

*Cass Clover*

4-H Family News

May 2016

Dear 4-H Family and Friends,

Here in the 4-H office, we are feeling the busy summer season just around the corner. We are getting a lot of calls regarding fair sign up online and I wanted to be sure to clarify some common questions. When you sign up for 4-H using the 4-H Online system, this is NOT your fair sign up. All youth planning to participate in the 2016 Cass County Fair will need to complete FAIR paperwork by the deadline (June 17th) in order to show. This fair paperwork will be done as it has been done in previous years and not using an online system.

Sincerely,

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Cass County 4-H Horse Judging Team Places First!

A HUGE congratulations goes to our Horse Judging Teams for winning the State competition! On April 22nd, Cass County was represented by two teams and several individuals competing for a spot to go to nationals. Cass County's Senior Regular and Senior Novice teams are both headed to nationals this fall!

Congratulations Cameron Hayden, Emily Prugh, Allison Ives, Amy Wyse, Mikia Jankoviak, Mattison Daniles, Mikayla Tice, Taylor Emerson, Caitlyn Cass, Ash Kapala, Heaven Cooper, and Kayanna Gamble on this amazing achievement! Your hard work, studying, and dedication to continued learning are great life skills to carry with you throughout your various 4-H projects and into your future career.

Placings for all events will be posted on the State Horse Youth Programs website at http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs.

March is Reading Month Challenge

Congratulations to our READERS! Three awesome youth took the challenge and read over 4,000 pages in the month of March. Way to go Kristin Sells, Alaina Preston, and Justin Feirick for your reading efforts during March. We hope you continue to enjoy reading throughout the year!



Celebrate the Earth & Stars at the Park

*Saturday, May 21, 2016
3:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Dr. T.K. Lawless Park,
Vandalia
\$5 per carload*

Come check out this community event and learn from local organizations about nature and enjoy its beauty!

Program includes:
Environmental Education,
hiking nature interpretive trail,
magic show, live birds of
prey, hands on youth
activities, full moon viewing
while enjoying a bluegrass
jam around the campfire.

Check out their webpage at
www.earthdaypark.webs.com

4-H Workshops

June 3-5: 4-H Companion Animal Spring Camp
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_companion_animal_camp_1
Camp Tuhsmehta, Greenville

Other 4-H Events

May 12: World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute
<http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=A3839AEE24EEB4CE>
Michigan State University

May 20-21: State 4-H Poultry Show
<http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=5D42DB572A7DF7AC>
Eaton County Fairgrounds, Charlotte

June 11: 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Expo
<http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E1913089101F8254>
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

June 15-16: 4-H MMPA Dairy Tour
Contact Melissa Elischer (elischer@anr.msu.edu)
Michigan Milk Producers Association Headquarters, Novi

June 17-19: State 4-H Trail Ride
http://www.ans.msu.edu/uploads/files/Packet_of_Info_2016.pdf
Whiskey Creek Campground, Custer

June 22-24: 4-H Exploration Days
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_exploration_days
MSU, East Lansing

June 25: State 4-H Goat Show
Contact Katie Ockert (ockertka@anr.msu.edu)
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

June 26-July 2: 2016 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships
<http://4h.unl.edu/4hshootingsportsnationalchampionships>
Heartland Public Shooting Park, Grand Island, Nebraska

June 27-July 1: 4-H Animal & Veterinary Science Camp
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_animal_veterinary_science_camp
MSU, East Lansing

June 27-July 1: 4-H Renewable Energy Camp
<http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=4Hrenewableenergycamp>
Michigan State University

July 14: State 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest
<http://bit.ly/1qnhDvu>
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

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

Michigan 4-H Health and Food Science Camp

The first Michigan 4-H Health and Food Science Camp will be held at Michigan State University (<https://msu.edu>) from August 2 through August 4, 2016.

What will campers do?

At this fun, interactive program, youth participants will:

- Explore fields related to health
- Participate in numerous, hands-on learning activities
- Gain knowledge about nutrition, physical fitness and personal safety
- Examine situations, ask questions and solve problems
- Work in teams to develop a plan to address health issues in their community
- Have the opportunity to visit and explore MSU



Who should attend?

Youth (13 to 19 years of age as of January 1, 2016) who are interested in exploring health, food science, nutrition, physical fitness and personal safety related activities



When and where will it be held?

The camp will begin with check-in on Tuesday, August 2, 2016, from 12:30 to 1:50 pm and it will conclude at 5 pm on Thursday, August 4, 2016. Participants will be lodged overnight at Shaw Hall (<https://liveon.msu.edu/rivertrail/shaw>) on the MSU campus (<http://maps.msu.edu>). Camp sessions will take place on campus with visits to many different facilities and much more!

How do interested youth and chaperones apply for camp? **By 5 pm Friday, May 13:**

- Youth interested in being a camp participant need to submit:
 - ◊ An application (<http://bit.ly/1VtvM5w>)
 - ◊ A permission form (<http://bit.ly/23dv52l>)
- Adults interested in being a camp chaperone need to submit an application (<http://bit.ly/1SNkHKc>)

How will participants be chosen?

Space is limited; up to 40 youth will be admitted. Youth campers will be selected based upon:

- Meeting the age requirement
- Having a complete application with all of the proper signatures
- The applicant's responses to the short-answer questions

By June 1, 2016, the selection committee will email all applicants with their decision. At the same time, youth who are accepted as campers will receive additional information, including the camp agenda and payment information. A waiting list will also be developed based on application scores.



What is the cost?

The cost, which includes all meals, lodging, transportation around camp and camp materials, is \$165 for 4-H members and \$175 for nonmembers. Payment will be due by July 1, 2016.

What is the cancellation policy?

No refunds will be given after July 15, 2016.

For more information

- See the event rules (<http://bit.ly/1XeSzBd>)
- Contact your local 4-H staff (<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county>)
- Contact Michelle Neff by email at hydemich@msu.edu or by telephone at 989-539-7805.

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 5/14/16
 Saturday 5/28/16
 Saturday 6/4/16
 Saturday 6/11/16
 Saturday 7/2/16
 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

4-H Exploration Days—June 22-24

4-H Exploration Days is an annual MSU pre-college program that attracts about 2500 participants statewide! Youth must be 11 or older on January 1st to participate.

A mandatory orientation will be held on June 1st at the Cass District Library at 6:30 p.m.

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, April 28th 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.

Rabbit 101: Basics of your Rabbit Project

Sunday, May 22, 2016 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. @ Cass County Fairgrounds, Rabbit Barn

A continuation from February, the Rabbit and Cavy Association is holding another workshop dedicated to introducing some more topics that are relevant to your 4-H rabbit project! Consider joining us to enhance your knowledge.

Pre-registration is required by emailing consford@anr.msu.edu or calling the MSU Extension office at 269-445-4438 Ext. 3.

When registering you will need to provide the following information: Name (First and Last), Club, Phone, Email (optional), Age, Year in Project.

May

- 12 Rabbit and Cavy Association Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Kincheloe Room, County Building
- 18 Horse Leaders' Association Meeting, 7:30 p.m., MSUE Conference Room
- 22 Rabbit 101 Workshop, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., TBD
- 26 New Leader Interviews, 5:30 p.m., by appt., MSUE Conference Room
- 26 Leaders' Association Meeting, 7:00 p.m., MSUE Conference Room
- 30 Memorial Day, MSUE Office Closed

June

- 1 Exploration Days Orientation, 6:30 p.m., Cass District Library
- 7 New Leader Orientation, 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m., MSUE Conference Room
- 15 Horse Leader's Association Meeting, 7:30 p.m., MSUE Conference Room
- 16 Leaders' Association Meeting, 7:00 p.m., MSUE Conference Room
- 28 New Leader Orientation, 7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m., MSUE Conference Room

July

- 4 MSUE Office Closed, observance of Independence Day
- 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

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

Fair Updates

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Fair Validation Dates

Sheep—first weekend in May

Saturday, May 7th
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 8th
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Goats—first Saturday of May

Saturday, May 7th
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Beef Feeder—first Saturday of May

Saturday, May 7th from
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Fair Barn Clean-Up dates

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.

Sheep

No planned clean-up date

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.

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 Late Entry Policy

In order to ensure a successful and organized fair week, it is important that forms are turned in to the Extension office in a timely manner. The superintendents and fair board have discussed this issue and have come up with a new Late Entry Policy as it relates to livestock.

All livestock pen reservation forms and youth entry forms are **due by June 17th** of the current year. If an exhibitor misses this deadline, the exhibitor is responsible for informing the Superintendent(s) that they have missed the June 17th deadline. The Superintendent will communicate with you that you will need to pay a **\$50.00 late fee, starting June 18th** of the current year. The Superintendent will then contact the Extension office about the late entry. No late livestock entries will be accepted after July 1st of the current year. No Exceptions.

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.

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!

Youth Pork Quality Assurance

Reminder: any swine exhibitors planning on showing at the Cass County Fair will need to be certified in the Youth PQA program. If you are new, or your certification expires prior to August of 2016, you will need to complete this training. You can now go online and complete the training at www.pork.org/login. This should be completed by July 1st!