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Clover Quickie

Winter weather has arrived!



We have a lot of new and exciting programs coming soon! Please be sure to read this newsletter in full for the most up to date information. We have enclosed dates and times for 4-H events such as the Spaghetti Dinner, St. Patrick's Day Parade, and the 4-H Rabbit Show. We look forward to an exciting year filled with creative and exciting programs for your family. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at (989) 895-4026. **Don't forget that MSU Extension will be closed on Monday, February 18, 2008, in observance of President's Day.**

Spaghetti Dinner

The Bay County Livestock Association will be holding their fourth annual spaghetti dinner on Thursday, February 21, 2008. Youth are still needed to help with set up on Wednesday, February 20, 2008, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., and 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Volunteers are also needed to help with the dinner on Thursday from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., and 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. If you have questions, contact Jodi Schulz at schulzj@msu.edu for a list of needs.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

The parade is almost here! Two activities are available for 4-H'ers in either livestock, horses, or council. Youth may participate in one or both of the dates below to receive an activity. The first date is the float set-up meeting on March 15, 2008, at 12:00 p.m., at the Bay County Fairgrounds. Please bring staple guns and any St. Patrick's Day decorations you would like to share. The second activity is the St. Patrick's Day parade on Sunday, March 16, 2008. Bay County Fair Board and 4-H will be walking together this year's parade. Plan to meet at 1:00 p.m. on Livingston Street by the Fairgrounds to finish decorating and to walk in the parade. The parade will start at 2:00 p.m. You can bring an animal to walk or a caged animal (chicken, rabbit, etc.) that can ride on the wagon. If you plan to walk an animal, please bring a bucket to clean up after your animal.

Bay County 4-H Rabbit Show

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Rabbit Show on Saturday, March 29 at the Bay County Community Center, 800 John F. Kennedy Drive, Bay City. See the Bay County 4-H Website for the flier <http://4-h.baycounty-mi.gov>.

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4-H Ski Day

On Sunday, January 27, 2008, Ryan Meier, Jacob Field, Andrew Field, Krisy Brandt, Emily Brandt, and Crystalleena Walker participated in the 2008 Ski Day at Apple Mountain in Freeland, Michigan. With new, freshly fallen snow, the day was perfect for skiing.

Leader of the Year Nomination

Think about a 4-H leader, who has inspired, motivated, or encouraged you over the last year. Consider writing a small paragraph about why that person deserves to be Leader of the year and submit it to Jodi Schulz at schulzj@msu.edu or in writing to MSU Extension by February 15, 2008.

Enrollment Deadline

The enrollment deadline for youth who plan to show at Fair is April 1. Leaders may accept youth into their clubs after the April 1 deadline, but they will not be eligible to participate in fair. If you are unsure if you are enrolled in Bay County 4-H contact MSU Extension to make sure.

Shaggy Spring Fling Horse Show

Save the date for the Shaggy Spring Fling Horse Show. The show will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2008. A show bill will be available soon. Check the Bay County 4-H Website soon for a show bill.

2008 Regional Horse Bowl Information

The Northern Region Horse Bowl Contest will take place on March 29, 2008, at Wilson Elementary School in Lechine, Michigan. The deadline to enter is February 27, 2008. For more information contact MSU Extension - Bay County at (989) 895-4026.

Poultry Leader's Workshop

Attached is a flier for the poultry leaders workshop at Kettunen Center. If you have any questions contact MSU Extension - Bay County at (989) 895-4026.

Pullorum Testing Certification Available

There are two opportunities for adults to become certified as pullorum testers. One is at Kettunen Center during the Poultry Leader's Workshop and the other is during Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) Week. The ANR Week certification is offered on March 4, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education on the campus of Michigan State University.

Pheasant Project

We are getting ready to order birds for the 2008 fair. Contact Rick Behmlander at (989) 860-4656, Mary Jo Brandt at (989) 662-4775, or Mike Meier at (989) 697-3430 to place your order. You must call one of the pheasant leader's by February 15, 2008, to participate in the Bay County order.

Ice Fishing at Camp Neyati

On February 16 and 17, 2008, MSU Extension - Midland County will be offering the opportunity to go ice fishing. You may enjoy one day or both days of fishing. Overnight housing is available. You must arrive by 8:00 a.m. the day you plan to fish and can fish all day with no license required.

The cost is \$3 per person or \$10 per family. Some refreshments will be available and the cost of registration will cover those refreshments. Call MSU Extension - Midland County at (989) 832-6640 to RSVP or Mike Meier at (989) 697-3430, by February 13, 2008. Camp Neyati is located 49 miles northwest of Midland.

Winter Program Cancellation Policy

In the event of adverse weather conditions, the policy for regularly scheduled 4-H council or association meetings is as follows: meetings are cancelled if there is no school or if school has been dismissed early in the **Bay City Public School District** due to adverse weather conditions.

If you have any doubt about a meeting being cancelled, call MSU Extension at (989) 895-4026 between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. This policy applies to county-wide, regularly scheduled 4-H council or association meetings **only**.



Bay County 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show

March 29, 2008

8:00 A.M. Registration

9:00 A.M. Show Begins

Bay County Community Center

800 John F. Kennedy Drive

Bay City, MI

Open to the Public
Proceeds to Benefit Bay County 4-H

Trophy and ribbon show.

Ribbons 1st - 6th

Trophies for BOB top five breeds entered.

Trophy for Best of Show.

Rosettes for all other BOB and all BOS.

Best junior, intermediate, senior showmanship - rosettes

Others 2nd - 6th

Grand Champion Cavy Rosette

Showmanship 1st - 6th

Cloverbuds will be recognized with ribbons

Register day of show 8:00 A.M.

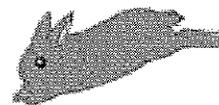
Entry fee \$2.50 per Rabbit or Cavy \$3.00 for Showmanship

No refunds if you do not show your rabbits/cavies

For more information:

Contact MSU Extension - Bay County at (989) 895-4026

E-mail: schulzj@baycounty.net





Poultry Leader's Workshop

March 8-9, 2008

Kettunen Center, Tustin, Michigan

Who:

4-H youth and adult volunteers, 13 years and older, who have interest in the 4-H Poultry project area. Participants must be willing to share the information and experiences gained at the workshop with others in their county.

Reservations:

Participants must register with their county MSU Extension office by February 27, 2008.

This is an excellent opportunity for county volunteers to gain new skills and knowledge and share those new learned skills back in their local counties.

**Make Plans Now
to Attend!**

Registration:

Saturday March 8, 2008

1:00 to 2:20 p.m.

Workshop concludes Sunday

Tentative workshop sessions may include:

- Egg Judging
 - Carcass Evaluation
 - Showmanship
 - Nutrition and Housing
 - Breeding and Genetics
 - How to Start a 4-H Poultry Club
 - Avian Flu Update and Education
 - Fitting
- ... and many other topics of interest

