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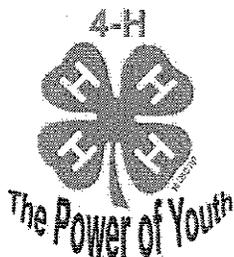
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Clover Chatter

Happy Spring



The Jodies' Buzz:

Happy spring, everyone! April 27 through May 3 was National Volunteer Week! The poem below is to say thank you to our many volunteers that touch the lives of the youth of Bay County year after year. Your dedication to 4-H is greatly appreciated!

Volunteers

Valuable is the work you do.
Outstanding in how you always come through.
Loyal, sincere and full of good cheer,
Untiring in your efforts throughout the year.
Notable are the contributions you make,
Trustworthy in every project you take.
Eager to reach your every goal,
Effective in the way you fulfill your role.
Ready with a smile like a shining star,
Special and wonderful - that's what you are.

4-H is gearing up for the summer months and, yes, even Fair. Included in this edition of the Clover Chatter you will find information about fun events for 4-Her's to get involved in. If you have any questions about any of these events, contact us at (989) 895-2046.

4-H Cloverbud Camp

Bay County 4-H will be holding a Cloverbud Camp June 24 - 27, 2008, at MSU Extension - Bay County. Youth ages five to eight years old are invited to learn about food science, animals, healthy lifestyles, and much more!

Each day youth will have fun and exciting topics to explore. Some of the events include: walking field trips to exciting places, science experiments, and tie dying your own t-shirt. Youth do not need to be registered 4-H members to attend. The cost is \$40 per youth. The deadline to register is June 2, 2008. There is a limited number of spots so register early! More information will be available soon on our Website at 4-h.baycounty-mi.gov.

4-H Ag Olympics

Don't miss out on the fun August 8, 2008! We will be forming teams for you this year to make the ages more appropriate! We promise it will still be a great time to have fun and get dirty! See the attached flier for more information.

Jodi M. Schulz

Jodi Schulz
4-H Extension Educator

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4-H Program Assistant

Livestock Moos and Views!

Below are deadlines for selling an animal at the Bay County Fair stated in your current Livestock Association bylaws.

If you need a copy of the bylaws, contact MSU Extension or visit our Website at msuextension.co.bay.mi.us

Reminders:

- ✓ Members are to have swine, lambs, and goats in their possession by **May 1** of the current calendar year in order to sell at the Livestock Auction.
- ✓ Market waterfowl and poultry must be born after the first day of spring (March 21, 2008.)
- ✓ Don't forget to have bylaws signature sheets turned into MSU Extension - Bay County by **5:00 p.m. May 15, 2008.**
- ✓ Swine, lamb, and goat pictures must be turned into MSU Extension - Bay County by **5:00 p.m., May 15, 2008.**
- ✓ Rabbits must be born after **January 1, 2008**, in order to sell at the Livestock Auction.
- ✓ Members, are to have rabbits in their possession by **June 15** or the current calendar year in order to sell at the Livestock Auction.

Rocket J Chicken Contest Parelli Clinic

Register now for the Rocket J Chicken contest. Contest participants must show or sell one of their chickens at Fair. The heaviest chicken will receive a cash award from Rocket J's Feed and Seed.

The deadline to register is May 2, 2008. **Pick-up has been changed to May 20, 2008, at 526 N. Garfield, Linwood.**

Vegetable Contest

The vegetable contest is on for 2008! The vegetable is cabbage. The deadline to register is Friday, May 16, 2008. Call MSU Extension - Bay County at (989) 895-4026 to sign up.

4-H Horticulture and Entomology Contest

The 2008 4-H Horticulture and Entomology contest is scheduled for Friday, July 11, 2008, at the Plant and Soil Sciences Building on the campus of Michigan State University. The deadline to register is Friday, June 27, 2008.

The cost is \$7 per person, which includes an ice cream cone at the MSU Dairy Store. For age divisions and more contest information contact MSU Extension - Bay County at (989) 895-4026.

Jesse Peters, a licensed Parelli professional instructor, will be coming to Bay County June 20-24, 2008. Participation slots are limited and prices vary.

For more information, contact Courtney Trares at (989) 225-1702 or cntrares@svsu.edu.

2008 State 4-H Trail Ride

The 2008 Michigan State 4-H Trail ride and 4-H Horse Family Weekend is scheduled for June 27-29, 2008, at the Goose Creek Trail Camp in Grayling, MI.

Reservations must be made by Monday, May 26, 2008, at MSU Extension - Bay County. The ride is limited to 200 participants, so register early!

Cornfest Parade

The Cornfest parade will take place in Auburn on Sunday, July 13, 2008. Come support the Auburn Cornfest during the parade on Sunday.

Barn Themes

The theme for the Horse Barn will be Renaissance. Livestock will be voting on their theme at the May 15th meeting.

Fliers enclosed

Attached are fliers for 4-H Advisory Council Community Service projects, State 4-H Goat Show, 2008 Rabbit and Cavy Show, and the Ag Olympics registration form.

Fair board Derbies

The Bay County Fair Board will be holding derbies on the following dates:

May 31, 2008

June 28, 2008

August 6, 2008

August 8, 2008

September 20, 2008

October 18, 2008

Don't forget that all volunteers (over 18 years of age) must complete a Fair Board volunteer form, which can be found at www.baycountyfair.com.

Fair Animal Disease Meeting

Everyone is invited to help move the Bay County Fair and Youth Exposition forward in completing a plan to responsibly reduce the risk of possible disease outbreak or quarantine at fair.

The meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 5, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at MSU Extension - Bay County.

Constructive Criticism Needed

As the still project superintendents move forward on making positive changes to entry process for still

projects at the Fair, they are looking for constructive criticism from 4-H families. They are hoping to get input on how to make the process easier.

They are asking you to send your suggestions to Cheryl Behmlander at cbehmlander@msn.com with suggestions.

2008 Major Fair Changes

Please note that these changes have been made for the 2008 fair for livestock projects.

Large Animal Weigh-in:

Sunday, August 3, 2008,
12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Still Project Judging:

Sunday, August 3, 2008,
4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Small Animal Weigh-in:

Monday, August 4, 2008,
4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Fair Entry Registration

Entries for all project areas (crafts, horses, livestock, and everything else) will be accepted at the following times only!

Tuesday, July 15, 2008, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Bay County Fairgrounds, Canteen Building.

Wednesday, July 16, 2008, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Bay County Fairgrounds, Canteen Building.

Remember, the Canteen Building is located at the south end of the Fairgrounds, 800 Livingston Street, in Bay City.

All 4-H members take note -- no changes may be made to any of your projects once you have completed fair entry registration.

Any questions regarding entry registration should be directed to MSU Extension - Bay County before the dates listed above.

Contact the office at (989) 895-4026, or email msue.bay@county.msu.edu.

Exploration Days Participants

The following youth will be attending Exploration Days June 18 - 20, 2008, on the campus of Michigan State University:

Samantha Armstrong
Mariah Scheuerlein
Emily Brandt
Kristy Brandt
Danelle Leppek
Stephen Leppek
Kayla Rudy
Matt Rudy
Andreas Schlatter
Catherine Simmons
Therese Simmons
Erica Weiler

Thank you to Steven Leppek for volunteering to be a chaperone for our male participants. We are still in need of a female adult chaperone.

Contact MSU Extension - Bay County at (989) 895-4026 with any questions or to volunteer.

Bay County 4-H Livestock Association

Important Bay County Fair Changes

Purpose of the Fair Animal Health Plan Committee: to address Bay County animal health in reducing the risk of a possible disease outbreak or quarantine at the fair. It is our purpose to ensure that all who attend the Bay County Fair and Youth Exposition have a positive and educational experience.

1. Change: Veterinarians will be present at animal weigh-in.

Rationale: To reduce the risk of spreading of diseases, a veterinarian will look for any obvious illnesses or signs for poor health.

2. Change: Large animal weigh-in/check-in will be on Sunday from 12:00-3:00 p.m. Small animals will be weighed in/checked in on Monday from 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Rationale: The large animal and small animal weigh-in/check-in has been split over two separate days to eliminate animals getting exhausted, dehydrated, stressed, etc. while waiting on trailers for long periods of time.

3. Change: Each animal entering the barn will have a check-in form. The form will give information about the owner and the animal. Information may include: animal history including when the animal was born, feeding history, vaccination information, positive/negative test results, emergency contact information of owner, etc.

Rationale: In the event of a quarantine or disease outbreak, we need to know the history of the animal's health. If a quarantine occurs, it could be for a long period of time or a short period of time. Either way, we need all of the information possible on that animal.

4. Change: A fixed number must identify each animal. For example, rabbits must be tattooed, poultry must have leg tags, ear tags must be visible, etc.

Rationale: In the event of quarantine or a disease outbreak, we need to identify which animals are effected. Saying that "it's the little brown rabbit with white spots" or "it's the chicken with the black dot on its left foot" is not sufficient. We will be holding a rabbit tattooing and showmanship clinic when it gets warmer.

5. Change: Each barn will have an animal first aid kit. The kit will be properly labeled and the supplies are to be used on animals only. We will still have our human first aid kits in each barn.

Rationale: It is important to be as prepared as possible for any situation. An animal first aid kit will assist in treating bleeding or other serious injury until a veterinarian can be contacted.

Bay County Dog Program Training Meetings

4-H members who wish to participate in the dog program in Bay County must attend three of the meetings below in order to show at the Bay County Fair and Youth Exposition.

The meetings will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the pavilion directly behind the Canteen Building, 800 Livingston St., in Bay City. Make sure to bring the dog you are intending to show at the Bay County Fair and Youth Exposition, a six-foot leather or nylon-webbed leash, and a flat bucket/snap collar.

May 2, 2008
May 19, 2008
June 2, 2008
June 16, 2008
July 7, 2008
July 21, 2008

Please RSVP in advance for the meetings you are planning on attending to Roxanne Johnson at nautical1002@yahoo.com.

Bay County Fun Match Dog Show

Saturday, July 12, 2008
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Bay County Fairgrounds
800 Livingston St.
Bay City, MI

The Fun Match Dog Show is required for 4-H members intending to show in the Bay County Fair and Youth Exposition dog show. If you are unable to attend, you must get approval prior to the show. Make sure to bring the dog you are intending to show at the Bay County Fair and Youth Exposition, a six-foot leather or nylon-webbed leash, and a flat bucket/snap collar.

If you would like more information visit the dog program Web page at MSU Extension's Website, msuextension.baycounty-mi.gov, or contact Roxanne Johnson at nautical1002@yahoo.com.

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Bay County 4-H Advisory Council
is sponsoring

Camp Fishtales Community Service

Sunday, May 18, 2008

3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Camp Fishtales
2177 E. Erickson Rd.
Pinconning, Michigan

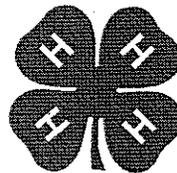
This is a community service project to help Camp Fishtales clean-up the camp ground and get ready for the new season. We will be weeding flowerbeds, raking, and spreading wood chips. * Please bring gloves, wheelbarrows, rakes and shovels.

If you don't like working outside, a second project is planned for the day to make blankets for military families. Volunteers are needed to cut and tie blankets that will be given to military families. A card making station will be set-up for younger members to help make cards for Memorial Day.

A light dinner will be provided.

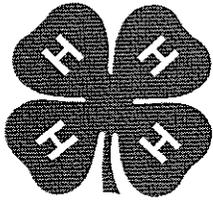
If you have any questions contact MSU Extension - Bay County at
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AG OLYMPICS 2008



Friday, August 8, 2008
1:00 p.m.

Bay County Fairgrounds Livestock Pavilion
800 Livingston St.
Bay City, Michigan



Bay County 4-H is sponsoring an Ag Olympics challenge for Bay County youth. This event is free to all youth of Bay County and 4-H membership is not required.

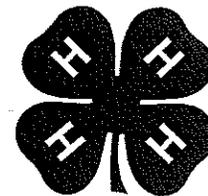
- ❖ To register you must complete the form and return it to MSU Extension - Bay County at Fair Entry Registration on July 15 or 16, 2008, between 5:00 and 9:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds Canteen Building 800 Livingston St., in Bay City.
- ❖ MSU Extension will be forming teams this year to make the ages more appropriate! We promise it will still be a great time to have fun and get dirty!
- ❖ All participants must have their parent or guardian complete a Medical Release form in order to participate. Forms are available on our Website at 4-h.baycounty-mi.gov, and also at fair entry registration. Teams will consist of no more than six youth between the ages of 5 and 19. Prizes will be given to the top two teams. You will get messy so, don't forget to wear old clothes! These are physical challenges, we ask that no tank tops or skirts be worn.
- ❖ Thank you to Bay County Farm Bureau for sponsoring our t-shirts!
Shirt sizes are as follows:
Child: Medium (10-12), Large (14-16).
Adult: Small, Medium, Large, X-Large.
- ❖ If you would like more information, contact, MSU Extension - Bay County at (989) 895-4026.



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4-H Ag Olympics Registration Form Parent Approval & Health Statement



Member's Name: _____ T-shirt size: _____

Full Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: (_____) _____ Member's Age: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ at (_____) _____

In an emergency, notify: _____ at (_____) _____

or: _____ at (_____) _____

Special Medical/Dietary Requirements: _____

Allergies: _____

Restrictions on Activities: _____

We give our approval for _____ to participate in Ag Olympics 2008 on August 10, 2008.

This member has been informed of any restrictions listed above.

We will assume responsibility for any necessary medical or hospital expenses for this member if such should be required. Our medical insurance is with:

_____ Policy Number: _____

Family Physician: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

We understand that the 4-H staff/volunteers and the Bay County Fair and Youth Exposition will exercise every reasonable precaution to protect the welfare of the entire group. We give our permission, as parents or legal guardians, for medical treatment to be administered to the above-named person in the event of an emergency.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Horse Council 6:30 p.m. Canteen Deadline: Large animals in your possession	2 Deadline: Register for Rocket J's Chicken Contest Bay County Dog Program	3
4	5 Animal Disease meeting 7:00 p.m. MSUE	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Deadline: Livestock photos and bylaws forms Livestock Association 7 p.m.	16 Deadline: Vegetable sign-up	17
18 Camp Fishtales Community Service	19 Bay County Dog Program	20 Rocket J Chicken Contest Pick- up	21	22 4-H Council 6:30 p.m. MSUE	23	24
25	26 Deadline: 2008 State 4-H Trail Ride	27	28	29	30	31 Fair Board Derby

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Deadline: register for Cloverbud Camp Bay County Dog Program	3	4	5 Horse Council 6:30 p.m. Canteen	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Deadline: Members must have rabbits in their possession	16 Bay County Dog Program	17	18 Exploration Days MSU	19 Exploration Days MSU Livestock Association 7 p.m.	20 Exploration Days MSU Parelli Clinic	21 Parelli Clinic
22 Parelli Clinic	23	24 Cloverbud Camp 8a to 2:30p MSUE	25 Cloverbud Camp 8a to 2:30p MSUE	26 Cloverbud Camp 8a to 2:30p MSUE 4-H Council 6:30 p.m. MSUE	27 Deadline: 2008 4-H Horticulture and Entomology Contest Cloverbud Camp 8a to 2:30p MSUE 2008 Michigan State 4-H Trail Ride	28 2008 Michigan State 4-H Trail ride Fair Board Derby
29 2008 Michigan State 4-H Trail Ride	30	31				

4-H

Rabbit & Cavy Expo

Saturday, July 12, 2008
Anthony Hall
Michigan State University



4-H forever

MICHIGAN 4-H: 100 YEARS & GROWING!

Events:

- Quiz Bowl
- Skillathon
- Rabbit Showmanship
- Cavy Showmanship
- Virtual Breed ID
- Quiz Contest
- Virtual Cavy Breed Judging
- Craft
- Virtual Rabbit Breed Judging
- Educational Poster

All registration forms are due to your county MSU Extension office by June 6, 2008!

Cost: \$5 per individual & \$3 per event
All exhibitors must be ages 9-19 as of January 1, 2008.

For more information contact your county MSU Extension office or call (517) 432-7604.

Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested on your registration form.

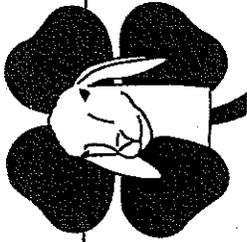
Divisions:

Junior (9-13) and Senior (14-19)
Individual and Team



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State 4-H Goat Show

Saturday, June 28, 2008
MSU Pavilion Show Barn

Classes:

- Showmanship
- Dairy Breeds
- Angora
- Pygmy
- Boer
- Market Wether
- County Herd
- Obstacle & Pack
- Driving

All registration forms are due to your county MSU Extension office by May 30, 2008

Cost:

- \$6 per participant,
- \$4 per goat and
- \$8 per pen.

All exhibitors must be aged 9 to 19 as of January 1, 2008.
For more information contact your county MSU Extension office or call Jake DeDecker at (517) 432-7604.

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