tagged when they enter the fairgrounds.

All market poultry will be banded at the fair during Sunday check-in.

Release of Animals at Fair

Reminder- it is a violation for any person(s) to remove an animal from the fairgrounds before 6:00 a.m. Sunday after the fair, without prior approval of the species superintendent or fair board.

Fair Updates

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Fair Rule Reminders

For youth that are exhibiting dog, cat, draft horse, goats, rabbits, or poultry, evaluation books are required! These books should be put together cumulatively. Please see specific requirements in your species section of the fair book.

Recipe cards are mandatory for all food exhibits per fair book rules. You should use the MSU Extension provided recipe cards. Recipes should **not** include the following items: mystery ingredients, mixes, pre-made pie fillings, or alcohol.

Please be sure to look through **all** rules and regulations for your project areas as well as the General Exhibitor Rules, Still Exhibit Rules, and Livestock Rules to discover minor changes.

B.R.A.V.O. Sponsorships

The B.R.A.V.O. award is given to youth exhibitors that demonstrate the skills that echo the 4-H motto, "To Make the Best Better". Recipients who have excelled in doing their very best through their project completion and judging interview at this year's Cass County Fair are eligible to receive this award. Only 15 awards are given. Recipients are invited to an appreciation meal for themselves, a guest, and the sponsor.

To continue to provide this award we are reliant upon sponsorships. Sponsors are asked to donate \$25. Please contact the Extension office if you would like a donation form or have questions about the B.R.A.V.O. award. Thank you to our last year's sponsors from 2015, Bill Potter, Cheryl Ladd, Dr. David and Sarah Matthews, Mary Wilkinson, Legacy 4-H Club, Cleopatra's Hair Hut, McCarthy Family, North Red Hill 4-H Club, Creative Vinyl Signs, Fryman's Roofing Company, Penn 4-H Club, Quality Masonry, and Accounting Consultants LLC.

Annual Still Exhibit Auction

- Returning for the fifth year at the 2016 Cass County Fair is the Youth Still Exhibit Auction. For more information, contact the Extension office and see the current fair book for complete guidelines and criteria.
- Still Exhibit Auction is open to all youth exhibitors ages 8-19. Cloverbuds/Pee Wees are not eligible to participate in the auction.
- An exhibitor may sell one lot in this sale.
- An exhibitor must have received an "A" or "B" on the exhibit to be eligible to sell the item.
- Exhibitor must register the item to be auctioned immediately after the Still Exhibit judging on the Saturday prior to the opening of the fair, no later than 4:00 p.m.
- Projects eligible are Foods, Fine Arts, Crafts, (no memory albums) Photography, Artificial or Dried Flower Arrangements, Creative Welding, Recycling, and Scarecrows.
- All food items to be sold must be a duplicate of what the exhibitor had judged. All food items must be whole or at least a full dozen, and must have a recipe card attached (all ingredients must be listed,) All food items must have been properly stored (kept refrigerated if needed.) The duplicate food item must be turned in at auction registration after Still Exhibit judging, no later than 4:00 p.m. No exceptions.
- If selling a non-food item, a duplicate item may be made by the exhibitor to be given to the winning bidder at the time of the auction
- The exhibitor must be present to sell their own project.
- Five percent will be taken from the sale check of the item sold
- Exhibitor **MUST** write a thank you note to the buyer within a reasonable amount of time.
- Item must be exact duplicate, including frame if that was how it was presented at sale.
- Exhibitor is responsible for delivery of item.

Office Hours

The **MSU Extension** office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm (phone 445-4438)

During fair the Extension staff can be reached at the fair "youth" office at 445-8009 and the hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

Senior Bios

Are you a graduating senior at the Cass County Fair? Please go online to <http://msu.casscountymi.org> to download the Senior Bio form or come into the MSU Extension office to pick up a hard copy. These forms are due to our office by Friday, July 15th by 5:00 p.m. Forms turned in after this time will not be accepted.

Still Projects

For the still projects in the Darlene B. Lowe Building, each youth exhibit will receive a sticker in place of a ribbon. The sticker will be applied to the exhibit card for each project. On Sunday, August 7, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. until noon you may pick up your still exhibit and at that time turn in your "sticker" for an actual ribbon if you would like one.