



*Cass Clover*

# 4-H Family News

November/December 2018

## Dear 4-H Family and Friends,

Welcome. The holidays are only a few weeks away. This is a great time to reflect and be thankful for the things we have in our lives. I challenge you to take time each day and be thankful for something or someone. From our MSU Extension family to yours, we wish you Happy Holidays!

What a great year we have had in 2018 and we look forward to the many great things to come in 2019. Please take the time to read about the opportunities that are available to you through the state and local 4-H Programs. Any questions, please feel free to contact me!

See ya next year,

Hailey Harman  
4-H Program Coordinator



## Reminder: Future Clovers

This will be the last mailed clover. Beginning, January 1, 2019 we will no longer be able to mail the Clover. It will be emailed every other month.. Please make sure you are enrolled in 4-H online for the current year along with your current email address. Paper copies will be available in the MSU Extension office for anyone who would like a hard copy. You may also find a copy of the bi-monthly clovers on our website, [www.canr.msu.edu/cass/4-h](http://www.canr.msu.edu/cass/4-h)

**Thank you for your understanding, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.**

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something to  
**BE GRATEFUL**  
for

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## New 4-H Money Management Snapshot



Curious what the 4-H money management project area is all about? This new snapshot sheet covers what 4-H'ers can learn about money management, ways to get involved and resources for learning more. The 4-H money management project provides opportunities to learn about and practice ways to use money, set financial goals and explore career connections. Each of these facets is further broken down in the new snapshot sheet. This resource is one in a series of Michigan 4-H snapshot sheets on a variety of topics that can be found in the Michigan 4-H Project Snapshot Sheet series at [https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan\\_4-h\\_project\\_snapshot\\_sheet](https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4-h_project_snapshot_sheet)

## November

- 9 RSVP due for Holiday Mail for Heroes
- 10 Senior Leader Banquet, Church of God, Cassopolis, Doors open at 4:30 p.m.
- 12 Office Closed, Veteran's Day
- 14 Horse Leaders' Association Meeting, MSUE Conference Room 210, 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Holiday Mail for Heroes, T.K. Lawless Park, 2:00 p.m.
- 19 Holiday Mail for Heroes cards due, MSU Extension Office, 5:00 p.m.
- 19 Stuff a box items due in the MSU Extension office, 5:00 p.m.
- 22 Office Closed, Thanksgiving
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- 28 State Award Meeting, MSUE Conference Room 210, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- 29 Leaders' Association Meeting, MSUE Conference Room 210, 7:00 p.m.
- 30 CWF Applications due, MSU Extension Office, 5:00 p.m.

## December

- 1 Mandatory Beef Weigh-in, Cass County Fairgrounds, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- 19 Horse Leaders' Association Meeting, MSU E Conference Room 210, 7:00 p.m.
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- 24 Office Closed, Christmas Eve
- 25 Office Closed, Christmas
- 31 Office Closed, New Year's Eve

## Save the Date

### January 26: State 4-H Rabbit Show

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

This one day event is open to Michigan 4-H members. Exhibitors may enter as many breeds as they wish. Spectators are welcome!

### February 24: 4-H Day at the Breslin

Breslin Center, East Lansing

Join us for the 14th annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the MSU Women's Basketball game against the University of Michigan Wolverines.

<http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin>

### 2018-2019 Enrollment Fees/4-H Online

Our new 4-H year began on September 1, 2018. 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, please contact our office and we can reset your password for you. To register for 2018-2019 go to [www.mi.4honline.com](http://www.mi.4honline.com)

**NEW THIS YEAR...**the deadline to enroll in 4-H Online and to **pay your enrollment fee** of \$20 per member (\$60 family, 4 + children) will be March 29, 2019 by 5:00 p.m. There will be no exceptions to this deadline. If your child is not registered and paid for, they will not be eligible to participate in 4-H for the current year (including fair, as a 4-H member). Please keep in mind that this deadline does not override your club's deadline. Example: your key leader requires you to pay your enrollment fee and register online by January 1, 2019. You would follow that deadline. We encourage all payments be made with your key leader but you may make a payment in the MSU Extension office. For your convenience, we now can take credit/debit cards over the phone or you can mail your payment in.

### State 4-H Awards Program

The State 4-H Awards program, the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H youth, is for 4-H youth aged 13 and up who have at least three years of 4-H experience. Youth compete in 19 different award areas showcasing their knowledge, skills, and experiences. To apply, youth submit the application to [MSUE.4Hawards@campusad.msu.edu](mailto:MSUE.4Hawards@campusad.msu.edu) and [harmanha@msu.edu](mailto:harmanha@msu.edu) by February 1. Applications are carefully reviewed by selection committees. Delegates are invited to participate in either an advanced leadership development program (juniors) or competitive interviews (seniors) during 4-H Exploration Days. State 4-H Award winners are announced at the 4-H Recognition Program, during 4-H Exploration Days. Complete instructions (including an overview and webinar) and the application, are available at the link below. If you are interested in applying, please attend our session on November 28, 2018 in our MSUE Conference Room 210 from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Please R.S.V.P. by calling our office.

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### 4-H Mark of Excellence Award

4-H'ers who are 11 or 12 years old are eligible to apply for the 4-H Mark of Excellence Award. To enter, a young person needs to write an essay on the theme, "Because of 4-H I can..." Counties select their representatives, and submit names and essays to the State 4-H Awards Committee. The deadline for submission is **February 1, 2019 in the MSU Extension office, 5:00 p.m.**

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### Citizenship Washington Focus

4-H CWF participants learn about our nation's government by participating in hands-on leadership workshops and touring of historical sites in Washington, D.C. The 2019 trip is planned for June 22-29, 2019. Applications are now being accepted until Friday, November 30, 2018. Please stop by the office to pick up an application or give us a call and we will gladly email one to you. For more information visit, [https://www.canr.msu.edu/citizenship\\_washington\\_focus/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/citizenship_washington_focus/)

### 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, November 29, 2018 and Thursday, December 20, 2018 at the MSUE Conference Room at 7:00 p.m. to see what we are all about!

Questions? Visit our webpage at <http://www.casscounty4hleaders.com>



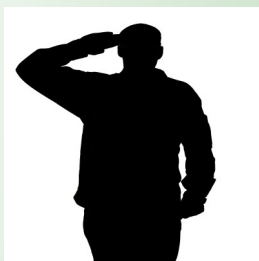
### Horse Leaders' Association

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, November 14th and Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Please join us in the MSU Extensions Conference Room.



### Giving Tuesday

On November 27, 2018, Michigan 4-H Foundation and MSU are teaming up for their Give Green Day Campaign. During Giving Tuesday, Michigan 4-H will be raising funds to support 4-H participation fee scholarships for those in need. Please visit [givingday.msu.edu/](http://givingday.msu.edu/)



### 4-H Emerald Awards Ceremony

Nineteen Michigan 4-H alumni and volunteers were recognized Oct. 5 during the Michigan 4-H Foundation's 4-H Emerald Award Ceremony in East Lansing. The awards presented at the event are among some of Michigan 4-H's highest honors for 4-H alumni and volunteers.

The Salute to Excellence awards, which honor remarkable 4-H volunteers who have contributed substantially to both their county and state 4-H programs, were presented to Brenda Alverson of Genesee County, **Gordon Ridenour of Cass County** and Cheryl Barton of Shiawassee County.

### Senior Leader Banquet

We are celebrating our 70th Senior/Leader banquet this year. Pretty groovy right? We are in need of youth volunteers to help us perform skits throughout the night's program. If you are interested, please contact Hailey Harman by phone or email.

Saturday, November 10, 2018, our banquet will be at the Church of God on Spencer Street in Cassopolis, MI. The doors will open at 4:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m., with the awards to follow.

### Holiday Mail for Heroes

It is that time of year again to be thinking about participating in our county-wide Holiday Mail for Heroes. During the holidays, while so many of us have the privilege to spend it together with our families, these soldiers do not and this program helps remind them that they are being thought of and appreciated.

Please join us on Sunday, November 18, 2018 at T.K. Lawless Park at 2:00 p.m. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Please R.S.V.P. to our MSU Extension office by Friday, November 9, 2018. Please bring any special supplies you use to make cards. Basic supplies will be provided. Let's show our soldiers the support they deserve! If you can't make the event but would still like to make cards, please do. Please have all cards to the MSU Extension office by Monday, November 19, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

**NEW THIS YEAR...**we will be sponsoring an Infantry! "**Stuff the Box**" will be taking place now until November 19, 2018. We will be posting a list of items on Facebook. If you are unable to attend the card event, this is a great way to express your gratitude this holiday season. Please bring your items into the office.

### Senior Scholarship

Attention Class of 2019. Senior Scholarship applications are available in our MSU Extension office. This scholarship is awarded to two 4-H Senior members. All applications are due by January 2, 2019 by 5:00 p.m.

### Mandatory Beef Weigh Ins

All beef market cattle must be in possession of the exhibitor no later than beef weigh-in, before the 2019 Cass County Fair. All beef market cattle must be brought to the Cass County Fairgrounds with a completed beef market cattle validation form and have an official ear tag ID inserted. This will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at the Fairgrounds. They will run validations from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Please contact Jeff Peterson with any questions that you may have at 269-240-7181.

### Fair Registration with Blue Ribbon

**NEW FOR 2019...**All fair registrations will be done online using the Blue Ribbon website. No paper forms will be permitted. There will be workshops provided during the registration period for those that need assistance. Dates and locations will be determined and announced at a later date. All fair entry registrations will be due on June 17, 2019 at 11:59 p.m. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE EXCEPTED!** As a reminder, please remember that fair registration is not the same as 4-H enrollment. When signing a 4-H member up you use the 4-H online system and when registering for the fair you use the Blue Ribbon system.

At this time, all pen reservations will still be on paper and the deadline for these forms will still be due by June 17, 2019, 5:00 p.m. at the MSU Extension office.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

### 2019 Cass County Fair

Mark your calendars! The 2019 Cass County Fair will take place from July 28-August 3, 2019. More information will follow at a later date.

### BRAVO Banquet 2018



Thank you to our 2018 Sponsors and our BRAVO award winners for attending the banquet held on October 13, 2018. Here is a picture of some of our winners.

### Contact Information: Cass Co Fair

590 N O'Keefe St  
Cassopolis, MI 49031  
269-445-8265  
269-262-2005  
casscountyfair@gmail.com

### Leather Class

If you are interested in learning more about Leather, Bonnie McCarthy from North Red Hill has openings available in her Leather Classes beginning in November. For more information please contact Bonnie at 269-445-2686 or 269-876-9672.





### 2018 Sponsors:

Cass County Parks  
 Cass County 4-H  
 The Friends of Cass  
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## 2018 Harvest Fest and Trunk-or-Treat

Once again, we partnered with the Cass County Parks and our 2018 Harvest Fest/Trunk-or-Treat was a success. Thank you to all who braved the not so warm weather conditions. We welcomed about 600 participants this year and collected over 300 canned goods for the local pantry of Cass County.

Special thanks to our sponsors and a special thank you to our 4-H clubs and local businesses and friends who helped supply our 21 trunks for a safe environment for our youth of Cass County. You all helped make this such a great event.

Congratulations to Sleepy Hollow for winning the 2018 Trunk Decorating Contest.



**Pictured from left to right:** Siri (dog), Hailey Wellman– Miss Cassopolis 2018, Chase Weaver and Zoe Weaver-Cass County Fair Princess 2018. Congratulations to Chase! He was one of our winners for Best Costume 2018.