

*Cass Clover*

# 4-H Family News

July/August 2020

## Dear 4-H Families and Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you well! In the last Clover I challenged the youth to develop a new skill or try something new. Did you? If you didn't, that's okay! Try to complete the challenge over the next couple of months! I'll share the new skill I developed over the last couple of months, multitasking. I've always thought I'd been good with multitasking but my skill has been pushed to new levels with balancing work, school, and life and I feel as if it has been refined! Okay, so it's not a NEW skill per se but it feels new!

Here in the "office" (aka my comfortable couch), I am planning some great Fall activities for you all. I can't wait to see all of you again! Until then, continue to meet with your club and always... "Make the Best Better!"

Sincerely,

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## 2019-2020 4-H Online Enrollment and Participation Fees

Our new 4-H year began on September 1, 2019. All 4-H members and leaders are strongly encouraged to enroll online. If you have forgotten your 4-H online login information, **please do not make a new profile**. Instead, contact our office and we can reset your password for you. To register for 2019-2020 go to [www.mi.4honline.com](http://www.mi.4honline.com)

Since we are not currently open to the public, we have removed the deadline for participation fees until we have more information on when we will re-open. To pay participation fees, you can mail checks to our office or drop off cash or a check in the drop box located outside of the doors at the Old Courthouse. We ask that you include the names' of the children whose payment is inside of the envelope. **In addition, we will be able to take credit cards via phone on Wednesday mornings from 9 am—Noon beginning July 8th. The office will still be closed during this time.**

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## Share Your 4-H Story!



Across the state, Michigan 4-H is growing true leaders for today and tomorrow. From Marquette to Monroe, these young people are impacting their clubs, communities, country and world.

To help share this impact with others, we're looking for youth to share their own testimonials of how 4-H has influenced their own personal growth and development.

Submissions will be posted on the [Meet Michigan 4-H'ers](#) section of the MSU Extension website and promoted digitally in newsletters and social media.

To learn more and download the guidelines, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4h/meet-michigan-4-h](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/meet-michigan-4-h).

## July

- 2 Cloverbud 4-H To You!— STEAM Cars, Zoom, 2:00 p.m.
- 8 Closed to the Public Office Hours 9:00 a.m.—Noon
- 8 Teen Leader Meeting, Zoom, 6:30 p.m.
- 9 4-H To You! Project— Duct Tape Crafts, Zoom, 2:00 p.m.
- 11 Equine Test, D2L, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
- 15 Closed to the Public Office Hours 9:00 a.m.—Noon
- 15 Horse Leaders' Association Meeting, Zoom, 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Cloverbud 4-H To You!— Watch 'Em Grow!, Zoom, 2:00 p.m.
- 16 Horse Scholarship Applications Due, 11:59 p.m.
- 16 Horse Honoree Applications Due. 11:59 p.m.
- 22 Closed to the Public Office Hours 9:00 a.m.—Noon
- 23 4-H To You! Project— Paracord Bracelet and Keychain, Zoom, 2:00 p.m.
- 23 Leaders' Association Meeting, Zoom, 7:00 p.m.
- 31 County Medal Nominations Due

## August

- 8 Teen Leader Meeting, Zoom, 6:30 p.m.
- 10 County Medal Nominee Notification Letters Mailed
- 19 Horse Leaders' Association Meeting, Zoom, 7:00 p.m.
- 27 Leaders' Association Meeting, Zoom, 7:00 p.m.
- 28 All 4-H Enrollments and Fees Due

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

## 4-H State Events and Workshops

July 6: Zipping Around the Zoos, Zoom

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-spin-club-zipping-around-the-zoos-part-2>

July 9: 4-H at 4 on Thursdays—American Sign Language, Zoom

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/july-9-american-sign-language>

July 14: 4-H Teen Tuesday—Virtual Club Meetings, Zoom

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/july-14-4-h-teen-tuesday-virtual-club-meetings>

July 20: Virtual Junk Drawer Robotics, Zoom

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/virtual-junk-drawer-robotics>

July 21: 4-H Teen Tuesday—Community Service from Home, Zoom

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/july-21-4-h-teen-tuesday-community-service-from-home>

July 29: Teen Spokesperson Virtual Camp, Zoom

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/teen-spokesperson-virtual-camp>

## 4-H Teen Leaders' Association

Our Cass County 4-H Teen Leaders' Association works to provide educational (and fun) opportunities for youth in Cass County 4-H. All youth 13+ are encouraged to attend! If you would like to be involved, please consider coming to the Teen Leader meetings on Wednesday, July 8th and August 12th at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/92261798949>

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## 4-H Virtual Communications Contest

Looking for ways to grow your public speaking, demonstration and other verbal communication skills? The new Michigan 4-H Virtual Communications Contest is for you!

Now through July 24, youth of all ages have the opportunity to take part in a variety of online communication contests. Whether you're a Cloverbud or a senior, take part in this virtual experience that will help you grow your skills while having fun. Contests include:

**Impromptu Public Speaking: June 29—July 3.** During the week of June 29, contestants will be sent a Zoom link and call time. On the call, youth will receive three easy topics from which to choose. Contestants will have 10 minutes to prepare their 2-3 minute speech on one of the topics (no research required). Once their allotted prep time is over, contestants will perform their speech online and then receive questions from the judges. This fun, interactive contest features simple and fun topics; if you love public speaking or just want to give it a try, this is great place to start.

**Demonstrations: July 6-10.** Youth will record a video of themselves performing a demonstration or illustrated talk. A demonstration is defined as a step-by-step procedure with an end product or result while an illustrated talk is a presentation of an idea or topic that uses visual aids to convey the message. Utilizing visual aids to help convey the major points of the presentation or demonstration, youth will record a 9-12 minute video (Cloverbud demonstrations should be 3-4 minutes) and upload their presentation for evaluation.

**Clowning or Acting: July 13-24.** This contest will give new life to the art of clowning in 4-H and can be modified for aspiring actors as well. Youth will record a 3-12 minute skit and upload their video for judging. Watch for resources and classes to be shared prior to the week of this contest and give clowning/acting a try even if you have never done it before!

To take part in one or more of these contests, visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/MI4HVirCommContest/> to register and read the complete contest rules. Each contest will place the top 10 winners with the top three receiving medals and all participants receiving a participation certificate. Questions? Contact Roxanne Turner at [turnerr@msu.edu](mailto:turnerr@msu.edu) or Emily Hoover at [hooverem@msu.edu](mailto:hooverem@msu.edu).

## Connect with fellow 4-H'ers online!

While 4-H'ers across the state continue to maintain their social distance this summer, many are missing the interactions with their fellow 4-H'ers and peers. To provide a space for 4-H'ers across the state to virtually connect and learn from one another, Michigan 4-H will be hosting two virtual series throughout the summer.

**Teen Tuesdays:** Now through August 25, current 4-H members ages 13-19 are invited to join this weekly online experience that will feature a different theme each session. In addition to learning about a new topic, each virtual forum will provide a space for online interaction and discussion. View scheduled topics and register online at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/teentuesdays/>.

**4-H at 4 on Thursdays:** Now through August 27, current 4-H members ages 8-12 are invited to join this weekly online experience that will demonstrate a different hands-on project, experiment or craft each week. In addition to providing a fun, at-home activity to enjoy, these sessions will provide a taste of what 4-H has to offer and allow youth to try 4-H projects they might not know exist. View the weekly topics and register online at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4hthursdays/>.

## 4-H Grows Here, There & Everywhere!



As the world continues to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic, Michigan 4-H youth are sticking together while staying physically apart. Although saddened to miss their favorite summer events and county fairs, 4-H'ers across the state know they play an important role in helping to keep communities safe during the novel coronavirus outbreak.

Though they maintain their social distance, 4-H'ers continue to use their head, heart, hands and health through a multitude of online educational opportunities and virtual learning showcases that illustrate how 4-H grown continues while safe at home.

Tell us how your 4-H year has continued in alternative ways during the COVID-19 outbreak in a video testimonial. View the complete guidelines at [www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4-h-grows-here-there-and-everywhere-guidelines](http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4-h-grows-here-there-and-everywhere-guidelines).



## 2020 4-H State Award Recipient

Congratulations to Emily Luthringer who received the 4-H State Award Goat Science Senior Award. Thank you for representing Cass County and congratulations on a job well done!

4-H State Awards is one of the highest forms of recognition a youth can receive at the state level!



## 4-H To You!

Below is a schedule of the project kits for July. The best part? It will be shipped directly to your doorstep! Everything you will need in a project kit addressed directly to you and someone to walk through how to do it via Zoom. The goal of this program is to engage youth allowing them to work on individual projects, collaboratively, all while learning unmeasurable life skills.

### Cloverbud 4-H To You! (Ages 5-7)

July 2– STEAM Cars

July 16– Watch ‘em Grow!, [events.anr.msu.edu/CCGarden](https://events.anr.msu.edu/CCGarden)

### 4-H To You! (Ages 8-19)

July 9– Duct Tape Craft

July 23– Paracord Bracelet and Keychain

Registration will close one week prior to every project to allow for shipping time. These opportunities are FREE to 4-H youth and \$10 per project for non 4-H youth. Spaces are limited so sign up TODAY!

## 4-H Equine Test

The Equine Test has been moved to an online testing format using D2L. The test will take place on July 11th from 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. The test will automatically open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 3:00 p.m. Please plan accordingly to have the test **COMPLETED** by 3:00 p.m.

The course has a lot of great studying material and videos for your use. Registration for the course/test will begin the week of the test. More information to follow for registration.

The test will cover the following areas:

Ages 8-10: Color and Color Markings, Colic, Anatomy, and Parts of the Saddle

Ages 11-13: Show Ring, Health and Sanitation, Anatomy, and Parts of the Saddle

Ages 14-16: Behavior and Nature, Grooming, Anatomy, and Parts of the Saddle

Ages 17-19: Horse Judging, Principles of Reproduction, Anatomy, and Parts of the Saddle

## 2020 Outdoor Experience

The Leaders' Association is hosting their annual Outdoor Experience on Saturday, September 14, 2020 at T.K. Lawless Park from 10:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m for youth ages 5-12. This program is \$5 per youth or \$10 per family with lunch provided.

This year's activities include sand art, recycling, painting and more! Any projects made at this program may be used for the 2021 Cass County Fair and will be awarded a special ribbon signifying your participation at Outdoor Experience.

**If this event is unable to happen in-person, it will be transferred to an online format using Zoom and the youth will all receive kits with all of their supplies in the mail.**

Registration begins July 13th with limited spots: [events.anr.msu.edu/CCOutdoorExperience](https://events.anr.msu.edu/CCOutdoorExperience)

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### County Medal Applications

**New this year...** County Medal Applications are available to everyone, regardless of whether you have been nominated by a Leader! Which means if you would like to apply, make note of the dates below!

- July 31st– Nominations from Leaders Due
- August 10th– Nomination Notification Letters Mailed
- August 17th– County Medal Applications Available
- October 8th– County Medal Applications Due
- October 22nd– County Medal Recipient's Award Invites Mailed

A County Medal is the highest form of recognition a 4-H Member can receive at the county level. It is a great accomplishment to receive these awards. Members will be recognized at the Annual 4-H Awards Banquet in November. To apply, members must submit an application by the deadline above. No late applications will be accepted.

### Volunteer Central Transition For Existing Volunteers

Existing volunteers have officially been merged into Volunteer Central! If you have not received communication about creating your online profile in Volunteer Central, please email [harmanha@msu.edu](mailto:harmanha@msu.edu). If you have, please complete the actions requested in the email by August 14th. This system will be where your background check will be completed for the 2020-2021 4-H year.

### Horse Leaders' Scholarships

The Cass County 4-H Horse Leaders' Association annual scholarship applications are available and will be due July 16th by midnight to the Cass County Extension office or email.

- ES Scholarship- \$750
- Bea Porath Memorial Scholarship- \$500
- Horse Leaders' Association Scholarship- \$250 & \$150

To receive the applications please email [harmanha@msu.edu](mailto:harmanha@msu.edu) or visit our website <https://www.canr.msu.edu/cass/4-h/index>.

### Horse Honoree Trophy Applications

Horse Honoree Trophy Applications are available and will be due July 16th. The five trophy areas are Western, English, Pony, Gymkhana, and Ranch. Points can be acquired from the Equine Test and the county fair since the Horse Show has been cancelled. Points will be tallied and recorded by the Cass County Horse Leaders'. If you wish to compete for any of these trophies, please request a form by emailing [harmanha@msu.edu](mailto:harmanha@msu.edu) or go to our website <https://www.canr.msu.edu/cass/4-h/index>. There is an individual form for each trophy. These trophies will be handed out at the annual 4-H Awards Banquet in November. The forms are due July 16th by midnight in the MSU Extension office or via email.

### 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 meetings on Thursday, July 23rd and August 27th via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. to see what we are all about!

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### Horse Leaders' Association

Our Cass County 4-H 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 the Horse Leaders' meeting on Wednesday, July 15th and August 19th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

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