

*Cass Clover*

4-H Family News

May/June 2019

Dear 4-H Family and Friends,

Welcome to the May/June 2019 Clover! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office! We look forward to serving you!

Sincerely,

Hailey Harman
4-H Program Coordinator



All New 4-H Enrollments 2019

All new 4-H enrollments are due in the MSU Extension office by May 31, 2019 by 5:00 p.m. There will be no exceptions. If a member does not complete these requirements by the deadline, they will not be eligible to participate in any 4-H activities for the year. (This includes the Cass County Fair as a 4-H member). If you have questions or if you need help logging into 4-H online, please contact our office! Each member is required to pay a \$20 fee (\$60 max per family). To complete your 4-H online enrollment, please visit <https://mi.4honline.com/>.

2019 Light Horse Registration Forms

All Light Horse registration forms are due in the MSU Extension office by 5:00 p.m. on May 15, 2019. You must have a current Coggins along with your form and there is a \$10.00 stall fee due.

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**The 2019 Cass
County Fair
Theme is...**

**T'was the Night
Before Fair and
All Through the
Barn!**

When:

**July 28th-August
3rd**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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May

- 1 Dairy, Goat, Horse, Sheep, Swine, Possession Date
- 1 Online Fair Registration opens!
- 4 Beef Feeder Calf Validations, Cass County Fairgrounds, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 4 Beef Breeding Stock, Possession Date
- 4 Sheep Validations, Cass County Fairgrounds, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 5 Sheep Validations, Cass County Fairgrounds, 1 p.m.– 4 p.m.
- 5 Market Goat Validations, Cass County Fairgrounds, 1 p.m.-4 p.m.
- 11 Light Horse Driving Meeting, Cass District Library, 12:00 p.m.
- 15 Horse Identification Sheets (Coggins) Due in MSU E office, by 5 p.m.
- 15 Horse Leaders' Association Meeting, MSU E Conference Room 7 p.m.
- 23 Leaders' Association Meeting, MSU E Conference room, 7 p.m.
- 24 Teen Leader Applications due, MSU Extension office, 5:00 p.m.
- 26 Dog Clinic, Bergman's Animal Clinic, 2 p.m.– 4 p.m.
- 27 Memorial Day, Office Closed
- 29 *Exploration Days Orientation, Cass District Library, 6:00 p.m.
- 31 Deadline for 4-H Enrollments, MSU Extension office, 5:00 p.m.

June

- 1 Rabbit-Breed , Possession Date
- 1 Light Horse Driving Clinic, Cass County Fairgrounds, 12 p.m.
- 1 Duct Tape Workshop, 13731 US HY 12, Union, 12:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
- 5 Teen Leader Open House, MSU Extension office, 6:00 p.m.
- 7 Horse Honoree Trophy Applications due in MSU Extension office, 5:00 p.m.
- 8 4-H Day at Michigan's Adventure, Muskegon, MI
- 9 Dog Clinic, Bergman's Animal Clinic, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.
- 7-9 Michigan Beef Showcase, MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, MI
- 14-16 Spartan Classic Hog Show, MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, MI
- 15 Cat Possession Date
- 15 Swine Validations, Cass County Fairgrounds, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 15 Horse Equine Test, Cass County Fairgrounds, 2:30 p.m.
- 15 Tin Punch Workshop, 13731 US WHY 12, Union, 12:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
- 17 All Fair Forms Due, MSU E office, by 5 p.m.
- 17 All Mandatory Online Registration for Fair Due
- 19 Horse Leaders' Association Meeting, MSU E Conference Room, 7 p.m.
- 19-21 Exploration Days 2019, MSU Campus, East Lansing, MI
- 22 4-H Goat Show, MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, MI
- 23 Horse Leaders' Horse Show, Cass County Fairgrounds, 8:30 a.m.
- 27 Leaders' Association Meeting, MSU E Conference Room, 7 p.m.
- 29 Reining Horse Clinic, Cass County Fairgrounds, 10 a.m.– 2 p.m.



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

*MANDATORY MEETING

4-H Day! Saturday, June 8, 2019, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Admission \$26.00 per person. Includes UNLIMITED use of the amusement park and water park (with the exception of RipCord and Bumper Boats) on Saturday, June 8. Children 2 years of age and younger are free.

4-H Day Meal Tickets will be available for only \$7.00 each! Meal consists of a hot dog, macaroni salad, chips and a soft drink and will be served at Mary Lynn's Group Catering Pavilions from 2:00 – 3:00pm. Purchase meal tickets when you purchase your admission tickets on June 8.

Reservations are required for admission and meal tickets by June 4, 2019: Contact the Group Sales Office directly at 231.766.9959, youthsales@miadventure.com or visit www.miadventure.com/specialevents.

Michigan's Adventure accepts cash, money orders, VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. Checks are not accepted.

Members will be asked to present a card or something representing 4-H membership. Wear a club shirt so you can be recognized as an honored guest!

There is a fee for parking standard and oversized vehicles. Full size busses park for free.

Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2019-20 Grant Cycle

Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2019-2020 season. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff, the grants and awards support local 4-H clubs and county programs, as well as recognize members of the 4-H community. All applications are due June 1.

- **Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000.** These grants are awarded to support development of a new program or initiative, or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that's making a difference.
- **4-H On-Target Grants of \$500.** These grants support 4-H Shooting Sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program, or offer a special experience related to 4-H Shooting Sports.
- **The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant of \$350.** This grant is available only to 4-H youth clubs and supports advancement of club work in plant science and horticulture activities.
- **4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000.** These grants support the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.
- **Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award (includes \$1,000 grant).** This award recognizes the outstanding achievements of 4-H agricultural volunteers.

Learn more or apply online at <http://mi4hfdtn.org/grants>. Questions? Contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at 517-353-6692.



Raise Your Hand for Michigan 4-H!

Until May 15, Michigan 4-H members, parents, volunteers, alumni and friends have the opportunity to help Michigan 4-H win \$20K as part of the Raise Your Hand campaign.

Do your part to help grow experiences for Michigan 4-H youth by voting for Michigan at 4H.org/RaiseYourHand. Even if you have previously registered, your vote still counts this year so raise your hand again to help Michigan take the lead!

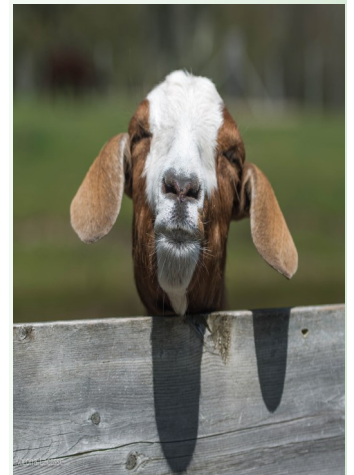
Want to help further? Encourage your friends and family to raise their hands as well! Email your networks or tweet, post and share your #4HGrown experiences on social media, asking your fellow 4-H supporters for their help.

Cass County Leaders' Association Open House

Please join us on Thursday, May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the MSU Extension Conference Room for an open house/meeting and a chance to win a 4-H swag basket for yourself or club! We will be providing pizza and cookies. This meeting will be light and short. Please come and explore how you can be an asset to this growing council.

Showing Livestock...Fun...Fair...and in My Future...

Have you been wanting to learn more about a species but aren't ready to take the jump on the investment to find out it isn't your thing? This new program will allow you to learn more about a specific species on topics such as nutrition, general care, common diseases, showmanship, and market! Also during this program we will be doing Livestock Judging. Last year we had a phenomenal turn out to the Livestock Judging contest at a fair and this gives you the opportunity to sharpen your skill or learn more about exactly what to be looking for! We will also be covering how to intentionally recruit and impress buyers for those who market animals! This fun-filled two day program will be the GOAT and you surely won't be boered. Watch Facebook for the upcoming flyer and registration link!



Horse Honoree Trophies

Attention all horse enthusiasts! The new requirements for the Horse Honoree trophies have been released! The four trophy areas are Western, English, Pony, and Gymkhana. Points can be acquired from the annual Horse Leaders' Horse Show, the Equine Test, and the county fair. Points will be tallied and recorded by the Cass County Horse Leaders'. If you wish to compete for in any of these trophies, please come into the office and fill out the form. There is a form for each trophy. These trophies will be handed out at the annual Senior Leader Banquet in October. The forms are due Friday, June 7, 2019 by 5:00 p.m. in the MSU Extension office.

Equine Test 2019

The Equine Test for 2019 will be June 15, 2019 at the Cass County Fair Grounds from 9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. Please study the following areas :

Parts of the horse, colic, feeds, unsoundness and blemishes, colors and markings, Safety Rules and Precautions, foot care and 9 ways to keep your horse cool.



Swine Validations

Swine Validations will be on June 15th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Cass County Fair Grounds. At this validation, vaccinations will be given and animals will be tagged with a county swine tag. NUES tags will be placed in ears for official identification on load-in day at the fair. 840 tags will not be removed if they are used to identify the animal, the animal will be double tagged.

Reminder – the terminal show rule will be strictly enforced. There will be no self-hauls allowed.

Clerks and Runners Needed!

We are in need of adult clerks for Still Exhibit day, July 28, 2019. 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.

Best Recognized Achievement Validated Outstanding

The B.R.A.V.O. award is given to 4-H 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 scholarships. Sponsors are asked to donate \$25. Please fill out the form on page 6 and return to the MSU Extension office. Please contact us if you have questions about the B.R.A.V.O. award.

Fair Registration Open May 1, 2019

Online fair registration is set to open on May 1st and close on June 17th at midnight. Please follow this link to complete your fair registration: <https://www.blueribbonfair.com/BRFairProd/BlueRibbonStart.aspx?ID=1466>

ALL FAIR REGISTRATION IS TO BE COMPLETED ONLINE. We realize that this may be difficult for some, so we have set up some help sessions at the fairgrounds to assist in registration. The fair book is not finished; however, we are hoping to have it available online on the Cass County Fair Website in a few days. Hard copies of the fair book will not be available until late May/early June. As always, if you need assistance with your fair registration please call us or stop in and we would be more than happy to help. Pen reservations are still in the paper format and must be completed and turned in to the Extension office by June 17th at 5p.m. Please watch our Facebook page for upcoming registration help sessions that will be available.

Still Exhibit Workshops

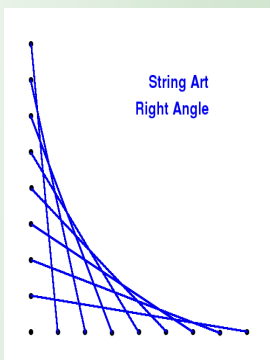
Are you interested in completing a still exhibit project for this year's Cass County Fair? If so, The Cowboy Up Club is offering workshops to any 4-H member. In order for us to be properly prepared, we will need you to register for each workshop. Please register at the MSU office by emailing harmanha@msu.edu or calling us at 269-445-4438. Workshops will be held at: 13731 US HWY 12, UNION, MI (directly south of the Cass County Conservation Club). Space is limited to the first 20 participants. Below is the workshop schedule. Supplies and instruction will be provided. Projects will be completed on site, so please plan to stay for the entire session or until your project is complete.

Duct Tape- June 1st, 12:30- 3:00 pm

Tin Punch- June 15th, 12:30- 3:00 pm

String Art- June 29th, 12:30- 3:00 pm

Wood Burning- July 13th, 12:30- 3:00 pm



B.R.A.V.O. Award Sponsorship

If you would like to be a sponsor for our B.R.A.V.O. (Best Recognized Achievement, Validated Outstanding) Award, please fill out this form and return it along with your check for \$25.00 to the MSU Extension office.

What's in it for you as a sponsor? To be part of this exciting award for the 4-H'ers of Cass County that exhibit still projects at the Cass County Fair is a unique experience. As a sponsor, you will be invited to the appreciation meal honoring our 15 recipients, where you will be able to meet them and learn more about their projects. Your name (business or personal) will be attached to the trophy your generous donation has sponsored, and it will also appear on our appreciation wall at the fair.

What's in it for the 4-H'er? What an amazing feeling, to see that big, beautiful "B.R.A.V.O." rosette attached to their project; and to think, this is only awarded to 15 exhibitors per year! The recipients are also invited to an award meal where they are presented with a crystal trophy.

Youth chosen for this award demonstrate the skills that echo the 4-H motto:

"To Make the Best Better"

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

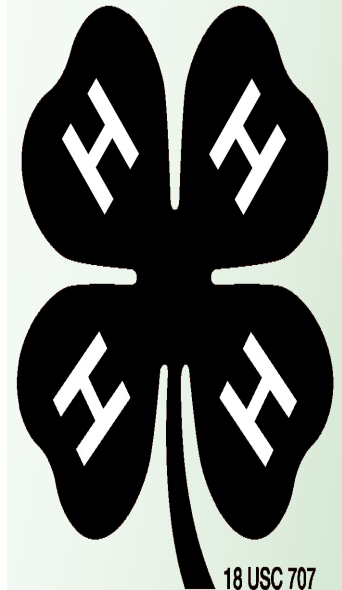
City, State, Zip: _____

Name(s) as you would like them to appear for sponsorship on the wall and trophy:

Please make your \$25 check payable to Cass County 4-H Leaders' Association and remit (along with this form) to:

MSU Extension – Cass County
Attn: BRAVO Support
120 N. Broadway, Suite 209
Cassopolis, MI 49031

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Thank you to our 2018 B.R.A.V.O. Sponsors

Charles and Bonnie
McCarthy

Cleopatra's Hair Hut

North Red Hill 4-H
Accounting
Consultants PC

Creative Vinyl Signs

Quality Masonry

Penn 4-H

Gail and Mary Lou
Peterson

Mechanicsburg 4-H

Betty and David Groth

Legacy 4-H

Kids-N-Kids 4-H

CASS COUNTY 4-H HORSE LEADERS OPEN HORSE SHOW

CASS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, CASSOPOLIS, MI
JUNE 23, 2019, 8:30 A.M. (RAIN OR SHINE)

JUDGE: Amanda Duncan

1st place trophy - 1 thru 6 placings

Entry Fee: \$5.00 or One Price Class 1-44 \$50.00

Cloverbud: \$1.00

High Point: \$2.00

Office Fee: \$1.00



2019 COGGINS TEST WILL BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES!

Contact: Bill Shupp 574-596-8331 or Leslie Vargo 574-286-5413

1. Showmanship (Adult)
2. Showmanship Horse & Pony (14-18)
3. Showmanship horse (13 & under)
4. Showmanship pony (13 & under)
5. Showmanship Cloverbud (8 & under)**
6. Color Class
7. Pony Halter-Under 56
8. Horse Halter-Gelding
9. Horse Halter-Mare
10. Lead Line, 8 & under (Cloverbud)**
11. Walk/Trot, 8 & under (Cloverbud)**
12. Walk/Trot Pleasure (9 & over)
13. Walk/Trot Horsemanship (9 & over)
- ****10 minute break****Tack Change
14. English Equitation (11 & under)**
15. English Equitation (12-14)**
16. English Equitation (15-18)**
17. English Equitation (Adult)**
18. English Pleasure (11 & under)**
19. English Pleasure (12-14)**
20. English Pleasure (15-18)**
21. English Pleasure (Adult)
- *****BREAK*****
22. Western Horsemanship, Horse (11 & under)
23. Western Horsemanship, Horse (12-14)
24. Western Horsemanship, Horse (15-18)
25. Western Horsemanship, Horse (Adult)
26. Western Horsemanship, Pony (Open)
27. Ranch Horsemanship (11 & under)
28. Ranch Horsemanship (12-14)
29. Ranch Horsemanship (15-18)
30. Ranch Horsemanship (Adult)
31. Western Pleasure, Horse (11 & under)
32. Western Pleasure, Horse (12-14)
33. Western Pleasure, Horse (15-18)
34. Western Pleasure, Horse (Adult)
35. Western Pleasure, Pony (Open)
36. Ranch Pleasure (11 & under)
37. Ranch Pleasure (12-14)
38. Ranch Pleasure (15-18)
39. Ranch Pleasure (Adult)
40. Egg Ride
41. Water Ride
42. Double Horsemanship (\$5.00 per rider)
43. Bareback Horsemanship (14 & under)
44. Bareback Horsemanship (15 & over)

Gymkhana:

45. Cloverleaf (14 & under)**
46. Cloverleaf (15 & over)**
47. Flag Race (14 & under)**
48. Flag Race (15 & over)**
49. Pole Bending (14 & under)**
50. Pole Bending (15 & over)**
51. Speed & Action, (14 & under)**
52. Speed & Action, (15 & over)**
53. Key Hole (14 & under)**
54. Key Hole (15 & over)**

**Everyone must wear an S.E.I. approved
Helmet in these classes!!

Decisions of Referee are Final!!

4-H Safety Rules Apply to all Participants!!!

Age will be as of Jan. 1, 2019

Anyone can and will be excused from the grounds for the abuse of an animal, abusive/foul language, or discourteous behavior toward the Judge, Show Officials, Exhibitors, or other Guests. Show Officials reserve the right to evict anyone.

Cloverbud's **MUST** wear approved helmets!!

Combination of Horse and Rider in walk/trot classes
cannot be shown in canter classes.

*High Point (15 & over classes 1-39)

*High Point (14 & under classes 1-39)

*High Point Gymkhana (1 horse/pony/1 rider)
(14 & under/15 & over)

NO STALLIONS ON THE GROUNDS!

No alcoholic beverages allowed on the grounds. warning:
Under the Michigan Equine Activity Liability Act an equine activity is not liable for an injury to, or death of, a participant resulting from the inherent risk of the equine activity. The Cass County 4-H Horse Leaders Council will not be held responsible for the theft, loss, or injury to the livestock, exhibitor, or spectators.

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**ENTRIES FOR EACH CLASS CLOSE WHEN
THE PREVIOUS CLASS ENTERS THE RING.
NO ENTRY FEE WILL BE REFUNDED!
Judge's decision is final!**

Gymkhana
One Price 45-54
\$20.00