



Cass Clover

4-H Family News

July/August 2018

Dear 4-H Family and Friends,

The 30 day countdown has begun to the Cass County Fair. For most of our 4-H families, this time of year proves to be stressful, yet rewarding. As you are planning for fair week, finalizing the last minute details of your project, and determining which exhibits you will showcase, remember to take time to reflect back on your experiences this year.

As always, please read about the many programs we have locally and statewide. Feel free to contact us with any questions!

Sincerely,

Hailey Harman
4-H Program Coordinator



Future Clovers

Beginning the month of July, we will be doing the Clover every other month until the end of the year. Effective **January 1, 2019** we will no longer mail the clover to our 4-H families. The Clover will be emailed to you, a copy will be on our websites and a link will be provided on our Facebook page. We will have hard copies available in the office for pick up. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause but, with the continuing rise of postage, the cost is not in our budget. Thank you all for your understanding. Please contact our office if you have any questions or concerns.



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**The 2018 Cass
County Fair
Theme is...**

**Fair-A-Tales Do
Come True!**

**Costume Theme
Fairy Tales**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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CCLA Senior/Leader Banquet

We will be moving our annual Senior/Leader Banquet to the Fall. Nomination Forms will be emailed to Key Leaders in August for County Medal and Outstanding Leader Nominations. Start thinking of who you would like to nominate. Look for more information in the September/October Clover!

Farm Safety Camp

Cass County 4-H is partnering with Midwest Energy & Communication to host a Farm Safety Camp. Please join us on August 23rd from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. This program is free to any 4-H member. This is an all day camp. Lunch and a t-shirt will be provided. Registration will be open until August 7, 2018.

There will be a \$10 fee for non-4-H participants.

Please contact Hailey Harman, 4-H PC for more information, 445-4438 x.3

July

- 4 Independence Day, Office Closed
- 6 Jumping Clinic, Cass County Fairgrounds, 12 p.m.
- 6 Senior Bio forms due in the MSU Extension Office, 5 p.m.
- 6 Horse Leaders Council Senior Scholarship Applications due, MSU Extension, 5 p.m.
- 7 Poultry/Rabbit Barn Clean Up, Cass County Fairgrounds, 8 a.m.
- 7 Market Rabbit Validations, Cass County Fairgrounds, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 7 Sheep Shearing, Harman Farms, 23860 M60, Cassopolis, 9:30 a.m.
- 12 Michigan 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest, MSU Pavilion, East Lansing
- 13 Rabbit/Poultry Showmanship Clinic, Cass County Fairgrounds, 6 p.m.-8 p.m.
- 14 Mandatory Driving Workouts, Cass County Fairgrounds, 12 p.m.
- 18 Horse Leaders' Association Meeting, MSUE Conference Room 210, 7 p.m.
- 18 Sheep/Swine Barn Clean Up, Cass County Fairgrounds, 6 p.m.
- 19 Leaders' Association Meeting, MSUE Conference Room 210, 7 p.m.
- 20 Rabbit/Poultry Showmanship Clinic, Hope Community Church, Niles, 6 p.m.-8 p.m.
- 21 Dairy Feeder Barn Clean Up, Cass County Fairgrounds, 9 a.m.
- 23 Still Exhibit Clean Up, Lowe Building, Cass County Fairgrounds, 5 p.m.
- 26 Driving Show, Cass County Fairgrounds, 5 p.m.

Cass County Fair Week July 29th - August 4th

August

- 11 MSU State 4-H Dog Show, MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, MI
- 15 Horse Leaders' Association Meeting, MSU Extension Conference Room 210, 7 p.m.
- 17-19 MSU State 4-H Horse Show, MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, MI
- 23 Leaders' Association Meeting, MSU Extension Conference Room 210, 7 p.m.
- 23 Farm Safety Camp, MEC, 60590 Decatur Rd, Cassopolis, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- 25 MSU State 4-H Miniature Horse Show, MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, MI
- 29 Horse Developmental Meeting, MSU Extension Conference Room 210, 7 p.m.



2018 State Awards! Pictured from left to right, Madeline Yuhas, Brianna Stockwell, Danielle Lamb and Noah Krager. Congratulations to all the applicants on all your hard work. Danielle Lamb was the Senior Companion Animal Science Winner!

State 4-H Dog Show

The 2018 State 4-H Dog Show will be held on Saturday, August 11th at the Michigan State University Pavilion. It is open to exhibitors 9-19 years old as of January 1st. There will also be Cloverbud classes offered this year! Register online by July 25th. Vaccination records are due to the Extension office before 5:00 p.m. on July 21st. Make checks payable to Michigan State University.



For more information and to find the registration materials, please visit <http://event.anr.msu.edu/4HDogShow18/>

State 4-H Horse Show

If you are interested in participating at the State 4-H Horse Show, August 17-19, at Michigan State University, please contact your club key leader to express interest. Entry fee is \$65. Deadline to submit paperwork to the MSU Extension office is Monday, July 9th. For more information please visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-horse-show.

State 4-H Poultry Show

Are you interested in participating at the State 4-H Poultry Show? Please join us, Saturday, September 1, 2018. The show will offer showmanship and breed classes and educational contests such as Breed Judging, Breed Identification, and an Educational Poster Division. Please visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/poultryshow2018/> for more information.

Clerks and Runners Needed!

We are in need of adult clerks for Still Exhibit day, July 28th, 2018. We are asking each club to identify one or two adults available that day to serve as clerks for our judges. Youth ages 12 and older are needed as runners during Still Exhibit judging day helping youth bring exhibits in, assisting judges with displaying projects, and other general tasks as needed. Morning, afternoon, or all-day sign-ups are available. Please contact your Key Leader or the MSU Extension office to volunteer.

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 6th.

Mechanicsburg 4-H Club News

Mechanicsburg June meeting was held on June 11th. Kadin S. led the American pledge and Lizzy T. led the 4-H Pledge. Members were reminded to fill out their fair form paperwork. Fair books were handed out. T-shirt order forms were completed. Hailey Harman attended the club meeting and introduced herself. Submitted by Emily Tharp, Reporter

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 19, 2018 at the MSUE Conference Room at 7:00 p.m. to see what we are all about! Their August meeting will be on Thursday, August 23, 2018.

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

Horse Leaders' Association

The Horse Leaders' Association works to provide educational opportunities for youth in the horse project area. If you would like to be involved, please consider coming to their meeting on Wednesday, July 18th at 7:00 p.m. Their meeting in August will be Wednesday, August 15, 2018.

Barn Clean Up Dates

Dairy Feeder
July 21, 2018
9:00 a.m.

Dogs
July 26, 2017
5:30 p.m.- Show Arena

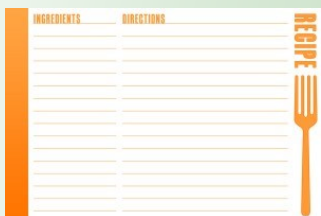
Goats
July 13, 2017
6:00 p.m.

Poultry
July 7, 2018
9:00 a.m.

Rabbits
July 7, 2018
9:00 a.m.

Still Exhibit Barn
Sunday, July 23
5:00 p.m.

Swine/Sheep
July 18, 2018
6:00 p.m.



Recipe cards are mandatory for all food exhibits.

You can find recipe cards at the MSU Extension office. Recipe should **NOT** include the following items: mystery ingredients, mixes, pre-made pie fillings, or alcohol.

Barn Un-loading

Barn un-loading passes will not be issued. All livestock families are allowed to actively un-load feed and supplies in your barn area until 9:00 a.m. daily. Immediately after unloading, please move your vehicle to the parking area to avoid congestion of vehicles near the barn. Vehicles not removed by 9:00 a.m. will be towed at the vehicle owner's expense.

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 29th.

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 and ponies must present negative coggins test results upon entry.

All market rabbits had to be validated prior to fair. All breed rabbits (including pee wee rabbits) must be tattooed prior to arrival at fair.

All swine will be tagged when they enter the fair grounds.

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

Fair Registration Procedure

Registration and judging for non-livestock exhibits will be on Saturday, July 28th from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Lunch break will be from 12:00 p.m. until 12:30 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 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 5th from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. 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.

Dairy Feeder

If anyone would like to bring their calves to work out with them on Monday, July 9, 2018 please contact Jan at 269-641-5434 or Vicki at 269-783-9596 to set up a time. There will be a barn clean-up on Saturday, July 21, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Please bring racks, wheelbarrows, ladders, hammers, shovels and whatever you think will be needed to clean the barn inside and out.

Sheep Exhibitors

On Saturday, July 7, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. there will be Sheep Shearing available for \$10/Lamb. This is a commercial clip and not a slick shearing event. This commercial clip is meant to take the bulk of the wool off. It will be the exhibitor's responsibility to have their lambs slick shorn as per show rules listed in the fair book. This will be located at the Harman Farm, 23860 M 60, Cassopolis, MI 49031.

Fair Reminders

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Still Exhibit Auction

- Returning for the seventh year at the 2018 Cass County Fair is the Youth Still Exhibit Auction. For more information, contact the MSU 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 only 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 3:00 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 3:00 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 within 15 days or the auction check will not be released and exhibitor may not be able to sell in future auctions.

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 fair, without prior approval of the species superintendent and fair board.

Fair Exhibitor Fees

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

Don't Forget Your Thank-You's

As a friendly reminder to all youth exhibitors who participated and sold animal (s) (or items) in the auctions at fair, or won a trophy, to please send a thank you card or letter to your buyer or trophy sponsor. Also, don't forget about your leaders, parents, and peers! A big thank you to those that have helped get you to the fair to exhibit and taught you all the necessary skills to show your project. You couldn't have done it without them, so be sure to send a thank you their way as well!



Light Horse Driving Dates

July 14 (Mandatory)
July 27, Driving Show 5 p.m.
Aug. 25, State Driving Show at MSU
Additional Information, please email Kim Blentlinger at kblentlinger@hotmail.com

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 6th from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. you may pick up your still exhibit and at that time show your sticker for an actual ribbon if you would like one.



Cass County 4-H Farm Safety Camp!



August 23rd from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



**WORKING TOGETHER
for Safety in Agriculture**

Cass County 4-H is partnering with MEC (Midwest Energy & Communication) to host a Farm Safety Camp. This camp will be located at 60590 Decatur Rd. in Cassopolis in MEC's new building on August 23rd starting at 9:00 a.m. This program is **FREE** to any 4-H member!

This is an all day camp. Lunch will be provided and you will get your very own **Farm Safety Camp T-Shirt**. This camp is targeted for children who visit, live, or are looking to pursue a career on a farm, ages 10 to 19. Spots are limited so register **TODAY!** Please use the following link to reserve your spot:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/CassCty4HFarmSafetyCamp/>

For additional information,
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- **ATV Safety**
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