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# 4-H Family News

Cass County



## Spring is here!

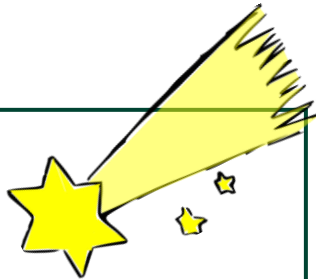
I have absolutely NO idea where March went and how it is already April! Spring is one of my favorite seasons. The transformation from winter to spring is really amazing. I cannot wait for warmer, sunnier days, leaves on the trees and more blooming flowers.



April is **National Volunteer Month** and I wanted to take a moment to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to all of our **4-H Volunteers**! You do so much for the youth of Cass County and beyond. Thank you for your dedication to our 4-H program!



## Volunteer Spotlight



Are you a volunteer? Would you be willing to be featured in a future issue of The Clover? Please email Hilary!



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# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## Cass County 2024 Fair Theme Announced



The theme of the Cass County 2024 Fair has been announced – “**Let the Games Begin!**” Mark your calendars for this year’s fair – July 28- August 3, 2024. Watch the fair website for registration information and important dates & forms!! <https://www.mycasscountyfair.com>



### YQCA Certification

All youth exhibiting swine at the Cass County Fair must complete the YQCA Certification.

Youth aged 7 must complete the certification through an instructor led class. Youth aged 8-18 may choose to complete the certification through an instructor led class or online. Exhibitors older than 18 must complete the course online.

To register for instructor led or online course: <http://yqcaprogram.org>

Cost: \$3.00 for YQCA on-site, \$12.00 for YQCA online

**TWO instructor led classes left for the year: April 18- 6:30 p.m. and May 13 – 6:30 p.m.**

Once completed please send certificates to Hilary: [hustonhi@msu.edu](mailto:hustonhi@msu.edu)

## Community Service Opportunity



The Cass County Conservation District is looking for volunteers for their Spring Tree Seedling and Plant Sale on April 26 and April 27<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers can be clubs or individuals!

Call (269)-445-8641 x 5 for more information. To volunteer contact Korie Blyveis at [admin@cassccd.org](mailto:admin@cassccd.org)

More information on the sale can also be found on their website: <https://cassccd.org>

Please also let Hilary know if you/your club volunteers!



## Cass County 4-H Leaders' Association Scholarship

Congratulations to Paul Thomas and Mackenzie Schuur for being selected to receive the Cass County 4-H Leaders' Association Senior Scholarship! Paul is planning to attend Lake Superior State University and Mackenzie is planning to attend Western Michigan University next fall. Best of luck to you both!



# COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## April

- 8 – Solar Eclipse
- 9 – Cass County Fair Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. – Fairgrounds , Gregarek Bldg
- 10 - Light Horse Educational Meeting, 7:00 p.m. – Fairgrounds, Gregarek Bldg
- 17 – Cass County Horse Leaders' Association Meeting, 7 p.m. – Kincheloe Room
- 18 – YQCA (preregistration required), 6:30 p.m. – MSU Extension Office, Kincheloe Room
- 19 – 4-H Exploration Days Registration Closes
- 20 – Vet Clinic for Horses, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Fairgrounds, Draft Barn
- 25 – Cass County Leaders' Association Meeting, 6 p.m.- Kincheloe Room
- 28 – Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers

## May

- 13 – YQCA (preregistration required), 6:30 p.m. – MSU Extension Office, Kincheloe Room
- 14 – Cass County Fair Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. – Fairgrounds , Gregarek Bldg
- 15 – Cass County Horse Leaders' Association Meeting, 7:00 p.m. – Kincheloe Room
- 23 – Cass County Leaders' Association Meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Kincheloe Room

\*\*\* See fair website for more information on validation dates/times and forms needed\*\*\*

<https://www.mycasscountyfair.com>

## Animal Possession Dates:

### April:

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday – Dairy Feeders

### May:

1<sup>st</sup>: Dairy, Goats, Horses, Sheep, Swine

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday: Beef Breeding Stock, Beef Feeders

### June:

1<sup>st</sup>: Breed Rabbits

15<sup>th</sup>: Dogs, Cats

### July:

1<sup>st</sup>: Market Rabbits

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Poultry

## Validation Dates:

### April:

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday: Dairy Feeders

### May:

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday: Beef Feeders

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday: Swine

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday & Sunday: Sheep

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday & Sunday: Market Goats

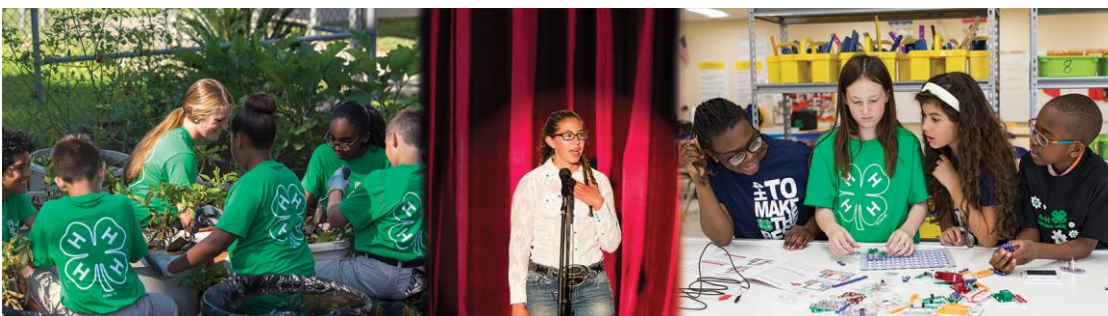
### June:

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after June 1<sup>st</sup>: Breed Rabbits

### July:

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday after July 4<sup>th</sup>:

Market Rabbits





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## Sign up for the Michigan 4-H Alumni and Supporters Walking Challenge!

Starting May 5, 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 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. Random weekly winners will also be chosen amongst registered participants who have actively engaged in the contest during the previous week.

Miles walked/ran will be collected weekly through a Google form; this form will be sent upon completion of the registration. Each week, the top contestants will be based on the number of miles logged from Sunday to Saturday. Individuals will report their miles by Sunday at 11:59 p.m. ET. Submissions received later than Sunday by 11:59 p.m. ET will not be eligible for weekly prizes.



Learn more and register at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge>.

## Michigan 4-H presents Show Your Money Smarts Contest



Join Michigan 4-H for a fun contest leading up to National Financial Literacy Month in April. Expand your knowledge and compete with other youth across Michigan to earn prizes in money management challenges.

### Show Your Money Smarts Contest (13-19 years old)

Learn how to keep your money safe in this year's sixth annual online contest. Compete with other youth across the state of Michigan in this 30-question online challenge during the month of April and win prizes. High scoring youth will be entered into a prize drawing to win a \$50 gift card. Start developing good financial habits at a young age and learn how to choose a financial institution that works for you! Learn more at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/show-your-money-smarts-contest>.

## Get your tickets for Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers!

Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Kansas City Royals on Sunday, April 28. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the Group Charity of the Game. To celebrate, 4-H youth, volunteers, staff, and their families will enjoy a discounted ticket to the game. A portion of every ticket sold on this link will be donated back to Michigan 4-H. Make sure to wear your favorite 4-H gear and support 4-H while enjoying a fun day with the 4-H community.

New this year, Michigan 4-H guests will receive:

- A dual-branded Michigan 4-H and Detroit Tigers hat. Hats are redeemable on gameday in section 332.
- An exclusive pregame on-field opportunity. Timing and logistics of this opportunity will be released within a month of the game date.



Only tickets purchased through the Michigan 4-H link are eligible for these exclusive opportunities. This year, tickets will be available in a variety of locations throughout the stadium, with prices ranging from \$27 - \$59. Learn more at [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers).





# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Support 4-H with the TSC Paper Clover Campaign



From April 24 – May 5, Tractor Supply Company (TSC) customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at checkout, both online and in stores.

Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more regarding the campaign, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign).

### March 3-May 4: JOANN 4-H Campaign

*Stores across Michigan*

While visiting your local JOANN store, you can support 4-H by adding a donation or rounding up at checkout.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/joann-s-clover-for-kids-campaign](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/joann-s-clover-for-kids-campaign)

### April 3: Keeping Your Money Safe

*Online*

Wondering how to safeguard your hard-earned cash? Whether you're saving for college, planning your next adventure, or simply building a nest egg, it's essential to make informed choices about where you store your money.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/keeping-your-money-safe-4-3>

### April 10: Adulting 101 Series - Cover Letter and Resume Writing

*Online*

By attending this workshop, you can start or improve a resume or cover letter. Gain tips and tricks and be ready to apply for that opportunity!

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/resumewriting](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/resumewriting)

### April 22: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Working with Cloverbuds

*Online*

Come attend this session to learn and share techniques for working with Cloverbuds (ages 5-7) and project ideas that work well with this age group. This session will be offered twice, once as a daytime option and once as an evening option.

- **12 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-working-with-cloverbuds](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-working-with-cloverbuds)
- **7 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-working-with-cloverbuds7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-working-with-cloverbuds7pm)

### April 27-28: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop

*Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club, Charlevoix*

Learn about Mich. 4-H Shooting Sports mission, policy, risk management and safety, discipline-specific equipment use and care, how to teach shooting fundamentals to youth, range set-up and more. Registration deadline: April 4.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-2024-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-workshop-for-adults-and-teens](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-2024-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-workshop-for-adults-and-teens)

### May 8: 4-H and FFA State Meats Judging Contest

*East Lansing*

By participating, contestants show their ability to evaluate carcasses and identify meats. This contest will include individual and team competition.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-state-meats-judging-contest-2024](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-state-meats-judging-contest-2024)

