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Clover Chatter



Happy New Year!

The Jodies' Buzz:

We hope you have a very happy holiday season! It seems like fall has flown by with all of our events, fundraisers, and community service projects! We hope your winter doesn't go quite as quickly, so you've had some time to rejuvenate. Soon we will welcome the new year and would like to remind you to return your re-enrollment paperwork to our office as soon as possible.

Bay County 4-H 2011 Service Learning Project

This program year the Bay County 4-H Advisory Council has decided to focus the county service-learning project around the babies and families at Covenant Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Please see details in this newsletter to see how you can help. We will be collecting items until mid-March.

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. Deadline to register: January 7, 2011.
- ◆ The Bay County 4-H Livestock Association will be holding their annual **Spaghetti Dinner on February 17, 2011**.
- ◆ The 2010 Bay County 4-H **Awards Banquet** will be held on **February 12, 2011**.
- ◆ The **St Patrick's Day Parade** will be held on Sunday, **March 20, 2011**, 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 at (989) 697-3430 or 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 15, 2011, from 4-6 p.m. This is a great opportunity to learn about archery in a safe and fun environment.

2011 Youth Awards Banquet

Don't forget the 2011 4-H Youth Awards Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, February 12, 2011, at the Canteen Building, at the Bay County Fairgrounds. The theme for 2011 is Disney.

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 21, 2011.

You must call in reservations to ensure we have enough food and seating. We look forward to seeing you on February 12.

Spaghetti Dinner

The Bay County 4-H Livestock Association will be holding their fourth annual spaghetti dinner on Thursday, February 17, 2011. See the enclosed flyer for more information.

FaceBook

Don't forget to become a FaceBook fan of Bay County 4-H.

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 21, 2011.

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 21, 2011.

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 17, 2011

President's Day

Monday, February 21, 2011

Attention Livestock Association Members

Livestock Association members mark your calendars for the following important deadlines. All youth selling 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. 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 Schulz at schulzj@msu.edu.

Beef - Members have steer/heifer in possession by February 1, 2011, and photo of their animal with ear tag clearly represented turned in by February 15, 2011. Don't forget that steers/heifers must be born on or after January 1 of prior calendar year.

Swine - Members have possession of swine by May 1, 2011, and photo of their animal with ear tag clearly represented turned in by May 15, 2011. Don't forget that swine must be born on or after January 1, 2011.

Lambs - Members have lamb in possession by May 1, 2011, and photo of their animal with ear tag clearly represented turned in by May 15, 2011. Don't forget that lambs must be born on or after January 1, 2011.

Goats - Members have goats in possession by May 1, 2011, and photo of their animal with ear tag clearly represented turned in by May 15, 2011. Don't forget that goats must be born on or after January 1, 2011.

Waterfowl/Poultry - Members have waterfowl/ poultry in possession by June 15, 2011. Don't forget that waterfowl/ poultry must be born on or after January 1, 2011.

Rabbits - Members have rabbits in possession by June 15, 2011. Don't forget that rabbits must be born on or after January 1, 2011.

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.

Regional Horse Bowl

Bay County has the opportunity to compete in the our region's (North) Horse Bowl Contest on February 12, 2011 in Maple City, MI. Youth may participate by competing as a team or as an individual. The deadline to submit entries to compete is January 29, 2011. For more information, contact MSU Extension-Bay County at (989) 895-4026.

International Exchange Program

Are you interested in traveling to Japan this summer? If so, we have a 4-H program for you! Each summer, over 50 Michigan families host delegates from Japan. Applications are now being accepted for our youth, ages 13-18, to experience a four-week homestay program. Travel dates are July 6-August 4, 2011. Contact MSU

Extension-Bay County at (989) 895-4026 for more information.

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.

Exploration Days 2011

Please save the date for Exploration Days 2011. It will take place June 22-24, 2011 on the campus of Michigan State University. It's a great opportunity for youth ages 11 through 19 (as of January 1, 2011). More information will be available soon!

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 Teen Citizenship, Leadership & Service Conference
January 22-23, 2011

4-H Vet Science Teen & Adult Volunteer Workshop
February 25-26, 2011

4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Volunteer Workshop
February 26-27, 2011

4-H Recreation Leadership and Camp Counselor Training
March 4-6, 2011

4-H Science Workshop
March 12-13, 2011

4-H Environmental & Outdoor Education Workshop
March 18-20, 2011

4-H Healthy Living Workshop
April 8-10, 2011

4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop, April 29-May 1, 2011

North Regional Horse Bowl

The North Regional Horse Bowl is coming soon and Bits and Pieces 4-H club is looking for a junior team. If you are interested in being a part of the team contact Melisa Albrecht at (989) 245-3819.

Sixth Annual Bay County 4-H Livestock Association

Spaghetti Dinner

Thursday, February 17, 2011

4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Canteen Building

800 Livingston St.
(Bay County Fairgrounds)



All You Can Eat

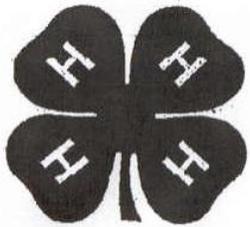
Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Toast,
Dessert, and Beverage

\$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*

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					30/31 MSUE office closed for New Year's holiday	1 Waterfowl, Poultry, and Rabbits must be born after today
2	3	4	5	6	7 Deadline: Register for Winter Workshop; 4-H Teen Citizenship, Leadership Conf.	8
9 Fair Board Meeting 7 p.m. Canteen	10	11	12	13	14	15 4-H Archery Begins Bay City Bowman's Club
16	17 MSUE office closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	18	19	20 Livestock Assoc. 7 p.m. Canteen	21 Deadline: RSVP for Youth Awards Banquet Award Nominations due to MSUE	22 Winter Workshop 9:45 a.m. Canteen 4-H Teen Citizenship, Leadership Conf. Kett Center
23 4-H Teen Citizenship, Leadership Conf. Kett Center	24	25	26	27 Advisory Council 6 p.m. MSUE	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
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Youth Awards Banquet Canteen North Regional Horse Bowl
13 Fair Board Meeting 7 p.m. Canteen	14 MSUE office closed for Presidents Day	15 Deadline: Steer photos due to MSUE	16	17 Livestock Assoc. Spaghetti Dinner 4:30 -7:00 p.m. Canteen	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Advisory Council 6 p.m. MSUE	25 4-H Vet Science Workshop Kett Center	26 4-H Beef, Sheep, & Swine Workshop Kett Center
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