

*Cass Clover*

4-H Family News

November/December 2019

4-H Award Banquet and Dinner

We are celebrating our 71st 4-H Awards Banquet on Saturday, November 16, 2019. This recognition banquet will be held at the Church of God, located at 21083 Spencer Road, Cassopolis, MI. The doors will open at 4:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m., with awards to follow. Please **R.S.V.P by Friday, November 8, 2019**. The theme for this year's banquet is "Feasting, Reminiscing, and Giving Thanks". Going along with the theme, there will be a Thanksgiving-type feast catered in. While there is no charge for honorees, guests will cost \$5.00 each.

The people being recognized at this event are Leaders for their 2018-2018 service year, Class of 2020 Seniors, 2018-2019 County Medal Recipients, 2019 Horse Honoree Recipients, 2018-2019 Horse Judging Team, 2018-2019 Citizenship Washington Focus Trip Delegates, and 2018-2019 4-H State Award Participants.

Attention all Seniors... if you attend the banquet you will receive a 4-H chord that you can wear at graduation. You must submit answers to a few questions and pictures **at least a week prior to the banquet**. You must R.S.V.P. for the banquet, submit the requested senior information, and attend in order to receive this honor chord.

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MSU Extension has moved!

We are in the same building but we have relocated to the first floor, where the Administrators office was. Our new address is 120 N. Broadway St., **Suite 116**, Cassopolis, MI 49031. Our phone number is the same but some options have changed. Please listen to the recording in it's entirety so that you make the correct selection.

Our new office hours are **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, open 8:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m., closed for lunch 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** We are available on Monday and Friday by appointment only. For your convenience, we have a drop box located outside of our office if you need to drop something off. We ask that you use the envelopes that are located on top of the box if you are dropping money off and fill the envelope out completely so we can ensure we get the money to the appropriate place. This is a secure, locked box that is checked daily. Thank you for your patience as we make this transition, stop by to see the new office!

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ALWAYS
something to
BE GRATEFUL
for

**Register now
for the 2020
State 4-H Rabbit
& Cavy Show!**



The State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show will be held on January 25, 2020 at the MSU Pavilion in East Lansing. This one-day event is open to participants age 8 to 19. To enter, exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members and own the rabbits or cavies they enter.

Youth may enter as many breeds as they wish at bit.ly/31KaOpQ. Pre-entry for this event is optional.

Spectators are welcome!

November

- 8 4-H Award Banquet R.S.V.P. due, MSU Extension office, 5:00 p.m.
- 11 Office Closed, Veteran's Day
- 13 Teen Leader Association Meeting, MSUE Conference room, 6:30 p.m.
- 16 4-H Awards Banquet, First Church of God, Cassopolis, doors open at 4:30 p.m.
- 20 Horse Leaders' Association Meeting, MSUE Conference room, 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Leaders' Association Meeting, MSUE Conference room, 7:00 p.m.
- 28 Office Closed, Thanksgiving Day
- 29 Office Closed, In Observance of Thanksgiving Day

December

- 3 CWF Applications due, MSU Extension office, 5:00 p.m.
- 11 Teen Leader Association Meeting, MSUE Conference room, 6:30 p.m.
- 14 Mandatory Beef Weigh-in, Cass County Fairgrounds, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- 19 Leaders' Association Meeting, MSU Extension Conference room, 7:00 p.m.
- 24 Office Closed, Christmas Eve
- 25 Office Closed, Christmas
- 31 Office Closed, New Year's Eve

Save the Date!

January 31—February 1: 4-H Horse Judging Workshop & Mini Contest

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

February 1: 4-H Horse Benefit Clinic

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

February 21-22: 4-H Veterinary Science Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 22-23: 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

March 7: 4-H Dog Workshop

MSU Anthony Hall, East Lansing

March 13-15: 4-H Dairy Conference

Kettunen Center, Tustin

View more 4-H events at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events>.

Michigan 4-H partners with MSU's Women's Leadership Institute to energize women leaders

Every day, in every way, women are leaders. To learn more about female leadership, 21 youth gathered together on September 24 to attend the Michigan State University (MSU) [Women's Leadership Institute](#) (WLI). An annual event now in its fourth consecutive year, the WLI is designed to empower women students with leadership aspirations.



A collaborative effort between MSU's College of Social Science, MSU alumni, professional women and students, the WLI seeks to ignite the passion of women leaders. Among the institute's executive board is Dr. Amy Bonomi, director of children and youth programming for MSU Extension. Bonomi worked to include high-school students for the first time in this year's event.

"One of the 2019 WLI themes was 'we're never not leaders' and we know youth are leaders in their own communities, every day," said Bonomi. "They're leaders in clubs, churches, schools, friend groups and even their families. So as we thought about this year's event, we knew it was the perfect time to invite high-schoolers to participate."

[Michigan 4-H](#) led the youth component of the event. Youth ages 14–19 were invited to attend a special pre-reception hosted by Bonomi and Dr. Erica Tobe, associate director of children and youth programming for MSU Extension. Several other members of MSU Extension's 4-H staff also supported the pre-reception, and MSU Athletics Chief of Staff Alan Haller and [MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources](#) (CANR) Dean Ron Hendrick delivered keynote addresses.

"Having the ability to listen to adults with higher experiences than what I have had so far in my life, and being able to identify and relate with the things they have gone through on their own leadership journeys was an opportunity like no other," said Savannah Mauk, an Eaton County 4-H'er.

Michigan 4-H to participate in Giving Tuesday

On Dec. 3, Michigan 4-H is once again teaming up with Michigan State University in their Give Green Day campaign held in conjunction with Giving Tuesday. The ultimate goal is to engage Michigan 4-H alumni and friends in an online effort to make real-time, fast, easy and secure gifts in support of Michigan 4-H. All funds raised will support 4-H participation fee scholarship grants for youth who are unable to pay the 4-H youth participation fee.

From 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. EST, Michigan 4-H supporters are invited to participate in Give Green Day by giving their support financially or helping spread the word via social media channels and word of mouth.

During the 24-hour period, Michigan 4-H members, volunteers and supporters will have the chance to support Michigan 4-H through various challenges published on social media. Follow along using #GiveGreenDay on your social media channels to help Michigan 4-H earn bonus funds. Learn more about Giving Tuesday and Give Green Day at <https://givingday.msu.edu/>.

Cass County 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 21, 2019 and Thursday, December 19, 2019 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>.

2019-2020 Enrollment Fees/4-H Online

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, please 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, 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, 2020. 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 and 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. www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_awards_and_recognition_program

4-H Mark of Excellence Award

4-H youth 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, 2020 in the MSU Extension office, 5:00 p.m.**

www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_awards_and_recognition_program

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 2020 trip is planned for June 20-27, 2020. Applications are now being accepted until **Tuesday, December 3, 2019**. Applications are available in our office and can be emailed or mailed by request. For more information visit, https://www.canr.msu.edu/citizenship_washington_focus/

Cass County 4-H 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 20th at 7:00 p.m. There will not be a meeting in December. Please join us in the MSU Extension Conference Room.

2019 Arabian Horse Judging National Champions



Congratulations to the 2019 Cass County 4-H Horse Judging Team, Amy Wyse, Mikayla Tice, Eve Heintzberger, and Emily Luthringer (left to right), on their hard work and dedication to become National Champions at the 2019 Arabian Horse Judging Contest in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

2019 Trunk-or-Treat and Harvest Fest

Once again, we partnered with the Cass County Parks and our 2019 Harvest Fest/Trunk-or-Treat was a success. It was a beautiful day full of sunshine and fun for all. We welcomed about 900 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 34 trunks for a safe environment for our youth of Cass County. You all helped make this such a great event.

Congratulations to Word of Life Church for winning the 2019 Trunk Decorating Contest.



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 in the next Clover)

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.

Teen Lock-In

The Teen Leader Association is hosting a Teen Lock-in located at the Niles Buchanan YMCA. The theme is GLOW PARTY so make sure you wear white and neon colors for maximum glow! There will be swimming, games, activities, pizza and so much more! The lock-in is on January 4, 2020 from 6pm-midnight. You can pre-buy your tickets from your local teen leader representative, club, or the MSU Extension office. Tickets are \$10 for 4-H and \$15 for non-4-H youth. All non 4-H youth **MUST** accompany a 4-H youth to the event! Please remember to bring appropriate swim attire and a towel!

Parents... doors will lock at 7pm 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 teens and have a night to yourself, your significant other, or some individual time with your younger children!

Volunteers... We need your help! We will need chaperones for the event. Please contact me to volunteer today! Even if you can only volunteer for the first three hours or last three 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 to allow for a safe event before they return to school and kick off the new year!

Mandatory Beef Weigh-In

All beef market cattle must be in possession of the exhibitor no later than beef weigh-in, for the 2020 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. Calves should have RFID tags and all breed steers will need to have registration papers and be tattooed by weigh in. This will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at the fairgrounds. Validation will run from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Please contact Jeff Peterson with any questions that you may have at 269-240-7181.

2020 Cass County Fair

Mark your calendars! The 2020 Cass County Fair will take place from August 2– August 8, 2020. More information will follow at a later date.

Contact Information: Cass County Fair

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Save the Date!

Possession Dates for the 2020 Cass County Fair

All Beef and dairy beef steers, Saturday, December 14, 2019

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

Validations for the 2020 Cass County Fair

All Market Beef– Saturday, December 14, 2020, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Beef Feeder Calves– Saturday, May 2, 2020, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Dairy Feeder Steers– Saturday, April 18, 2020, 10 a.m.– 2 p.m.

Sheep– May 2, 2020, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and May 3, 2020, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

Market Goats– Sunday, May 3, 2020, 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Swine– TBD

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.

TEEN LOCK-IN

GLOW PARTY

GAMES
PIZZA
POOL

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

6 PM—MIDNIGHT
DOORS LOCK AT 7:00 PM

NILES-BUCHANAN YMCA
905 NORTH FRONT ST
NILES, MI 49120

4-H TEENS AGES 13-19
*NON 4-H YOUTH MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY 4-H YOUTH

4-H \$10
NON 4-H \$15

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!