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Clover Quickie



The Jodies' Buzz: It's been a very busy spring so far and we can't wait for the warm summer weather to get here. We are happy to welcome Jodi Wrzesinski back from leave mid-April and wish her congratulations on her new baby girl, Alayna!

Exploration Days 2010

Registration for Exploration Days is now open. This is a wonderful event that takes place on the campus of MSU. If you need more information or a registration book, call MSU Extension-Bay County at (989) 895-4026. To get information and a registration book online go to <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/4h/expodays.html>.

Cloverbud Camp

Planning for Cloverbud Camp is underway! Mark your calendars for this fun and exciting event for five-to-eight year olds. Cloverbud Camp is scheduled for Tuesday, July 6, through Friday, July 9, 2010. More details will be available soon!

Fair Entry Registration Dates

Fair entry registration will take place on Tuesday, July 13, 2010, from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m., and on Wednesday, July 14, 2010, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. The location for fair entry registration will be the Canteen Building at the Bay County Fairgrounds, 800 Livingston Ave., Bay City.

TSC Paper Clover Promotion

The Tractor Supply Company (TSC) store in Bay City joined efforts with 4-H in support of local youth through the TSC Paper Clover Campaign, a national in-store fund-raising effort to benefit state and local 4-H programming. Beginning Friday, March 26, through Sunday, April 18, shoppers at the Bay City TSC store will have the opportunity to support 4-H in Bay County by purchasing paper clovers for just \$1 at the checkout. Thank you in advance for your support of TSC and 4-H. Proceeds benefit local Bay County 4-H programs!

'Get the Kinks Out' Open Equine Clinic

Don't miss out on the opportunity to get the kinks out at the new Bay County 4-H Get the Kinks Out equine clinic. It will take place on Saturday, May 1, 2010, at the Bay County Fairgrounds. Early bird registration is due on April 16, 2010. See flyer enclosed in this newsletter for more details.

2009 Leader of the Year

Patti DuBay was named the 2009 Bay County 4-H Leader of the Year at the Leader Banquet on March 8, 2010. She was presented with a clock that signifies a thank you for the amount of time - past, present, and future - that she has spent to "Make the Best Better" in Bay County 4-H. Congratulations, Patti.

2010 Leader Awards Banquet

Below is a list of leaders that were honored for their tireless service to the youth of Bay County at the 2010 Bay County 4-H Leader Banquet ~

Amy Armantrout
Mary Jo Brandt
Marlene Buffman
Monica Buffman
Dottie Burgdorf
Diane Draves
Patti DuBay
Amanda Farver
Michelle Field
Bonnie Gleason
Diana Hadad
Joann Jasman
Connie Katt
Mindy Katt
Holly Keim
Barb Leppek
Michael E. Meier
Julie Monville
Ricky Petrimoulx
Jeannette Rudy
Carol Socier
Amy Sylvester
Carol Wazny
Chris Wazny
Ann Weiler

Thank you to everyone who attended!

2010 Vegetable Contest

Get ready for the 2010 vegetable contest! The vegetable this year is the onion.

The adult vegetable contest is also on for 2010! Adults will be growing beets. Any adult may participate in the contest - it's just for fun!

The deadline to register for the youth and adult vegetable contests is April 14.



Onions and beets will be available for pick-up at the April Livestock Association meeting on

April 15, 2010, 7 p.m. at the Canteen building at the Bay County Fairgrounds. Also starting April 15, vegetables can be picked up at MSU Extension-Bay County, Monday thru Friday between 8 a.m. - noon and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.



Hurley Medical Center Donations

Thank you to everyone who brought items to the Youth Awards Banquet and/or Leader Banquet. We plan to deliver several large boxes of donated items to Hurley Medical Center in April. If you would like to assist in delivering the donated items, please contact MSU Extension-Bay County at (989) 895-4026. All items are greatly appreciated and are sure to make a difference for youth who reside at the Center.

State 4-H Participation Fee Grant Award

I am proud to announce that 4-H and the Breastfeeding Initiative (BFI) of Bay County have been awarded a \$2,300 State 4-H Participation Fee Grant. 4-H and BFI have been collaborating on making breastfeeding friendly diaper bags for Bay Regional Medical Center. Over 200 bags have already been given to breastfeeding mothers to provide them with information on where to find resources for breastfeeding assistance. This grant allows Bay County 4-H to purchase sewing machines, irons, ironing boards, scissors, and much more. Youth will be taught sewing skills to help with the breastfeeding friendly diaper bag project, as well as other sewing projects. All materials will be purchased soon. If you would like to use one or more of these resources (machines, irons, etc.) to teach a sewing project at your club meetings, please contact MSU Extension-Bay County at (989) 895-4026.

Diaper Bag Work Dates

On April 24, 2010, we will be working on the breastfeeding friendly diaper bags from 3 - 6 p.m. at the Bay City Bowmen's Club, 2245 Eight Mile Road, Kawkawlin. We will have our new sewing equipment by this date, which is very exciting! Participation in these work dates counts as an activity for Livestock Association or Horse Advisory Council. If you would like more information on this project, please call MSU Extension-Bay County at (989) 895-4026.

4-H Horse and Livestock Meetings and Activities

Don't forget to check early with MSU Extension to make sure youth have all of their meeting and activity requirements completed. Please review completely the latest version of the respective bylaws for more details. They are available online on our MSU Extension - Bay County 4-H Website.

According to the bylaws:

- **Horse Advisory Council:** Participation in at least one monthly Horse Advisory Council meeting and at least three (3) Horse Council/Fair Board activities by every member is required to show in any 4-H shows at the Bay County Fair. Youth may choose to substitute an activity with an additional meeting if they are unable to complete all three activities. Cloverbuds are exempt from this rule.
- **Livestock Association:** Any 4-H member who participates in a livestock animal project or competition (market, non market, and/or showmanship) (King/Queen and Prince/Princess contest) must attend at least three (3) Livestock Association meetings, and at least three (3) Livestock/Fair Board/ Advisory/Council functions per 4-H program year. Cloverbuds must attend three (3) Livestock Association meetings and at least one (1) Livestock/Fair Board/ Advisory Council function per 4-H program year.

4-H Volunteer Forum

Mark your calendars for the North Central Regional 4-H Volunteer Forum October 7-10, 2010. This national 4-H conference will be held on the campus of Michigan State University and is a great opportunity for 4-H leaders to build skills while networking. For more information, see the attached flyer.

Vintage Fest

During the weekend of May 21-23, 2010, youth will have the opportunity to bring their animals to the Kawkawlin Township Hall to introduce members of the public to Bay County 4-H. More information will be available at the April Livestock Association Meeting.

Fundraisers

Don't forget that if you are planning to do a fundraiser you *must* complete a fundraiser request for approval at least two weeks prior to conducting the fundraiser. You must also complete a fundraiser report form within two weeks prior to the completion of the fundraiser. If you need these forms, please download them at <http://www.baycounty-mi.gov/MSUE/BulletinsandDownloads.aspx>

4-H Night at the Lugnuts

Don't forget that the May 14, 2010, deadline to order tickets for the July 10th Lansing Lugnuts game is approaching quickly. Contact MSU Extension-Bay County for more information.

Rabbits Available

- DuBay's Rabbitry will have Mini Rex, Britannia Petites, Harlequins for sale. Contact Dana at www.dubaysrabbitry.webs.com to get on the waiting list.
- Alex Histed has Jersey Wooley, Lionhead, Mini Lop, and Flemish Giants. Call 205-9570.

Horse Shows

There are several horse shows that will be taking place in Bay County and surrounding counties. Please visit the Bay County 4-H Website to see available show bills.

Learning Lab Kits

Don't forget that Bay County 4-H has learning lab kits that are available for clubs/ families to check-out by calling MSU Extension-Bay County at (989) 895-4026. The kits teach youth specie-specific information like how to identify breeds, learn body parts, and general care regarding food, water, space requirements.

Pig and Lab Sales

Information for upcoming pig and lamb sales for youth project animals is posted on the Michigan 4-H Animal Science Youth Program Website at <http://www.canr.msu.edu/anscikids/>.

Office Closed

The MSU Extension - Bay County office will be closed in observance of the following holiday:

Good Friday - April 2, 2010



Come to the 2010 North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Forum!

October 7 to 10, 2010

Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center
Michigan State University

Head to the Michigan “mitten” for a “Heads On! Hands On! experience when Michigan 4-H Youth Development hosts the North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Forum from October 7 to 10, 2010!

A fast paced, educational and fun event awaits you on the spectacular fall campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing. Conference lodging and events will be at the MSU campus Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center located on the banks of the scenic Red Cedar River. Pre-conference tours will also be available on October 7 to some of Michigan’s noted historical attractions. You won’t have another 4-H opportunity like this until 2012!

The North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Forum is a great opportunity for Extension staff and 4-H volunteers (adult and youth) to:

- Gain knowledge and insight.

- Learn new teaching skills to take home and share within their 4-H clubs.
- Develop healthy youth and adult educational partnerships.
- Have a great time making new 4-H friends and exchanging ideas!

Conference Information

A program description and registration information will be available at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/4h/ncr4hvf/index.html> in March 2010.

Conference Cost:

- \$200 for registrations received by August 15, 2010
- \$250 for registrations received after August 15, 2010

Pre-conference Tours

See a piece of Michigan! Choose from the following pre-conference tours that will be available on Thursday, October 7, 2010:

- Frankenmuth... “Michigan’s Little Bavaria”
- Henry Ford Museum (Dearborn)
- Greenfield Village (Dearborn)

Request for Proposals

An Educational Session Proposal Information and Form (PDF) is available at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/4h/ncr4hvf/index.html>

Contact Information

For more information on how to get involved as a youth or volunteer, contact your county MSU Extension office or:

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