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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, 2010. If you have not re-enrolled, mailings from MSU Extension - Bay County will stop in January. Organizational leaders received enrollment paperwork at Leader Training 2010. 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 22, 2011**. This workshop is open to all youth in the community who are ages 5-19 by January 1, 2011.
- ◆ The Bay County 4-H Livestock Association will be holding their annual **Spaghetti Dinner on February 17, 2011**.
- ◆ The 2011 Bay County 4-H **Awards Banquet** will be held on **February 12, 2011**.

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.

2011 Fair Dates

The Bay County Fair will take place August 9-13, 2011.

When will groups meet next?

Advisory Council: December 9, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. at MSU Extension- Bay County (pot luck).

Livestock Association: January 20, 2011, 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, 2011. 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. Don't forget that with the recent merger of the horse and livestock, you may submit suggested name changes for the newly formed group. Submit suggestions to MSUE by January 1, 2011. We will be voting at the January 20, 2011, meeting.

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 is Sunday, December 12, 2010, at 7:15 p.m. at the Canteen building on the Bay County Fairgrounds.

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.canr.msu.edu/anscikids/> 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 20, to Wednesday, March 23, and is open to youth who are at least 14 years of age. The cost is \$295 and includes meals, lodging, and material fees. Registrations are due by February 4, 2011.

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!

Covenant Neonatal Intensive Care Community Service

The Bay County 4-H Advisory Council is partnering with Covenant Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) to help

families who utilize the center. We are asking 4-H families to donate any of the items listed below to MSU Extension - Bay County for the Covenant Hospital NICU. The 4-H Advisory Council will also be requesting for 4-H families to bring an item to the Youth Awards Banquet.

All items must be new.

- Sleep sacks
- Socks and booties
- Books (limited number)
- Soothing musical toys
- Pocket size photo albums

The NICU is also in need of crib cards. These are 5 x 7 decorated cards that every child in the NICU receives. They are decorated and then personalized for each baby. 4-Her's can use card stock or scrapbook paper and decorate. Make sure to leave a space to write the baby's name.

Office Closed

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

Christmas

Thursday, December 23, 2010

Friday, December 24, 2010

New Years Eve

Thursday, December 30, 2010

Friday, December 31, 2010

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, January 21, 2011

4-H Educational Materials

Don't forget that the Michigan 4-H Website is packed full of resources, bulletins, and educational materials. Be sure to familiarize yourself with <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/guide4h/index.html> for the latest information.

Session Descriptions

- * **Scrap booking:** Learn the latest techniques in scrap booking using a Cricut machine. 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
- * **Electric Potato:** Who knew there were so many uses for potatoes? Learn a very unique use for potatoes. All ages. Limit 8
- * **Caramel Corn:** Did you know you can make your own caramel corn treat using a microwave. This session will teach you how! All ages. Limit 12.
- * **Valentine's Day Painted Pots:** Create a gift to keep for yourself or to give away using a flower pot and candy. All ages. Limit 12.
- * **Bat Houses:** Where do bats live? You'll find out by making your very own bat house. All ages. Limit 10.
- * **Edible Arrangement:** Learn how to use fruit and vegetables to create an attractive arrangement. All ages. Limit 10.
- * **Ceramics:** Have you ever wondered how to make your own ceramic project using paint? You'll learn about the basics of painting on ceramics and take home your own hand-made project. All ages. Limit 10.
- * **Glass Etching:** Learn the skill of glass etching. You'll take home your own etched project. Ages 10-19. Limit 10.
- * **Suet Cakes:** Learn how to make a yummy winter treat for your birds. All ages. Limit 12.
- * **Wire Picture Art:** Using wood, felt and wire you'll create a beautiful picture. All ages. Limit 12.
- * **Tree, Trees, Trees:** Have fun decorating a clay pot with paint and foam pieces. You will plant a tree seedling in the pot you can take home to care for over the winter. You can plant your tree outdoors in the spring or fall. You will also receive an acorn and instructions on how to care for it to plant in the fall. All ages. Limit 12.
- * **Wooden Tool Box:** Learn how to make a tool box using wood and recycled peanut butter jars. All ages. Limit 10.
- * **All Things Messy:** Get ready to use your hands to create some messy hands-on projects. All ages. Limit 12.
- * **Cookie Cutter Candles:** Use cookie cutters to make a beautiful candle. All ages. Limit 10.

Bay County 4-H Livestock Association

4-H Wreath

Available
NOW!



Only \$20 each

Fundraiser

- * Wreaths are 18 inches and made of balsam fir.
- * Each wreath is hand - decorated by 4-H members.
- * The cost for each wreath is \$20.
- * To place an order contact a 4-H family or MSU Extension - Bay County (989) 895-4026.

Wreaths are available NOW!

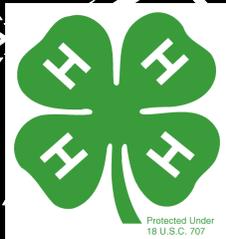
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