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# Clover Chatter



**Happy New Year!**

## Jodi's Buzz:

I hope you had a very happy holiday season and you've had some time to rejuvenate. We have already welcomed a new program year and would like to remind you to return your re-enrollment paperwork to our office as soon as possible.

## 4-H Staff Changes

As of January 1, 2012, Jodi Wrzesinski will be assuming the role of Bay County 4-H Program Coordinator. She will be responsible for managing, planning, coordinating and evaluating 4-H and volunteer programs related directly to Bay County 4-H.

Jodi Schulz will still be housed in the Bay County office, however, her role of Extension educator will be focused more widely across the state in Academic Success, Capacity Building, and Conflict Resource Teamwork.

Jodi and Jodi will be working on this transition over the next few months, so please be patient as we learn our new roles.

## 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.

## Office Closed

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

### **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

Monday, January 16, 2012

### **President's Day**

Monday, February 20, 2012

## Save the Date!

- ◆ Bay County 4-H Advisory Council's **Winter Workshop: January 21, 2012**. Registration is closed.
- ◆ The Bay County 4-H Livestock Association will be holding their annual **Spaghetti Dinner on February 16, 2012**.
- ◆ The 2012 Bay County 4-H **Awards Banquet** will be held on **February 11, 2012**.
- ◆ The **St Patrick's Day Parade** will be held on Sunday, **March 18, 2012**, Center Ave., in Bay City.

These events will all be held in the Canteen building at the Bay County Fairgrounds unless otherwise stated. For more information contact MSU Extension at (989) 895-4026.

## Archery

If you are interested in participating in archery, contact Mike Meier on his cell at (989) 415-2441. The cost each week is \$4 per person. The program runs for 12 weeks and will begin Saturday, January 14, 2011, sign-in at 3:30 p.m. Lessons are from 4-6 p.m. This is a great opportunity to learn about archery in a safe and fun environment.

## 2012 Youth Awards Banquet

Don't forget the 2012 4-H Youth Awards Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, February 11, 2012, at the Canteen Building, at the Bay County Fairgrounds. The theme for 2012 is Valentine's Day.

If you and your family are planning to attend, we ask that you bring a dessert that will serve at least eight

(8) people. The deadline to place reservations to MSU Extension - Bay County is Friday, January 20, 2012.

You must call in reservations to ensure we have enough food and seating. We look forward to seeing you on February 11.

## Spaghetti Dinner

The Bay County 4-H Livestock Association will be holding their seventh annual spaghetti dinner on Thursday, February 16, 2012. See the enclosed flyer for more information.

## Award Nominations

### I DARE You Award

This is a leadership award for youth ages 15 to 18. The youth who receives this award demonstrates a commitment to discovering and developing their personal best, living a balanced life, and making a positive difference in their community. It is awarded to a youth who has the character traits and capacity for leadership. Often recipients may not have yet recognized or acted upon their potential. With encouragement and recognition they are ready to take the "dare" to develop their full promise as leaders.

Please submit your nomination(s) in writing to MSU Extension - Bay County by January 20, 2012.

### Friend of 4-H Award

This award can be for an organization, individual, business, or group who has shown support to the Bay County 4-H Program. This award is to show appreciation from the youth, leaders, parents,

volunteers, and staff who are dedicated to Bay County 4-H.

The deadline to submit your nomination in writing to MSU Extension-Bay County is January 20, 2012.

## Attention Livestock Association Members

Please be sure to mark your calendars for important deadlines found within your Livestock Association bylaws. All youth selling or showing animals at the Bay County Fair should know the dates stated in the current Livestock Association bylaws. If you need a current copy of the bylaws, look on our Website at [www.baycountymi.gov/MSUE/4-H](http://www.baycountymi.gov/MSUE/4-H). All animals that require photos to be turned in may mail them to MSU Extension - Bay County, 515 Center Avenue, Bay City, MI 48708 or e-mail them to Jodi Wrzesinski at [wrzesinskij@anr.msu.edu](mailto:wrzesinskij@anr.msu.edu)

Remember that photos must be turned into MSU Extension via hard copy or e-mail (no faxes accepted). Photo must include full head shot of animal with ear tag number clearly visible. If the deadline for photo submission falls on a weekend or holiday the photo will be accepted on the following business day. There will be no substitutions after this date.

## Heartland Rabbit Show

The Heartland Rabbit Show will take place on February 11, 2012. Please see the flyer at <http://bit.ly/syMhbb>

## Bay County 4-H Cook Book

The Bay County 4-H Advisory Council is putting together a cook book of our favorite recipes. This is a fundraiser for Council and they plan for it to be available to purchase by fair.

We are asking you to send us your favorite recipes. Please be sure to include the following information on your recipe:

- Recipe name
- Ingredient list
- Baking/cooking instructions
- How long the dish should cook for
- How hot your oven needs to be
- The name of the person submitting the recipe

There is no limit to how many recipes you submit. Please send recipes to Melissa Meier at [Meiermel@anr.msu.edu](mailto:Meiermel@anr.msu.edu) or Jodi Wrzesinski at [wrzesinskij@anr.msu.edu](mailto:wrzesinskij@anr.msu.edu)

## January Meetings

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the following meetings happening in January:

- January 9: Fair Board at 6 p.m. at the Canteen building on the Bay County Fair Grounds.
- January 17: Livestock Association at 7 p.m. at the Canteen building on the Bay County Fair Grounds
- January 26: Advisory Council at 6 p.m. at MSU Extension

## 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](http://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!

## Kettunen Center Workshops

Mark your calendars for these 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>

## 4-H Wish List

Bay County 4-H serves several meals each year as fundraisers. Currently we are in need of a few items to help us continue being successful in our fundraising efforts. Those items include:

- plastic cutting boards
- kitchen towels
- kitchen wash cloths
- dish soap

If you are willing to donate any of the needed items, please feel free to drop them off to MSU Extension at 515 Center Avenue, Bay City.

## Exploration Days 2011

4-H Exploration Days will be held June 20 to 22, 2012. **The full-time registration fee will remain at \$165.** This is truly a great bargain for a 3-day, 2-night MSU pre-college program chock-full of experiential learning and personal growth opportunities!

The event web site is up-to-date and more information can be found at [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/4\\_h\\_exploration\\_days](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/4_h_exploration_days).

## Leader Banquet

Please save the date for the 2012 Leader Banquet. It will be held on March 12, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at Krzysiak's House Restaurant in Bay City.

## 4-H Animal Science Snapshots

There are new resources available through the Michigan 4-H Website called Project "Snapshots." They are currently available for dog, diary goat, poultry and rabbits. For more information go to:

- [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/resources/4\\_h\\_dog\\_project\\_snapshot\\_sheet\\_4h1610](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/resources/4_h_dog_project_snapshot_sheet_4h1610)
- [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/resources/4\\_h\\_goat\\_project\\_snapshot\\_sheet\\_4h1611](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/resources/4_h_goat_project_snapshot_sheet_4h1611)
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- [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/resources/4\\_h\\_rabbit\\_project\\_snapshot\\_sheet\\_4h1613](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/resources/4_h_rabbit_project_snapshot_sheet_4h1613)

# January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Waterfowl, Poultry, and Rabbits must be born after today	2 MSUE office closed for New Year's holiday	3	4	5	6 Deadline: Register for Winter Workshop	7
8	9 Fair Board Meeting 6 p.m. Canteen	10	11	12	13	14 4-H Archery Begins Bay City Bowman's Club
15	16 MSUE office closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	17	18	19 Livestock Assoc. 7 p.m. Canteen	20 Deadline: RSVP for Youth Awards Banquet Award Nominations due to MSUE	21 Winter Workshop 9:45 a.m. Canteen
22	23	24	25	26 Advisory Council 6 p.m. MSUE	27	28
29	30	31				

# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Deadline: Members must have Beef project in their possession	2	3	4
5 4-H Ski Day Apple Mountain 10 a.m.-4 p.m.	6	7	8	9	10	11 Youth Awards Banquet Canteen
12	13 Fair Board Meeting 6 p.m. Canteen	14	15 Deadline: Steer photos due to MSUE	16 Livestock Assoc. Spaghetti Dinner 4:30 -7:00 p.m. Canteen	17	18
19	20 MSUE office closed for Presidents Day	21	22	23 Advisory Council 6 p.m. MSUE	24 4-H Vet Science Workshop Kett Center	25 4-H Beef, Sheep, & Swine Workshop Kett Center
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# Seventh Annual Bay County 4-H Livestock Association

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## Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction

Thursday, February 16, 2012

4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

**Canteen Building**

800 Livingston St.  
(Bay County Fairgrounds)



**All You Can Eat**

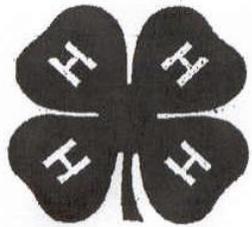
Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Toast,  
**Dessert, and Beverage**

**\$6.00 per ticket**

**Children Age 3 and Under Free**

**\*\*Take Out Available\*\***

For tickets or more information call MSU Extension at (989) 895-4026



*Proceeds benefit the Bay County  
4-H Livestock Association*

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