

*Cass Clover*

4-H Family News

March/April 2020

Dear 4-H Family and Friends,

This warmer weather has me dreaming about spring and our busy (but so fun) season! 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.

Leaders in need of interviews for the file audit. I have a goal to have these done by the end of March. With that said, I have a VERY open schedule for the month of March to allow flexibility for your scheduling. Please call us today to set up an appointment and check the calendar for scheduled Saturday and Sunday dates!

Warm Thoughts (for Spring),

Hailey Harman

4-H Program Coordinator



2019-2020 Enrollment Fees/4-H Online Due March 31st!

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

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 31, 2020 by 5:00 p.m. There will be no exceptions to this deadline. If your child is not registered and paid for by the deadline, they will not be eligible to participate in 4-H for the current year (including fair, as a 4-H member). For your convenience, we now can take credit/debit cards or you can mail your payment in.

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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 meetings on Thursday, March 26th and April 23rd at the Kincheloe 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 18th and April 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Kincheloe Conference Room.

March

- 9 Current Volunteer Interviews (Walk-In) 9:00 a.m.
- 10 Registration opens for Exploration Days, 9:00 a.m.
- 11 Teen Leader Meeting and Open House, Kincheloe Room, 6:30 p.m.
- 14 Current Volunteer Interviews (By Appointment) 10:00 a.m.
- 14 Horse Leaders' Association, Chili Cook-off, **CANCELLED**
- 16 Swine Exhibitor Meeting, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 6:30 p.m.
- 18 Horse Leaders' Association Meeting, Kincheloe Room, 7:00 p.m.
- 18 All auction items due to MSU Extension Office, 5:00 p.m.
- 21 Leaders' Association Auction, Cass Central Fire Department, Cassopolis, 4:00 p.m.
- 24 YQCA, Cass District Library, Cassopolis, 5:00 p.m.
- 26 Leaders' Association Meeting, Kincheloe Room, 7:00 p.m.
- 29 Current Volunteer Interview (By Appointment) 12:00 p.m.

April

- 1 Possession Date for Dogs
- 4 4-H Day at the Red Wings, Little Caesars Arena, Detroit
- 4 Egg-stravaganza, Dr. T. K. Lawless Park, Vandalia, 12:00 p.m.
- 8 Teen Leader Meeting, Kincheloe Room, 6:30 p.m.
- 10 Good Friday, County Building Closed
- 13 YQCA, Cass District Library, Cassopolis, 6:00 p.m.
- 15 Horse Leaders' Association Meeting, Kincheloe room, 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Pathway to the Stars, Dr. T.K. Lawless Park, Vandalia, 7:30 p.m.
- 18 **Rain/Cloud Date**, Pathway to the Stars, Dr. T.K. Lawless Park, Vandalia, 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Dairy Feeder Steer Validations, Cass County Fairgrounds, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- 18 Equine Shot Clinic, Cass County Fairgrounds, 9:00 a.m.
- 21 YQCA, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 6:00 p.m.
- 22 All Staff Training and Professional Development, Office Closed
- 23 Leaders' Association Meeting, Kincheloe room, 7:00 p.m.
- 23 Exploration Days Registrations Due, MSU Extension office, 5:00 p.m.
- 25 Making the Most out of your Market Animal Project, Cass District Library, 10:00 a.m.

April 4: 4-H Day at the Red Wings

Little Caesars Arena, Detroit

Michigan 4-H youth, families and friends are invited to cheer on the Red Wings. For every ticket purchased, \$5 will go back to your county 4-H program.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-red-wings>

March 11: Teen Leader Open House

Come join us for pizza and cake to celebrate our amazing advisor's birthday but also for an OPEN HOUSE! There will be prizes throughout the evening for new attendees interested in what we are doing as a group. Any youth 13+ is welcome to attend, we would love to have you check out our group and maybe find that it's something you're interested in! Hope to see you there!

Exploration Days - June 24-26, 2020 Creating the Future

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

“Creating the Future” is this year’s theme for Exploration Days. Registrations books are available online and in our office now. You may turn in your registration forms as early as possible. We register on a first come, first serve basis and classes fill up FAST.

Please be sure to choose **eight** class choices - not just one or two, because classes fill up quickly. 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.

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). A deposit of \$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.

Scholarships: Each 4-H youth will receive a \$40 scholarship from the county, a scholarship from the Leaders’ Association (amount varies on the number of youth attending), and some clubs also offer scholarships!

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** orientation meeting for all youth registrants on **Wednesday, May 20th at 6:00 pm.**

Registration begins on March 10, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Registrations and payment are due at the MSU Extension office by April 24, 2020.

4-H Leaders’ Association Auction

The Cass County Leaders' Association will be holding their annual auction on Saturday March 21, 2020 at the Cass Central Fire Department located at 23201 M-60 in Cassopolis. Nelson's Chicken will be catering the meal this year! Tickets have been mailed to Key Leaders and you can purchase them at the Extension office (cash or check only). All profits raised from the meal go directly towards the goal of providing transportation (via bus) for Exploration Days! Meals are \$10 if you buy your tickets before the event and \$12 at the door. Take-out is always an option if you would just like a meal but we would love to have you stop in and support the auction! We have many big changes happening this year! As always, we will need volunteers to help during the auction. If you would be willing to help, please contact the Extension office or go to this link to see tasks and availability: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050945a5af28a4fc1-cass>

Teen Leaders

Our Cass County 4-H Teen Leader group works to provide educational (and fun) opportunities for youth in Cass County 4-H. Any youth 13+ is welcome to attend! If you would like to be involved, please consider coming to the Teen Leader meetings on Wednesday, March 11th and April 8th at 6:30 p.m. in the Kincheloe Conference Room.



New Leader Requirement for Fair Pass

New this year... All Cass County 4-H Leaders must participate in one of the following activities before June 17 in order to receive their \$5 fair leader pass:

- Attend 1 Leaders' Association or Horse Leaders' Meeting
- Volunteer at 1 county event (Leaders' Association Auction, Horse Leaders' Horse Show, County Programs hosted throughout the year, Trunk-or-Treat, etc.)
- Host a county or club educational activity/event
- Attend 1 or 3 provided professional development opportunities (dates to be announce on Facebook and in Clovers)

Sign-in sheets will be present at all county events. Do not forget to sign in to get your credit! Club events will be at the discretion of the Key Leader and they will track the participation.

Pathway to the Stars

Join us on April 17, 2020 from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Dr. T.K. Lawless Park (15122 Monkey Run St., Vandalia, MI 49061). 4-H is getting first access into the newly recognized **International Dark Skies Park** in Michigan. Spend the evening with the family learning about the incredible universe and view it through a high-powered telescope! Dark Skies Advocate, Robert Parrish, will be at the event to assist as you view the universe from the park and give you great facts about space. The event will start with a craft that will be extra space-ial and end with a drawing for one participant to take home their very own telescope! This program is FREE of cost but please remember that if you sign-up, we are buying materials for you to attend the event so please notify us if you register but later find that you are unable to attend. We hope to see you at this space-tacular event! (Rain/Cloud date: April 18)

2020 CWF Delegates

Congratulations to Megan Schuur, Chris Mosher and AJ Shenfeld for being selected as our 2020 CWF delegates for Cass County 4-H. We look forward to you sharing your experience with us in the Fall at the 4-H Awards banquet.

2020 Reining Clinics

The Cass County 4-H Horse Leaders' are offering two reining clinics this year. On May 30th there will be a beginners clinic and on June 13th there will be an advanced clinic. Both will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Cass County Fairgrounds in the Light Horse Arena. There is a maximum of 10 youth per clinic. Registration papers are in the Extension Office, cost is \$40.

Teen Leader Skate-In

The Teen Leader Association is hosting a Skate-in located at the Galaxy Roller Rink. The theme is GLOW PARTY so make sure you wear white and neon colors for maximum glow! There will be skating, games, activities, pizza and so much more! The Skate-in is on May 23, 2020 from 3-7 p.m. You can pre-buy your tickets from your local teen leader representative, club, or the MSU Extension office. Tickets are \$8 for 4-H and \$10 for non 4-H youth. Tickets include 4 hours of skating, skate rental fee, dinner, and all the fun activities! All non 4-H youth MUST accompany a 4-H youth to the event! Youth must be between the ages of 8 and 19.

Parents... doors will lock at 3 p.m. and youth will **not** be allowed to exit the building unless you, or someone who is prearranged to pick-up, is present at the door. This is a great time to drop off your children and have a night to yourself, your significant other, or join in on the fun yourself (Non-skating parents do not have to pay).

Volunteers... We need your help! We will need chaperones for the event. Please contact Hailey to volunteer today! Even if you can only volunteer for the first two hours or last two hours, we would love your support. The teens need volunteers in order to make this event happen. Please consider spending the evening with a great group of teens.

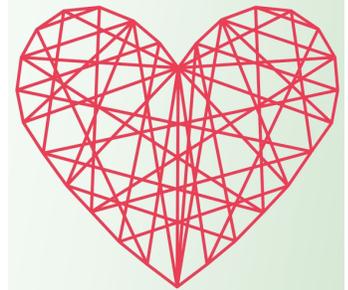
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Use this link to sign up today: events.anr.msu.edu/CCMarketProject20 .

2020 Spring Egg-stravaganza

The Cass County Parks Department is holding their annual Spring Egg-stravaganza at T.K. Lawless Park on Saturday, April 4th from 12:00 p.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.



Still Exhibit Workshops

Keep an eye on the Leaders' Association's Facebook, more workshops will be coming in March and April. If your club would like to sponsor a workshop, you may call or email Deb Ridenour at 574-215-6337 or farmgram@gmail.com



**2020 Cass
County Fair
August 2-
August 8, 2020**

**Contact
Information:
Cass County
Fair**

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

Possession Dates for the 2020 Cass County Fair

Dogs– April 1, 2020
Dairy Feeder Steers– April 18, 2020
Dairy, Goats, Horses, Sheep, Swine– May 1, 2020
Beef Feeders and Beef Breeding Stock– May 2, 2020
Breed Rabbits– June 1, 2020
Cats– June 15, 2020
Market Rabbits– July 1, 2020
Poultry– July 5, 2020

Mandatory Validations for the 2020 Cass County Fair

Dairy Feeder Steers– Saturday, April 18, 2020, 10 a.m.– 2 p.m.
Beef Feeder Calves– Saturday, May 2, 2020, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Sheep– May 2, 2020, 9 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and May 3, 2020, 1 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Market Goats– Sunday, May 3, 2020, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Dogs– Sunday, June 14, 2020, 2 p.m. (all paperwork due)
Swine– Saturday, June 27, 2020, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Market Rabbits– Sunday, July 5, 2020, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

These dates follow the trend of previous years. Please check frequently as new, solidified dates become available.

Blue Ribbon Entry/Pen Reservations

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, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!** As a reminder, please remember that fair registration is not the same as 4-H enrollment. When signing up as a 4-H member you use the 4-H online system and when registering for the fair you use the Blue Ribbon system.

New this year... There will NOT be mandatory pen reservations. Some species may continue to use a form but failure to turn them in will not result in ineligibility to exhibit at the fair. The species that decide to have a paper form will be noted in the upcoming clovers. These forms will be available in our office once online registration launches.

2020 Equine Shot Clinic

The Equine Shot Clinic will be held Saturday, April 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Cass County Fairgrounds in the Draft Horse Barn. Fedore Veterinary Services will be handling shots and Ashley Ralston will be available for equine sport massage therapy.

2020 Light Horse Driving Clinics

There will be clinics for youth interested in light horse driving! Anyone planning to drive at the 2020 fair needs to read the 2020 fair book rules (available in May) for important rules pertaining to the driving division. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Lori Ray, 269-464-6315. Work out dates will be at the Cass County Fairgrounds in the Draft Horse Arena at 6:30 p.m. on May 5th, June 2nd, and July 7, 2020.

Youth for the Quality Care Animals (YQCA)

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21. YQCA is designed as an annual education and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character awareness for youth producing and/or showing pigs, beef cattle, sheep, goats, market rabbits, and poultry.

All youth exhibiting swine at the Cass County Fair are required to complete YQCA. In-person certifications are \$5 per person and payment is due upon registration at the links below. Each session will close two days prior to the training. There is a 30 youth maximum in each training, so sign up today! The certification can also be completed online with your 4-H Online account at <https://yqca.org/> for \$12 per person. Watch our Facebook page for an updated flyer with registration links.

March 24, 2020, 5 pm, Cass District Library

April 13, 2020, 6 pm, Cass District Library

April 21, 2020, 6 pm, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Swine Exhibitor Meeting

There will be a swine exhibitor meeting on Monday, March 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the MSU Extension Conference room on the 2nd floor for parents and exhibitors who have questions about the new swine rules regarding Ractopamine. Superintendents, Swine Educators, Extension Staff, and Fair Board Members will be in attendance to answer questions!

Equine Shot Clinic Pricing

Coggins \$32

Vetera Gold \$60

EWT/WNV \$40

PHF/RV \$33

Strangles \$35

Flu/Rhino \$25



4-H SKATE-IN GLOW PARTY

GAMES
SKATING
PIZZA

SATURDAY, MAY 23

3 PM—7 PM

GALAXY ROLLAR RINK

1120 ONTARIO ROAD
NILES, MI 49120

4-H YOUTH AGES 8-19
*NON 4-H YOUTH MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY 4-H YOUTH

4-H \$8
NON 4-H \$10

TICKETS FOR SALE BY YOUR
LOCAL TEEN LEADER, CLUB, OR
IN THE MSU EXTENSION OFFICE.

All profits benefit the newly formed
Cass County 4-H Teen Leader Association!

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Pathway to the Stars

Friday, April 17, 2020 from 7:30 - 9:30 PM | Make-up date: Saturday, April 18, 2020

4-H first access to the newly recognized

International Dark Skies Park in Michigan!

- * Free telescope giveaway
- * Extra space-ial make-and-take
- * Viewing through a high-powered telescope
- * Presentation by Dark Skies Advocate, Robert Parrish

Learn more about the amazing universe we live in and what you can do
to help preserve the dark skies for all for FREE

Register Here: events.anr.msu.edu/CCPathway20



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March 24, 2020

5:00-7:00 PM

**Cass District Library
Main Branch
319 M-62
Cassopolis, MI 49031**

**Register:
events.anr.msu.edu/**

April 13, 2020

6:00-8:00 PM

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319 M-62
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April 21, 2020

6:00-8:00 PM

**MSU Extension Office
2nd Floor
120 N. Broadway St.
Cassopolis, MI 49031**

**Register:
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Questions?

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Saturday, April 25, 2020

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Cass District Library, Main Branch

319 M-62, Cassopolis, MI 49031

Register here:

events.anr.msu.edu/CCMarketProject20

Limit 25 youth

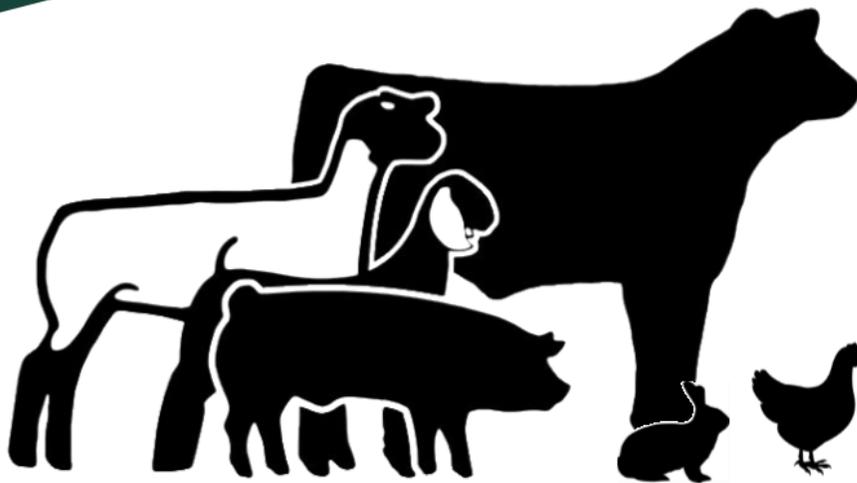
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Cass County 4-H Leaders' Association



FEATURING:



Chicken Half

Pit-tatoes

Desserts

Silent Auction

Live Auction

Tickets: \$12 each

ANNUAL DINNER & AUCTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2020
CASS CENTRAL FIRE DEPARTMENT
23201 M-60, CASSOPOLIS, MI 49031
DOOR OPEN AT 4:00 PM
SILENT AUCTION 4:30 PM— 5:30 PM
LIVE AUCTION 6:00 PM

Dinner tickets available at event or:
Cass County MSU Extension Office
8am-11am or 1pm-5pm T-Th
Hailey Harman 269-445-4435 Ext. 3



PROCEEDS SUPPORT CASS COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

April 4, 2020

12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.

Spring Egg-Stravaganza

Dr. T.K. Lawless Park

\$2 per person

Fun for you... and your entire family!

Thousands of eggs in our Eggs-traordinary Egg "Scramble" for ages 2-10!

Ages 2-4 12:30 p.m. (approx.)

Ages 5-10 1:30 p.m. (approx.)

Activities:

Large Inflatable
Face Painting
Games
Crafts
Wagon Rides
Bonfire
Special Visitor

Refreshments available for purchase

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