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Clover Quickie

The Jodies' Buzz:

Read through this newsletter carefully for important dates you won't want to miss! Don't forget re-enrollment forms were due December 1, 2011. If you have not re-enrolled, mailings from MSU Extension - Bay County will stop in January. Organizational leaders received enrollment paperwork at leader Training 2011. If you are uncertain if your paperwork is up-to-date contact MSU Extension - Bay County at (989) 895-4026. Organizational leaders: Remember, we need all forms returned to us in the brown folder. Don't forget to check off that you have included all the forms necessary to complete your club file.

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. Please be sure that all leaders, parents, and members are aware of this policy. 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**. Each club should establish their own winter program cancellation policy and be certain that it is understood by all club leaders, parents, and members.

Save the Date!

- ◆ Bay County 4-H Advisory Council's **Winter Workshop: January 21, 2012**. This workshop is open to all youth in the community who are ages 5-19 by January 1, 2012.
- ◆ The Bay County 4-H Livestock Association will be holding their annual **Spaghetti Dinner on February 16, 2012**.
- ◆ The 2011 Bay County 4-H **Awards Banquet** will be held on **February 11, 2012**.

These events will all be held at the Canteen building on the Bay County Fairgrounds. See more information in the January/February *Clover Chatter* or call (989) 895-4026.

Archery

If you are interested in archery, contact Mike Meier at (989) 415-2441. The cost \$4 per person per week. The program will begin in January and runs on Saturdays for 12 weeks from 4-6 p.m. This is a great opportunity to learn about archery in a safe and fun environment.

2012 Fair Dates

The Bay County Fair will take place August 7-11, 2012.

When will groups meet next?

Advisory Council: December 8, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. at MSU Extension- Bay County (pot luck).

Livestock Association: January 19, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Canteen building on the Fairgrounds.

Livestock News

The newly revised Livestock Association Bylaws are now available on our Website at www.baycounty-mi.gov/MSUE/4-H. The signature page is due to MSU Extension - Bay County by May 15, 2012.

Also we are still selling wreaths! Contact MSU Extension - Bay County at (989) 895-4026 to pick up some more wreaths to sell. The cost is \$20 for each 18 inch, balsam fir, hand decorated wreath.

Kettunen Center Workshops

Mark your calendars for exciting workshops at Kettunen Center. For a complete list of Kettunen Center workshops and their descriptions, visit <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/4htrain.html>.

Fair Board Meetings

The next Fair Board meeting will be held on Monday, December 5, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Canteen Building on the Bay County Fairgrounds. All Fair Board meetings will be held the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Canteen. All are welcome!

Animal Science Events

Don't miss out on the plethora of upcoming animal science events such as the Green and White Hog Show, the horse Benefit Clinic, and The Spartan Stampede Rodeo. Check out http://www.ans.msu.edu/ans/youth_extension_programs/ for more information!

4-H Capitol Experience

This is an annual 4-day conference that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. It's a great opportunity for youth to learn and see state government in action! Youth will gain skills and knowledge to develop their leadership, citizenship and community service skills and apply what is learned in their communities.

It will take place from Sunday, March 18, to Wednesday, March 21, and is open to youth who are at least 14 years of age. The cost is \$300 and includes meals, lodging, and material fees. See http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/4_h_capitol_experience for more information.

Busy Busy Busy

Thank you to everyone who has been very busy with our 4-H events that have taken place in the last few weeks: Soup Supper, Wreath Sales, and Bazaar. Your dedication to the 4-H program creates wonderful opportunities for youth!

Office Closed

The MSU Extension - Bay County office will be closed the following dates:

Friday, December 23, 2011, through Monday, January 2, 2012

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, January 21, 2011

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Save the date for the 39th St. Patrick's Day Parade- Sunday, March 18, 2012. Start looking for green decorations- it's never too early!

4-H Day at the Breslin

See the attached flyer for more information!

4-H Ski Day

Apple Mountain Ski Resort is again offering 4-H Ski day. 4-H clubs can ski for the day at a discounted rate. 4-H Ski Day will be held Sunday, February 5, 2012, from 10:00 - 4:00 p.m. Ski and snowboard packages are available beginning at \$24.00 and all packages include a lift ticket, rental pass, and a complimentary lesson. Pre-registration is required to receive discounts. Registrations are available at www.applemountain.com/ski. Click on "Events" and download the form. This is a great opportunity for your family or club to have a day out and have fun!



4-H Winter Workshop

Saturday, January 21, 2012 –8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Bay County Fairgrounds Canteen Building
800 Livingston St. Bay City, Michigan 48708



4-H Winter Workshop is a 4-H workshop offering hands-on learning for youth in many popular project areas. The workshop is open to all Bay County youth ages 5-19 as of January 1, 2012. Note that some classes have minimum ages or require an adult to attend with younger members.

The registration fee is \$10 per person. The deadline to register is January 6, 2012. All registration fees are non-refundable. Please make checks payable to **Bay County 4-H Advisory Council**. Complete the registration form below with an enclosed check to MSU Extension - Bay County, 515 Center Ave., Ste 301, Bay City, Michigan 48708.

Schedule	
8:00 - 8:15 a.m.	- Registration
8:15 - 9:10 a.m.	- First session
9:15 - 10:10 a.m.	- Second Session
10:15 - 11:10 p.m.	- Third Session
11:15 - 12:10 p.m.	- Fourth Session
12:15-	Evaluation and wrap up

Class size is limited. Those who register early have first preference. If there are not enough people registered, a class may be cancelled. If you have any question contact MSU Extension - Bay County at (989) 895-4026.

Sessions

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| A. Wood working | H. Wonder of Magnets |
| B. Chocolates | I. Ceramics |
| C. Leather Craft | J. Wire Art |
| D. Crazy Pens | K. Fancy Simple Bread |
| E. Faux Stained Glass | L. Napkin Rings |
| F. Suet Cakes | M. Recycled Crafts |
| G. Friendship Bracelets | N. Home-made Stationary |

Registration Form

Deadline to register is January 6, 2012. Cost is \$10. Please return this form and a check made payable to MSU Extension - Bay County and send it to 515 Center Ave., Ste. 301, Bay City, Michigan 48708.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ 4-H Member: Yes No

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Cell phone #: _____

Sessions: (Please rank each session from 1 to 14. 1 being your favorite.)

___ **A.** ___ **B.** ___ **C.** ___ **D.** ___ **E.** ___ **F.** ___ **G.** ___ **H.** ___ **I.** ___ **J.** ___ **K.** ___ **L.** ___ **M.** ___ **N.**



Session Descriptions

- Wood working: Learn woodworking and make a special project to take home. All ages. Limit 10.
- Chocolates: Do you have a sweet tooth? If so, this session is for you! Learn the basics of making chocolates. All ages. Limit 12
- Leather Craft: Learn the basics of leather craft and take a handmade leather project home. All ages. Limit 10.
- Crazy Pens: Learn how to design and handmade creative pen! All ages. Limit 10
- Faux Stained Glass: Learn how to create a beautiful faux stained glass project. All ages. Limit 10
- Suet Cakes: Learn how to make a yummy winter treat for your birds. All ages. Limit 12.
- Friendship Bracelets: Learn how to create unique friendship bracelets for you and a friend. Ages 9 and up Limit 10
- Wonder of Magnets: Learn about magnets and how they work. All ages. Limit 12
- Ceramics: Have you ever wondered how to make your own ceramic project? You'll learn about the basics of ceramics and take home your own hand-made project. All ages. Limit 10.
- Wire Art: Make a creative art project using wire, beads, and glass. All ages. Limit 10.
- Fancy Simple Bread: Learn how to make a simple bread that everyone will love. Bake and taste too! All ages. Limit 10
- Napkin Rings: Learn how to create a unique napkin ring and dress up your table. All ages. Limit 12
- Recycled Crafts: Learn how to make great new crafts out of items around the house. All ages. Limit 10
- Home-made Stationary: Learn how to create your very own personal stationary. All ages. Limit 10

January 2012

Celebrating MSU Extension's 4-H Youth At the MSU versus Ohio Women's Basketball Game

When and where:

Game starts at 4:00 PM on Sunday, January 15, at the MSU Breslin Center. Gate "D" doors open to MSUE 4-H members, family and staff at 2:00 PM. For the general public, doors open at 2:30 PM.

Why:

To celebrate Michigan 4-H youth, 4-H volunteers and 4-H programs. This year's theme is "The Revolution of Responsibility."

Who's invited:

4-H youth and their families, 4-H volunteers, and MSU Extension staff members and their families.

Admission price:

FREE tickets available. LAST DAY TO ORDER: January 9.

Transportation & parking:

Transportation may be coordinated through your county Extension office. Contact them for details. Parking is free for school buses; all other buses are \$20. Cars \$5.

Attire:

Show your MSUE/4-H pride by wearing your green or white 4-H or MSUE apparel.

Extras:

- Hear fellow 4-H'ers lead the 4-H pledge.
- To be televised live by ESPN2.
- Get your picture taken with Sparty.

Get in the game!

Let your 4-H leader know you (and how many of your family members) want to attend, or contact your county Extension office.

For more information:

Visit http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/events/event/4_h_day_at_the_breslin_center or contact your county office or Gail Hebert at hebertg@anr.msu.edu on campus.

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