



Cass Clover

4-H Family News

June 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,

Stephanie Consford



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.

There will be a training course provided for clerks prior to fair. The Still Exhibit clerk training will take place Wednesday, July 6th at 6:00 p.m. in the MSU Extension Conference Room. Attendance at these meetings is strongly encouraged as it makes your job much easier during fair. Please contact the Extension office with any questions.

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. Please contact your key leader or the MSU Extensions office at 269-445-4438 Ext 3 to volunteer!

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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.



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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#TrueLeaders Recognition Campaign

Every day, kids across Michigan are leading positive changes in their lives, schools and communities.



These youth are true leaders who make a difference, inspire communities, push through adversity and reach for their goals. To recognize these kids for the good they do and strengths they possess, Michigan 4-H is joining with 4-H programs across the country to **SHOUT-OUT #TRUELEADERS** on social media.



Join the movement by shouting out a #TrueLeader in your life. Share a photo and an accomplishment of a deserving young person on *Facebook*, *Twitter* or *Instagram*. Be sure to include #TrueLeaders and #MI4H to connect with the campaign!

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 Tuhsmeheta, Greenville

July 22-24: 4-H Mentoring Weekend

<http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E68499A13D2C7CE3>
Kettunen Center, Tustin

Other 4-H Events

June 11: 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Expo

<http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E1913089101F8254>
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

June 17-18: 4-H MMPA Dairy Tour

<http://bit.ly/23KlaAg>
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

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/state_4_h_goat_show
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

June 26-July 2: 2016 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships

<http://4h.unl.edu/4hshootingssportsnationalchampionships>
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>
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 31-August 6: 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp

<http://bit.ly/1Xn5uTU>
Camp Chickagami, Presque Isle

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

Two Upcoming Michigan 4-H/FFA Judging Contests

State 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest

The Michigan 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest (<http://bit.ly/27gRakb>) will be held July 14, 2016 at Anthony Hall (<http://maps.msu.edu/interactive/index.php?location=anh>) on the campus of Michigan State University (<http://www.msu.edu>). This contest is held in conjunction with the Michigan Livestock Expo (MLE) (<http://www.milivestock.com>) and it is a collaborative effort between Michigan 4-H (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/4_h) and Michigan FFA (<http://www.michiganffa.com>).

This contest provides participants with the opportunity to enhance various skills including livestock evaluation and selection, communication and decision making. During the event, contestants judge eight classes including beef cattle, Boer goats, sheep and swine. Each contestant also answers one set of question, and either gives three sets of oral reasons or answers three additional sets of questions. Once again, this year's contest will feature a 4-H Cloverbud (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/cloverbuds_ages_5-8) division.

The state-winning Senior 4-H Division team will compete at the American Royal Contest (<http://www.americanroyal.com/events/2016/judging-contests>) and the top 15 Senior 4-H Division contestants, who have not already competed at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) (<http://www.livestockexpo.org>), will have the opportunity to compete for eight spots to represent Michigan 4-H at one of two national contests.

Regular fee entry registration is due July 1, 2016

Additional information is on the web (<http://bit.ly/24Sey8R>).

State 4-H/FFA Meats Judging Contest

The Michigan 4-H Meats Judging Contest/FFA Meats Evaluation and Technology Career Development event (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_ffa_meats_judging_contest), which will be held July 22, 2016 at Anthony Hall (<http://maps.msu.edu/interactive/index.php?location=anh>) on the campus of Michigan State University (<http://www.msu.edu>), is also a collaborative effort between Michigan 4-H (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/4_h) and Michigan FFA (<http://www.michiganffa.com>).

At the contest, participants demonstrate their ability to evaluate carcasses and identify meats. This contest, which has both individual and team competition, includes three beef classes, three pork classes, identifying 20 retail cuts, yield-grade and quality-grade three beef carcasses, and answering one set of questions. Additionally, 4-H members give one set of oral reasons and FFA members complete a multiple-choice test.

All entries are to be postmarked by July 1, 2016 and sent to Carla McLachlan, Anthony Hall 1287, 474 South Shaw Lane, East Lansing, MI 48824.

For more details, see the information on the web (<http://bit.ly/1OpB2RH>).



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 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, June 16 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.

June 14th– 6:30 p.m. MSUE office, paperwork and study day (no animals)

June 26—2 p.m. Mandatory
June 30

July 21

July 23—1 p.m. MSUE office for Versatility Test

July 24—2 p.m. Mandatory

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

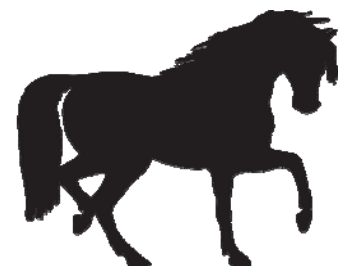
- 17 Horse Leaders' Association Meeting, 7:30 p.m., MSUE Conference Room
- 25 Leaders' Association Meeting, 7:00 p.m., MSUE Conference Room
- 31 Horse After Fair Meeting, 7:00 p.m., MSUE Conference Room

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

Horse Leaders' 4-H Scholarship

The Cass County 4-H Horse Leaders' Association Scholarship application deadline is June 17th. Interviews will be scheduled upon applications being turned in. Applications can be picked up from the office and are available online at <http://msu.casscountymi.org>



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.

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!

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 2015 sponsors 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.

Deadline Reminder

All youth fair forms are due by June 17th of the current year at the MSU Extension office. The MSU Extension office is not open Saturday or Sunday.

As per fair book rules, there will be a \$25 late fee charged for all youth still exhibit entries received after June 17th but prior to 10 days before the fair. Starting 10 days before the fair, late fees for still exhibit entries will be \$50.

As per fair book rules, all livestock must be pre-registered with pen reservations and completed fair entry forms by June 17th of the current year. Exhibitors with late livestock entries will be charged a \$50 late fee. Late livestock entries will not be accepted after July 1.



Traveling Trophies

All traveling trophies awarded at the 2015 Cass County Fair are needed back! Please bring them to the MSU Extension office by June 17th.