



*Cass Clover*

# 4-H Family News

MAY/JUNE 2021

## Dear 4-H Family and Friends,

I hope you are all working on your 4-H projects in preparation for the upcoming fair. We have a lot of exciting programs coming up this Summer and I hope you will consider attending one! If you need assistance in a specific area, please feel free to reach out to us and we will help connect you with someone to help you!

Our Annual Cass County 4-H Leaders' Association Auction is coming up May 19th (more information below), I hope you will consider supporting this auction to allow us to continue programming throughout the county!

As always, please feel free to reach out to us with any questions or concerns you may have! We look forward to seeing you all soon!

Sincerely,

Hailey Harman  
4-H Program Coordinator, Cass County

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## Cass County 4-H Leaders' Association Annual Auction

Get your fingers ready to bid! bid! bid! The Cass County 4-H Leaders' Association Auction will be online this year through RedStar Auctions with viewing available starting Wednesday, May 15th and bidding, May 19-21st! There will be some fantastic items you won't want to miss. All proceeds go towards programming and scholarships for youth in Cass County 4-H. See page 7 for more details!



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## MANAGING YOUTH STRESS



The novel coronavirus pandemic has been stressful for everyone. Families and youth are navigating new challenges, including social distancing, uncertain health outcomes and “a new normal.” These new stressors may spill over into their relationships and compound other stressful conditions in the family.

MSU Extension's “Managing Youth Stress” document shares warning signs, ways to help and resources for stressed youth and parents of stressed youth. View or download the factsheet at [www.canr.msu.edu/resources/managing-youth-stress](http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/managing-youth-stress).

### May

- 12 Cass County 4-H Teen Leaders' Association Meeting, Zoom, 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Light Horse Confirmation Form Due, [www.mycasscountyfair.com](http://www.mycasscountyfair.com)
- 19 Cass County 4-H Horse Leaders' Association Meeting, Zoom, 7:00 p.m.
- 19-21 Cass County 4-H Leaders' Association Auction, [redstarauctions.com](http://redstarauctions.com)
- 24-28 Specie Showmanship Kits Available for Pick-up, MSU Extension Office
- 27 Still Exhibit Workshop– String Art, 5:30 p.m.
- 27 Cass County 4-H Leaders' Association Meeting, Zoom, 7:00 p.m.
- 31 Memorial Day

### June

- 1 Making the most of your market animal, Zoom, 5:00 p.m.
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- 9 Cass County 4-H Teen Leaders' Association Meeting, Zoom, 6:30 p.m.
- 10 Still Exhibit Workshop– Floral Arrangements, 5:30 p.m.
- 13 Dog Validation, Bergman's, 2:00 p.m.
- 15 Making the most of your market animal, Zoom, 5:00 p.m.
- 16 Cass County 4-H Horse Leaders' Association Meeting, Zoom, 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Blue Ribbon Fair Registration Due,
- 19 Swine Validation, Cass County Fairgrounds, 8:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.
- 21 Clovers and Canvas, 6:00 p.m.
- 22-28 Equine Test Available, [D2L.msu.edu](http://D2L.msu.edu)
- 23 Cloverbud Clovers and Canvas, 6:00 p.m.
- 24 Still Exhibit Workshop– Glass Etching, 5:30 p.m.
- 24 Cass County 4-H Leaders' Association Meeting, Zoom, 7:00 p.m.

## 4-H Statewide Events and Workshops

May 5—26: Shiawassee Small Animal Online Workshop—Online  
[www.canr.msu.edu/events/shiawassee-small-animal-online-workshop](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/shiawassee-small-animal-online-workshop)

May 1—29: Michigan 4-H Horse Programs' Virtual Communications Contest—Online  
[www.canr.msu.edu/events/2021-mi-4-h-horse-program-s-virtual-communications-contest](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2021-mi-4-h-horse-program-s-virtual-communications-contest)

May 8: MSU Tollgate Farm Homegrown Gardening Series—Online  
[www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-homegrown-gardening-series-2021-may-8](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-homegrown-gardening-series-2021-may-8)

May 11: Michigan 4-H Virtual Meats Judging Contest—Online  
[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-virtual-meats-judging-contest](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-virtual-meats-judging-contest)

May 11: Wild Spartans Series—Conservation & Mgmt of Tribal Natural Resources, Online  
[www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-may](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-may)

May 21: MSU Tollgate Farm Virtual Sustainable Stewards Series—Online  
[www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-virtual-sustainable-stewards-series-may-21](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-virtual-sustainable-stewards-series-may-21)

## Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2021-22 grant cycle

Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2021-2022 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.

Opportunities include:

- **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 is 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 that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development.

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



The 4-H After-School Robotics Club in Iosco County received a \$1,000 Michigan 4-H Legacy Grant to use VEX Robotics as a tool to help club members develop life skills.

## Michigan 4-H Alumni and Supporters Walking Challenge



The MSU Extension 4-H Alumni Engagement Committee is excited to share a fun engagement opportunity for alumni and supporters!

Starting May 2, MSU Extension will host a 4-H Alumni & Supporters Walking Challenge, where participants will track their miles walked and compete for a top spot in the contest! Each week, top contestants will win a 4-H alumni swag prize and the county who logs the most miles throughout the whole challenge will earn a \$100 cash prize for their county 4-H program!

Learn more and register at [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge).

**Save the Date**

2021 MICHIGAN 4-H  
EXPLORATION DAYS: EXPANDED

June 22-24, 2021

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## Plug into 4-H this summer with 4-H Exploration Days 2021-22: Expanded

Make plans to attend an exciting summer opportunity and choose your own adventure with 4-H Exploration Days: Expanded. This MSU precollege program has something for everyone, ages 12-19!

From June 22 - 24, youth from across Michigan can participate in this fun and engaging virtual learning experience that offers more than 60 different topics. Attendees will also hear from keynote speakers Justin and Alexis Black, authors of *Redefining Normal*, and come away with new energy and a desire to make a difference.

Registration for this event will open May 1 and close May 28. The cost to attend is \$20 and all youth will receive a swag bag, with the option to order their own 4-H Exploration Days: Expanded apparel. Learn more at [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_exploration\\_days](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days).

## 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, May 27th and June 24th via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. to see what we are all about!

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/92911449224>  
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ID:929 1144 9224  
Password: Cass



## 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' meetings on Wednesday, May 19th and June 16th via Zoom.

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/92294069396>  
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## Specie Showmanship Kits

Want to learn more about the specie you show... or maybe about a specie you would like to show? Make sure you sign up for a specie kit that will be reserved specifically for you to pick up. The kits will be a "mini" version of the very popular Ohio State Learning Labs with updated information. You can sign up for a kit through 4-H Online at the "events" tab. There is no cost to sign up for a kit. The number of kits available is limited, so please don't sign up for more than two. You can sign up for the kits now with pick up available starting May 24th at the MSU Extension office. Thank you to Cass County Farm Bureau for being such a great supporter of these Showmanship Kits!

## Making the Most of Your Market Animal

The Making the Most of Your Market Animal Project workshop is designed to assist youth with getting ready for their local market animal auction. Workshop will be three consecutive Tuesday's: June 1, 8, and 15 at 5:00 pm. Grow the potential profit of your 4-H Livestock projects through a variety of marketing and communication strategies that will give you a leg up on your competition. You will learn how to create a buyer's letter, the 7-steps to creating a good thank you, and how to avoid a communication catastrophe. Open to youth ages 9—19 years old. No cost for the workshop. Resources and materials will be provided. Sign-up today in 4-H Online under the "events" tab.

## Clovers and Canvas

Cass County 4-H is offering our second "Clovers and Canvas" painting opportunity for both Cloverbuds (June 23rd) and youth (June 21st). This program will include a class with an instructor to lead you step-by-step through the painting. Registration will be through 4-H Online under the "Events" tab and will be available beginning May 10th. In the past, similar kits have gone quick and spots will be limited!

## Still Exhibit Workshops

Join us for our Still Exhibit Workshops featuring different topics throughout May, June, and July! This program is intended to assist you in creating a finished project, meeting all guidelines, for the 2021 Cass County Fair Still Exhibit Division. All supplies will be provided, at no cost to 4-H members! Sessions will begin at 5:30 pm.

May 27– String Art

June 10– Floral Arrangements

June 24– Glass Etching

July 8– Tin Punch

July 22– Wood Burning

## MORE CASS COUNTY 4-H NEWS

### Horse Honoree Trophy Applications

The five trophy disciplines are Western, English, Pony, Gymkhana, and Ranch. Points can be acquired from the Equine Test, the Leaders' Show and the fair. Horse Honoree Trophy Applications are due July 2nd! 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>. There will be an individual form for each trophy. The trophies will be handed out at the annual 4-H Awards Banquet in November.

### Cass County 4-H Horse Leaders' Scholarships

The Cass County 4-H Horse Leaders' Association annual scholarship applications are available on our website and are due July 16th to the Cass County Extension office or via 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>.

### 4-H Equine Test

The Equine Test will be available through Michigan State University's D2L program, The test will be available to take beginning Tuesday, June 22nd and will close on Monday, June 28 at midnight. The course has a lot of great studying material and videos for your use. Registration for the course/test will begin June 1. 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

Instructions for accessing the D2L test are available from your Horse Leader or by contacting Hailey Harman at [harmanha@msu.edu](mailto:harmanha@msu.edu).

### BRAVO... B.R.A.V.O.!!

Eighteen years ago, (in 2003), the B.R.A.V.O. Award was created by two very devoted 4-H alumni who believed 4-H'ers should be recognized for their own individual accomplishments... kids that have done the very best they could regardless whether or not their project was deemed the prized "Best of Show" award by the judges... **Best Recognized Achievement Validated Outstanding**. 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 amazing award, we are reliant upon sponsorships of \$25. If you would like to sponsor a B.R.A.V.O. award, or have any questions regarding the award, please contact Hailey Harman at [harmanha@msu.edu](mailto:harmanha@msu.edu).

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### 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, May 12 and June 9 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

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

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# CASS COUNTY FAIR NEWS

## Possession Dates for the 2021 Cass County Fair

Dogs– April 1, 2021  
Dairy Feeder Steers– April 17, 2021  
Dairy, Goats, Horses, Sheep, Swine– May 1, 2021  
Beef Feeders and Beef Breeding Stock– May 1, 2021  
Breed Rabbits– June 1, 2021  
Cats– June 15, 2021  
Market Rabbits– July 1, 2021  
Poultry– July 3, 2021

## Mandatory Validations for the 2021 Cass County Fair

Beef Feeder Calves– Saturday, May 1, 2021, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Sheep– May 1, 2021, 9 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and May 2, 2021, 1 p.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Market Goats– Sunday, May 2, 2021, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.  
Dogs– Sunday, June 13, 2021, 2 p.m. (all paperwork due)  
Swine– Saturday, June 19, 2021, 8 a.m.– 12:00 noon  
Market Rabbits– Saturday, July 10, 2021, 8 a.m.- 12 p.m.

## Barn Clean-up Dates

Dairy Feeder– July 17, 2021, TBD  
Goat– July 8, 2021, 6:30 p.m. , please bring rakes, brooms, shovels, & wheelbarrows  
Poultry– Saturday, July 10, 2021, 10 a.m.  
Rabbits- Saturday, July 10, 2021, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

## 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 entries registrations will be due on June 17, 2021 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 2.0 system and when registering for the fair you use the Blue Ribbon system.**

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.

## Light Horse Confirmation Sheet

All light horse exhibitors for the Cass County Fair must submit a Light Horse Confirmation Form by **May 15th**. No late submissions will be accepted. The confirmation form is now online and can be found on the Cass County Fair website under entry forms: [www.mycasscountyfair.com](http://www.mycasscountyfair.com)

## Class of 2021 Senior Recognition

Calling all Class of 2021 Seniors!! We want to recognize YOU at the Cass County Fair. Please fill out the following form: <https://forms.gle/FTYRiuKSVdxFSmPb9>. If you have already filled out a senior form (for the 4-H Awards Banquet last fall) you don't need to resubmit.!

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## Rabbit & Poultry Showmanship Clinics

Saturday, June 5th  
Saturday, June 19th

6:00 pm

Poultry and Rabbit Barns

## 2021 Cass County Fair

**August 1-  
August 7, 2021**

## Contact Information:

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# Cass County 4-H Leaders' Association



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& More!



## ANNUAL AUCTION

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 19 —**

**FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2021**

**RED STAR AUCTIONS**

**ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING ON**

**SATURDAY, MAY 15**

**SHIPPING AVAILABLE!**

**To register as a buyer visit:**

**RedStarAuctions.com**

**Pick-up: 27383 May Street, Edwardsburg, MI. 49112**

**Questions:**

**Hailey Harman 269-445-4438 Ext. 3**

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