



Cass Clover

4-H Family News

July/August 2019

Dear 4-H Family and Friends,

The countdown to fair has officially begun! I am so excited to see all of you who have worked so hard throughout the year show off what you have learned. Just a reminder that if you plan to sell something at the auctions (large, small, or still exhibit) you may want to send out buyer letters to get buyers to support you at the auctions. This time of year is exciting and stressful all at the same time and I want to remind each and every one of you to be the best sportsman you can be during the week and to help out those around you! If you haven't yet, please go like our Facebook page (Cass County, Michigan 4-H Youth Development) to stay up to date on all the important announcements!

See ya around!

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2019 Michigan 4-H Mark of Excellence award winners

Every year, counties across Michigan offer 4-H youth, ages 11 and 12, the opportunity to participate in Michigan 4-H State Awards' 4-H Mark of Excellence essay contest. The essay theme is "Because of 4-H, I can..." and the youth refer to a variety of memorable experiences in their time as 4-H'ers. As part of the contest, up to two 4-H youth essays from each country are selected to be recognized as award winners. In 2019, Thirty seven 4-H members from 26 counties were selected as the 2019 Mark of Excellence county winners.

Congratulations Leah and Savannah Shelby! They were our Cass County winners!

2019 State Awards

Representing Cass for the 2019 State Awards this year were Benjamin Shelby, Noah Krager and Brianna Stockwell. Congratulations to all the applicants on all your hard work!

**The 2019 Cass
County Fair
Theme is...**

***T'was the Night
Before Fair and
All Through the
Barn!***

**July 28-August
3, 2019**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Sheep Shearing

Watch our Facebook page to see when sheep shearing will be available.

July

- 4 Independence Day, Office Closed
- 5 Senior Bio and photo due in the MSU Extension office, 5:00 p.m.
- 5 Horse Scholarship Forms due in the MSU Extension office, 5:00 p.m.
- 5 State Horse Show registration due, MSU Extension office, 5:00 p.m.
- 6 Rabbit Validations, Cass County Fairgrounds, 10:00 a.m.
- 6 Poultry/Rabbit barn clean-up, Fairgrounds, 8:00 a.m.
- 9 Teen Leaders' Association meeting, Cass County Fairgrounds, 6:30 p.m.
- 10 Horse Leaders' Association meeting, MSU Extension Conference Room, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Goat barn clean-up, Fairgrounds, 6:00 p.m.
- 12 All Leader re-enrollments due in 4-H online or paperwork due in office
- 12 All Traveling Trophies (engraved) due in the MSU Extension office, 5:00 p.m.
- 13 Wood Burning Workshop, 13731 US Hwy 12, Union, 12:30 p.m.
- 13 5-H Club Horse Show, Cass County Fairgrounds, 8:30 a.m. (Equine Test make-up)
- 18 Leaders' Association meeting, MSU Extension Conference room, 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Dairy Feeder barn clean-up, Cass County Fairgrounds, 9:30 a.m.
- 24 Dog barn clean-up, Cass County Fairgrounds, Show Arena, 6:00 p.m.
- 25 Still Exhibit barn clean-up, Cass County fairgrounds, 5:00 p.m.
- 25 4-H Kick-Off to Fair, Cass County Fairgrounds, 5:00 p.m.
- 26 County Medal Nominations due, MSU Extension office, 5:00 p.m.
- 27 Exhibitor Packet pick-up, Cass County Fairgrounds, 9:00 a.m.
- 27 Still Exhibit Judging, Cass County Fairgrounds, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- 28 2019 Cass County Fair begins!

August

- 2 4-H Day at the Fair! Cass County Fairgrounds
- 3 First Annual Barn Dance, Cass County Fairgrounds, 9:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
- 4 Pick-up for all Still Exhibit projects, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- 14 Teen Leader Meeting, MSU Extension Conference room, 6:00 p.m.
- 14 Still Exhibit Developmental meeting, MSU Extension Conference Room, 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Horse Leaders' meeting, MSU Extension Conference Room, 7:00 p.m.
- 22 Leaders' Association meeting, MSU Extension Conference Room, 7:00 p.m.
- 27 Livestock Developmental meeting, MSU Extension Conference Room, 7:00 p.m.
- 28 Horse Developmental meeting, MSU Extension Conference Room, 7:00 p.m.

Cass County Fair Week
July 28th-August 3rd



Still Exhibit Workshops

Have you not completed your still exhibit project for this year's Cass County Fair? If not, The Cowboy Up 4-H Club is offering workshops to any 4-H member. In order for us to be properly prepared, we will need you to register for each workshop. Please register at the MSU office by emailing harmanha@msu.edu or calling us at 269-445-4438.

Workshops will be held at: 13731 US HWY 12, UNION, MI (directly south of the Cass County Conservation Club). Space is limited to the first 20 participants. Below is the workshop schedule. Supplies and instruction will be provided. Projects will be completed on site, so please plan to stay for the entire session or until your project is complete.

String Art- June 29th, 12:30- 3:00 pm Wood Burning- July 13th, 12:30- 3:00 pm

2019 Showing Livestock...Fun...Fair...and in my Future!

This very first Showing Livestock Program was a huge success with 18 youth in attendance! Youth were able to get hands-on experience with sheep, swine, rabbit, and poultry while learning important information about goat and light horse. The program was intended to introduce kids with limited knowledge of livestock to several species and what it takes to raise and show them. And what an introduction the group got! Tapping in to several local "specialists" in their area of expertise in swine, sheep, goats, horse, poultry and rabbits, the group learned about taking care of their animals, which included proper ways to administer shots, in what circumstances would you need to give a shot to an animal, and exactly the proper place to give one. This hands-on activity included trying their hand with an intramuscular injection on an orange, and subcutaneous injections on a chicken breast. Speakers brought sheep, pigs, a chicken and a rabbit to show our future exhibitors how to properly groom and show these species. Extension Swine Specialist, Beth Ferry conducted the session on swine, which included a proper cooling of the pigs (and kids) with a garden hose after their short mock show. Interspersed with the educational sessions were plenty of fun (wet) activities designed to encourage teamwork and sportsmanship.



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, July 18th and August 22, 2019 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

The 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 their meeting on Wednesday, July 10th and August 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the MSU E Conference Room.

5-H 4-H Horse Show

Due to the unfortunate weather that required the Cass County Horse Leaders' Association's Horse Show to be cancelled, they decided to use the existing 5-H Horse Club Show for the Honoree Trophy points. Youth who participate in the show will be rewarded points in the same manner as they would have at the Horse Leaders' Horse Show. The Equine Test make-up has also been moved to the morning of this show from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Please see Leslie Vargo for the test. This show is on July 13th starting at 8:30 a.m. located at the Cass County Fairgrounds. Please contact our office with any questions!

4-H State Horse Show Sign-Up

The 4-H State Horse Show sign-ups are located in the office and due by July 5th at 5:00 p.m. to our office. Coggins must be turned in at the time of registration.

First Annual Barn Dance

Our teen leaders have been hard at work while they plan a dance for the youth in Cass County as a final celebration to close out the fair. The dance will take place Saturday, August 3rd from 9-11 p.m. in the show arena. Refreshments will be available for purchase at a great price! No tickets will be sold at the time of the dance, so they must be purchased in advance. Currently running is a pre-sale ticket offer that allows ALL youth to purchase their tickets at an astounding \$1! You do not need to be in 4-H to get this pre-sale offer, so buy tickets for your friends! This offer will only last until Friday, July 26th, so come into the office and buy your tickets now. Starting Saturday, July 27th, ticket rates will increase to \$2 for non-4-H members (4-H members still get the great price of \$1). Tickets can be bought at the MSU Extension office and at the 4-H Youth Office on the fairgrounds during fair week. Tickets will also be sold during Still Exhibit Judging near the snack tent! We hope that you will put on your dancing boots and join the Cass County 4-H Teen Leader Association in the grand finale of the 2019 Cass County Fair with a good ole' fashioned, family friendly, 4-H dance.

Adults, we need your help! We need you to help by volunteering a couple hours to be chaperones at this dance to ensure that all youth attending are safe! If you would be interested in chaperoning the dance for a couple of hours please email harmanha@msu.edu. Thank you!

Teen Leader Association

Are you between the ages thirteen and nineteen and want to be more involved in the 4-H program? Well we would love to invite you to join us at the next Teen Leader Association meeting on July 9th at 6:30 p.m. at the Show Arena on the fairgrounds. During this meeting we will finalize the last details for the dance and do some team building! Hope to see you there!

B.R.A.V.O.

The B.R.A.V.O. award is given to 4-H youth exhibitors that demonstrate skills that echo the 4-H motto, "To Make The Best, Better". 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 award we are reliant upon scholarships. Sponsors are asked to donate \$25. Please fill out the form on page 7 and return to the MSU Extension office. Please contact us if you have questions about the B.R.A.V.O. award.

Fair Information

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Barn Clean Up Dates

Dairy Feeder
July 20, 2019
9:30 a.m.

Dogs
July 24, 2019
6:00 p.m.- Show Arena

Goats
July 11, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Poultry/Rabbit
July 6, 2019
8 a.m.– 2 p.m.

Still Exhibit
July 25, 2019
5:00 p.m.

Clerks and Runners Needed!

We are in need of adult clerks for Still Exhibit day, July 27th, 2019. We are asking each club to identify one or two adults available that day to serve as clerks for our judges. Youth ages 12 and older are needed as runners during Still Exhibit judging day helping youth bring exhibits in, assisting judges with displaying projects, and other general tasks as needed. Morning, afternoon, or all-day sign-ups are available. Please contact your Key Leader or the MSU Extension office to volunteer.

Rabbit Validations

Rabbit validations will take place on Saturday, July 6, 2019 at the Cass County Fairgrounds from 10 a.m.– 2 p.m. This is mandatory for all market rabbits. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Noles, Rabbit Superintendent. 574-606-8403

Alumni Fundraiser Shows at the Fair

The fundraiser for the Horse Division will be on Saturday, August 3, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the show arena and the fundraiser for the Dairy Feeder Barn will be Saturday, August 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the show arena. Both of these will be showmanship for all alumni. Sign yourself up or nominate a “friend” during fair week at the Auction Office in the show arena. Prizes will be awarded to the top showmen.

After Fair Developmental Meetings

Our developmental meetings have been set for after the fair. These meetings are to discuss positive changes, things to improve, possibilities for the 2020 Cass County Fair, bring forward any concerns, etc. All three meetings will be held in the MSU Extension Office, Conference Room 209 at 7:00 p.m.

Still Exhibit Developmental Meeting: Wednesday, August 14, 2019

Livestock Developmental Meeting: Tuesday, August 27, 2019

Horse Developmental Meeting: Wednesday, August 28, 2019

4-H Kickoff to the Fair

Thursday, July 25th from 5 p.m.- 10 p.m. we will be hosting 4-H Kick Off to the Fair! Starting at 5 p.m. we will begin cleaning and setting up the Darlene B. Lowe Exhibit Complex. Please bring buckets, brooms, and wash clothes to help in this! Immediately following the set-up of the building will be the fun festivities! We will celebrate the start of the fair with food and special activities! Please remember that “many hands make light work”. Come and help us prep the building and celebrate with other 4-H youth afterwards!

4-H Day at the Fair

New this year is 4-H Day at the Fair! On Friday, August 2nd we will have a whole day of 4-H fun under the red tent behind the youth office! Schedule will be announced closer to fair but be prepared to stop by to play some games and get refreshments. The Leaders' Association will also be having a 4-H Swag Shop where you will be able to buy all things 4-H from hats to sunglasses to magnets! During this event we will be running the Commodity Carnival which has a beef theme this year! This interactive activity allows youth to understand the economic impacts of decisions when raising market beef. Teens and adults will be needed to help make this whole day a hit and show everyone what 4-H is all about. If you are interested in volunteering at some point throughout this day please email harmanha@msu.edu. This event will not be possible without volunteers!

Fair Reminders

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Recipe cards are mandatory for all food exhibits

You can find recipe cards at the MSU Extension office or on the Cass County Fair website (www.mycasscountyfair.com). Recipe should **NOT** include the following items: mystery ingredients, mixes, pre-made pie fillings, or alcohol.

Traveling Trophies

All traveling trophies awarded at the 2018 Cass County Fair are needed back! Please bring them to the MSU Extension office by July 12, 2019. Don't forget to get it engraved with your information!

Leader Enrollment

If you have not re-enrolled in 4-H Online for the 2018-2019 4-H year please do so as soon as possible. The deadline to complete this information is July 12, 2019 to receive your \$5.00 leader pass. Enrollments submitted after the 12th will still be accepted but will not be eligible for their leader pass. Please contact our office if you have any questions.

Cloverbud Reminder

As a reminder, all Cloverbuds are only allowed to enter two classes in Division 1-Livestock and two classes in Department 72, section Q. Please see page 36 in the fair book for more information.

2019 Seniors

Are you a recently graduated senior (2019) exhibiting at the Cass County Fair? We want to acknowledge all of your hard work! Please come into the MSU Extension office to pick up a hard copy or email us for a digital copy of the Senior Bio Form. These forms are due in our office by Friday, July 5th at 5:00 p.m.

Still Exhibit Judging

Judging for non-livestock exhibits will be on Saturday, July 27th from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Lunch break will be from 12:00 p.m. until 12:30 p.m. All still project exhibitors must pick up their entry forms and exhibit tags from the registration tables before judging and return the form to the registration tables after all their projects are judged Saturday. Exhibitor passes may be purchased at that time. The yellow copy of the registration form is given back to the exhibitor to be kept for picking up projects on Sunday, August 4th from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. If you are not able to pick up your projects at this time, please make arrangements with someone to have these picked up. Any exhibits left after 12:00 p.m. will not be saved.

Still Exhibit Auction

Returning for the eighth year at the 2019 Cass County Fair is the Youth Still Exhibit Auction. For more information, contact the MSU Extension office and see the current fair book for complete guidelines and criteria!



Don't Forget your Thank You's

As a friendly reminder to all youth exhibitors who plan to sell animal (s) or items in the auctions at the fair, or win a trophy, please send a thank you card or letter to your buyer or trophy sponsor. Also, don't forget your leaders, parents and peers! A big thank you to those that have helped get you to the fair to exhibit and taught you all the necessary skills to show your project. You could not have done it without them, so be sure to send a thank you their way as well!

Tips for

Lining Up Auction Buyers

If you plan to participate in either the large animal, small animal or still exhibit auction during the Cass County fair, you will want to plan ahead to line up auction buyers before fair time. Here are some tips to help you get started.

1. Prepare ahead of time. This could mean creating a one-page information sheet on the project you are selling and/or putting together an informational packet for potential buyers.
Include details like:
 - Information about yourself (bio).
 - Facts about your project.
 - Consider including a picture of you and your project.
 - Details of the auction you are participating in (place, date, time, etc.)
2. Contact potential buyers and ask them to attend the auction and support your project in the auction.
 - If possible, contacting a buyer in person is best. Creating a personal relationship typically has the best results. However you can also contact buyers by telephone or email if necessary.
 - Dress neatly and appropriately.
 - Be respectful of the person's time when contacting them to discuss your project. Thank them for their time.
 - Don't wait until the last minute to contact a buyer and ask them to attend an auction. Many buyers have to take time off work and need advanced notice.
 - Make sure you have a parent/guardian approval before making contact.
3. Remember to send thank you notes to your buyers promptly after the fair/auction. This helps to keep buyers returning year after year to the auction and shows them you are appreciative of their time and financial support.
4. If you are new to auctions, seek guidance from more experienced members of your 4-H club in addition to your leaders. Also there are many resources and ideas for how to line up auction buyers that can be found online.

Resources:

Turner, Shirley. (2011). Tips and Tricks for Soliciting Auction Participants. *Linn County Youth Livestock Auction*. Retrieved May 23, 2013 from <http://lcyla.org/blog/tips-and-tricks-soliciting-auction-participants>.

B.R.A.V.O. Award Sponsorship

If you would like to be a sponsor for our B.R.A.V.O. (Best Recognized Achievement, Validated Outstanding) Award, please fill out this form and return it along with your check for \$25.00 to the MSU Extension office.

What's in it for you as a sponsor? To be part of this exciting award for the 4-H'ers of Cass County that exhibit still projects at the Cass County Fair is a unique experience. As a sponsor, you will be invited to the appreciation meal honoring our 15 recipients, where you will be able to meet them and learn more about their projects. Your name (business or personal) will be attached to the trophy your generous donation has sponsored, and it will also appear on our appreciation wall at the fair.

What's in it for the 4-H'er? What an amazing feeling, to see that big, beautiful "B.R.A.V.O." rosette attached to their project; and to think, this is only awarded to 15 exhibitors per year! The recipients are also invited to an award meal where they are presented with a crystal trophy.

Youth chosen for this award demonstrate the skills that echo the 4-H motto:

"To Make the Best Better"

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Name(s) as you would like them to appear for sponsorship on the wall and trophy: _____

Please make your \$25 check payable to Cass County 4-H Leaders' Association and remit (along with this form) to:

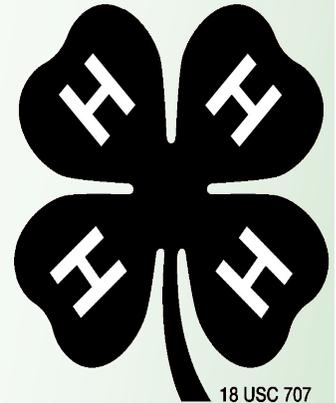
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Attn: BRAVO Support

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**Thank you to our
2018 B.R.A.V.O.**

Sponsors

Charles and Bonnie
McCarthy

Cleopatra's Hair Hut

North Red Hill 4-H
Accounting
Consultants PC

Creative Vinyl Signs

Quality Masonry

Penn 4-H

Gail and Mary Lou
Peterson

Mechanicsburg 4-H

Betty and David Groth

Legacy 4-H

Kids-N-Kids 4-H

5-H Horse Club Fundraiser 4-H Horse Show

Date: July 13, 2019

Start time- 8:30am

Judge: Lynn Kamps

Age as of 1/1/2019

Class Fee: \$5.00 per class

Office Fee: \$2.00

High Point Fee: \$3.00

Show all day for \$30.00 (classes 1-32)

Show all day for \$20.00 (classes 33-47)

High Point winners will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate

All English Attire must wear ASTM/SEI approved helmet

Classes may be combined, split or cancelled due to lack of participation at the decision of the horse show committee. This show bill is subject to change.

Absolutely NO ALCOHOLIC beverages on the grounds. NO ELECTRIC HOOKUP OR CAMPING PERMITTED.

ALL MANURE MUST BE CLEANED UP AT YOUR TRAILER SITE-THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. NO STALL USE IN ANY BARN.

For more information, please contact Heidi Smith 574-292-1108

Location: Cass Co Fairgrounds

590 O'Keffe St. Cassopolis, Mi 49031

Judges decision is final

Not responsible for any injuries

All 4-H rules apply

2 min gate call enforced

2019 Neg. Coggins Required

All entries must use show issued back #'s

All dogs must be on a leash-clean up messes

Food available-Hunny Bunny Catering —CASH ONLY

All Western and English attire must be worn

1. Horse Halter Mare
2. Horse Halter Gelding
3. Pony Halter 57" and under
4. Color Class
5. Grand and Reserve Halter
6. Showmanship 19 and over
7. Showmanship 14-18
8. Showmanship 13 and under
9. Showmanship-Open
10. Grand and Reserve Showmanship
11. English Equitation 19 and over
12. English Equitation 14-18
13. English Equitation 13 and under
14. Pony English Equitation-Open
15. English Pleasure 19 and over
16. English Pleasure 14-18
17. English Pleasure 13 and under
18. English Pleasure-Open
19. Pony English Pleasure-Open
- 30 Min Lunch Break
20. Western Horsemanship 19 and over
21. Western Horsemanship 14-18
22. Western Horsemanship 13 and under
23. Pony Horsemanship-Open
24. Ranch Horsemanship 15 and over
25. Ranch Horsemanship 14 and under
26. Western Pleasure 19 and over
27. Western Pleasure 14-18
28. Western Pleasure 13 and under
29. Western Pleasure-Open
30. Ranch Horse Pleasure 15 and over
31. Ranch Horse Pleasure 14 and under
32. Pony Pleasure-Open
- Break 15-30 min for Gymkhana Set-Up
33. Keyhole 19 and over
34. Keyhole 14-18
35. Keyhole 13 and under
36. Speed and action 19 and over
37. Speed and action 14-18
38. Speed and action 13 and under
39. Barrels 19 and over
40. Barrels 14-18
41. Barrels 13 and under
42. Flags 19 and over
43. Flags 14-18
44. Flags 13 and under
45. Poles 19 and over
46. Poles 14-18
47. Poles 13 and under



Put on your dancing boots and join the Cass County 4-H Teen Leader Association in the grand finale of the 2019 Cass County Fair with a good ole' fashioned, family friendly, 4-H dance.

Cass County 4-H Barn Dance



Saturday, August 3, 2019

Show Arena

9 – 11 pm

Open to ALL youth ages 8-19!

***Pre-Sale tickets - \$1.00**

Refreshments available for purchase

Fair week - \$1.00 4-H \$2.00 Non 4-H

Volunteers needed!

Adult volunteers are needed as chaperones and youth volunteers are needed for set up and clean up. Please email harmanha@msu.edu if you would be willing to volunteer!

Tickets will be sold at still exhibit judging, and at the 4-H Swag Shop. Adults are welcome to sit in the bleachers for free of charge.

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

*Pre-sale offer ends Friday, July 26th. All pre-sale tickets are \$1.00 regardless of youth 4-H enrollment. Pre-sale tickets can be purchased at the MSU Extension Office located at 120 N. Broadway St., Cassopolis, MI.

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