

*Cass Clover*

# 4-H Family News

March/April 2019

## Dear 4-H Family and Friends,

I don't know about you but Spring sure does feel a long ways away! We are getting ready for Exploration Days and the Annual Leaders' Association Auction! I hope that each of you will try to make the auction to support our county program to allow us to continue offering scholarships and low-cost county programming. As always, please read through the Clover for our updates and future events. Give us a call with any questions or send us an email.

Warm Thoughts (for Spring),

Hailey Harman  
4-H Program Coordinator



## 2018-2019 4-H Enrollments and Fees

The deadline for all 4-H enrollments and fees is Friday, March 29, 2019. All 4-H online registration and fees are due by 5:00 p.m. There will be no exceptions. If a member does not complete these requirements by the deadline, you 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 any 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).

Here is the website needed for 4-H online enrollment: <https://mi.4honline.com/>

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No MATTER  
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is sure to FOLLOW.  


## 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 meeting on Thursday, March 28th and April 25th in the MSUE conference room at 7:00 p.m. to see what we are all about!

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



### 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, March 20th and April 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the MSU Extension conference room.

### March

- 6 Mandatory Draft Horse Orientation, Cass District Library, 6:00 pm
- 16 Leaders' Association Auction, Dowagiac Conservation Club, 5:00 pm
- 19 Registration opens for Exploration Days
- 20 Horse Leaders' Association Meeting, MSUE Conference Room, 7:00 pm
- 24 Horse Judging State Competition
- 27 Tractor Supply Co. Clover Campaign begins
- 28 Leaders' Association Meeting, MSUE Conference Room, 7:00 pm
- 31 Equine Shot Clinic, Cass County Fairgrounds, 9:00 am

### April

- 1 Possession date for Dogs
- 13 Goat Expo, Anthony Hall, East Lansing, MI
- 17 Horse Leaders' Association Meeting, MSUE Conference Room, 7:00 pm
- 19 Good Friday, County Office Closed
- 20 Dairy Feeder Steer Validations, Cass County Fairgrounds, 10 am-2:00 pm
- 25 Leaders' Association Meeting, MSUE Conference Room, 7:00 pm
- 26-28 Shooting Sports Workshop, Kettunen Center
- 30 District 13 All Staff Meeting, Office Closed

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

### March 27-April 7: Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover Campaign

Visit your local Tractor Supply Company store March 27 – April 7 to purchase a paper 4-H clover for \$1 at checkout and support 4-H in your community.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign-1>

### April 13: Michigan 4-H Goat Expo

The State 4-H Goat Expo is designed for 4-H members interested in live animal evaluation and testing their knowledge of the goat industry in a fun, educational manner.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-michigan-4-h-goat-expo>

### April 26-28: Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

All 4-H shooting sports clubs are supervised by certified 4-H shooting sports instructors. Attend to earn instructor certification in archery, rifle, shotgun, pistol or muzzle loader.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-michigan-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop>

### Exploration Days - June 19-21, 2019 More to Explore

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 of the current year to participate. You can find information online at [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4\\_h\\_exploration\\_days](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_exploration_days)

“More to Explore: 4-H Exploration Days 50th Anniversary” is this year’s theme for Exploration Days. Please watch our Facebook page to see when registration books will be available. You may turn in your registration forms as early as possible. Registration begins on March 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. **Registrations and payment are due at the MSU Extension office by April 26, 2019.** Incentive: turn your registration forms in by March 18, 2019 by 5:00 p.m. and you may potentially be eligible for a \$40 State Scholarship.

The cost is **\$220** per 4-H participant and covers meals from Wednesday lunch through Friday lunch, two nights of lodging, all event activities, and a T-shirt. (\$240 cost for youth who are not 4-H members). **\$80** is due at the time of registration. We ask that you only pay the required deposit, the remaining balance and additional session fees will be collected at orientation. This allows us to apply any scholarships that you may receive.

Please be sure to choose **eight** class choices - not just one or two, because classes fill up quickly. We like our youth to have the best possible chance to get a session they like, so turn in your completed registration early. Housing policy for youth ages 18, 19, or 20 at the time of Exploration Days, requires that they must complete a background check including one reference check and a criminal history check. Please request a “Background Check Form” if you are in this age group.

The registration forms are on the last pages in the Exploration Days booklet. Copies are acceptable if you need additional ones. Completed forms are to be returned to the MSU Extension office with payment made out to Michigan State University or MSU (Faxed registrations will not be accepted.)

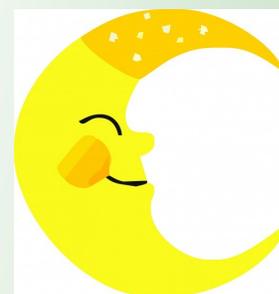
There will be a **mandatory** chaperone orientation meeting AND a **mandatory** orientation meeting for all youth registrants. Final dates and times will be listed in your final invoice letter.

### 2019 CWF Delegates

Congratulations to Aidan and Addison Ward for being selected as our 2019 CWF delegates for Cass County 4-H. We look forward to you sharing your experience with us in the fall at the Senior/Leader Banquet.

### Save the Date: 4-H Day at Michigan’s Adventure

Come celebrate 4-H at Michigan’s Adventure Water and Amusement Park on Saturday, June 8, 2019. Admission is \$26 per person and 4-H Day meal tickets will be available for \$7 each. More information will be available in the MSU Extension office.



### International Dark Sky Week

Turn off the lights, turn on the stars! Join us in celebrating April 6, 2019, 8 pm to midnight at Dr. T.K. Lawless Park. Admission is \$2.00 per person.



**Registration available  
for the 4-H Animal &  
Veterinary Science  
Camp**

The 4-H Animal & Veterinary Science Camp is now accepting applications through April 3, 2019

This five-day pre-college program held at Michigan State University is open to 4-H members between the ages of 13 and 17. Youth will explore fields related to animal and veterinary medicine, as well as participate in numerous hands-on learning activities. Learn more and register today at [https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_animal\\_veterinary\\_science\\_camp/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_animal_veterinary_science_camp/).

## 4-H News

### 4-H Leaders' Association "Surprise Treasures" Auction

Please join us on Saturday, March 16, 2019 at the Dowagiac Conservation Club for the Leaders' Association themed auction. There will be a live auction and a silent auction available. All proceeds from the auction go to support programming for our youth in Cass County. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and auction is scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. Please call Bonnie McCarthy at 269-445-2686 if you would like to donate something.



### 2019 Spring Egg-stravaganza

Join us at T.K. Lawless Park on Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The cost is \$2.00 per person. Egg "scramble" for ages 2-10 and a special appearance by the Easter Bunny. There will be plenty of activities on hand for the whole family to do. This event is sponsored by Cass County Parks and Recreation and The Friends of Cass County Parks.

### Embryology 101 Update



Let's get Egg-cited about Embryology is off to a great start! Thanks to our generous sponsor Miller Poultry, our eggs are over half way done developing! The youth in the program have asked two questions: will the egg increase in weight throughout development and will playing country music during incubation increase hatch ability? We are excited to see the outcome and see the chicks hatch out on March 6th during our "Hatch Day party"!

# Cass County Fair News 2019

## Mandatory Validation Dates for 2019 Cass County Fair

All Validations will be held at the fairgrounds

Dairy Feeder Steers, Saturday, April 20, 2019, 10am- 2 pm

Beef Feeder Calves, Saturday, May 4, 2019, 11am-1 pm

Sheep, Saturday, May 4, 2019, 9am-1pm and Sunday, May 5, 2019, 1pm-3pm

Goats, Sunday, May 5, 2019, 1pm-4pm

Swine, Saturday, June 15, 2019, 8am-2pm

Rabbits, Saturday, July 6, 2019, 10am-2pm

## Possession Dates

Dogs- April 1

Dairy Feeder Steers- April 20

Dairy, Goats, Horses, Sheep, Swine- May 1

Beef Feeders, beef Breeding Stock- May 4

Breed Rabbits- June 1

Cats- June 15

Market Rabbits- July 1

Poultry- July 7

## Important Forms

Horse Identification sheets with current Coggins- May 15

Pen Reservation Forms- June 17

## Mandatory Online Fair Registration

Tentatively scheduled to open May 1, 2019

## 2019 Equine Shot Clinic

The Equine Shot Clinic will be held Sunday, March 31, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Cass County fairgrounds in the draft horse barn. Fedore Veterinary Clinic will be handling shots. Leslie Wilson will be on hand for dental exams and Jackie Turner will be available for Equine Massage. Pricing will be available soon and we will update you on our Facebook page.

## 2019 Light Horse Driving Clinics

There will be an informational meeting at the Cass District Library on May 11, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. Clinics will be June 1 and July 14, 2019 at the Cass County Fairgrounds at 12:00 p.m.

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## Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS

### MANDATORY Draft Horse Orientation

Wednesday, March 6th at 6:00 p.m. at the Cass District Library, the Draft Horse Superintendent will be holding a REQUIRED meeting for anyone showing Draft Horses in 2019 and their parents. You MUST CALL Suzie if you are unable to attend this meeting or you will be ineligible to show youth draft horses at the 2019 fair.

Please call Suzie Suseland at 269-782-3631 with any questions or concerns.



**2019  
BENEFIT**



# Themed AUCTION

## 4-H LEADERS' ASSOCIATION

Dowagiac Conservation Club - 54551 M51 Dowagiac, MI

# Surprise Treasures



**Saturday**

**March 16**

**6:00pm**

(Doors Open @ 5:00pm)

Pre-view Live Auction Items & Bidding on Silent Auction items begin at 5:00pm

**[www.casscounty4hleaders.org](http://www.casscounty4hleaders.org)**

**A Pulled Pork/Hot Dog Basket Dinner will be served at 5:00pm and through the Auction.**

**Pre-Buy your tickets for the dinner through your local 4-H club or at 269-445-4438 by March 8, 2019 for a \$2.00 savings!**

**Terms: Cash or Check: All sales are final  
Items sold in "as is" condition**

**All donations are tax deductible**

**PROFITS from the auctions go to support  
Programming for the Youth of Cass County**

Contact: Bonnie McCarthy: 269-445-2686

Deb Ridenour: Farmgram@gmail.com

Or the Cass County MSU Extension office at  
269-445-4438 for donation information.

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# Turn Off the Lights, Turn On the Stars!

Join Us in Celebrating  
International Dark Sky Week,  
April 6th, 8 pm to Midnight,  
at Dr. T.K. Lawless Park.

View the beauty of the Cosmos and  
learn how to fight Light Pollution  
Admission \$2.00 per person

# Spring Egg-Stravaganza

T.K. Lawless Park

April 13, 2019  
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

\$2.00 per person

**Fun for you... and your entire family!**

Eggs-traordinary Egg "scramble" for ages 2-10

Ages 2-4 11:30 a.m. (approx.)

Ages 5-10 12:30 a.m. (approx.)

**Special appearance by:**

## Activities

Aimee Pico & Birds of Prey  
Face Painting  
Crafts  
Large Inflatable  
Games  
Bonfire  
Wagon Rides  
Special Visitor  
Much More!!



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