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# Clover Chatter



Happy Holidays

The Jodies' Buzz:

We would like to wish all of our 4-H families a happy holiday season. Don't forget we are starting a new program year! There is a lot of information about upcoming meetings, fundraisers, and deadlines. Please let us know if you have any questions.

## 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, 2011.
- ◆ 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**.

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

## Archery

If you are interested in archery, contact Mike Meier at (989) 697-3430 or on his cell at (989) 415-2441. There will be an informational meeting at 6:30 p.m. on November 3, 2011, at the Bay City Bowman's. The cost each week is \$4 per person. The program will begin in January and runs for 12 weeks on Saturdays from 4-6 p.m. This is a great opportunity to learn about archery in a safe and fun environment.

## **Congratulations Livestock Officers**

Congratulations to our newly elected 2011-2012 livestock officers:

**President** - Emily Brandt  
**Vice President** - Sara Jo Stender  
**Treasurer** - Mitchell DuBay  
**Secretary** - Jordan Bragiel

## **2011-2012 4-H Superintendents!**

Congratulations to our 2011-2012 Bay County 4-H superintendents:

**Still Projects**  
Mary Jo Brandt  
Melissa Meier  
Michelle Field  
**Livestock**  
Ami Stender  
Amy Sylvester  
Gordon DuBay  
**Horses**  
Marc Irish  
Joann Jasman

We are still in need of one more livestock superintendent. If you are interested, please contact MSU Extension-Bay County at (989) 895-4026 for the guidelines.

## **Congratulations Advisory Council Officers**

Congratulations to our newly elected 2011-2012 advisory council officers:

**President:** Mary Jo Brandt  
**Vice-President:** Patti DuBay  
**Treasurer:** Chris Wazny  
**Secretary:** Sara Jo Stender

## **2011 Fair Dates**

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

## **Livestock Bylaws**

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

## **4-H Day at the Breslin**

We are pleased to announce that the sixth annual MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Day at Breslin Center will be on January 15, 2012. The basket ball game against Ohio State University and is FREE to all MSU Extension, 4-H members, volunteers, families, and staff.

This Big Ten game will be televised on CBS, so don't miss out on your opportunity to see a "sea of green"! If you would like to reserve tickets NOW, please contact MSU Extension-Bay County at (989) 895-4026.

## **New Rabbit Resources**

Michigan State University Extension has some news that may get you hopping. A new "4-H Rabbit Fitting and Showing Member Guide" is now available in the MSU Extension Bookstore (item number 4H1268). To get to the MSUE Bookstore, visit [www.bookstore.msue.msu.edu](http://www.bookstore.msue.msu.edu). The cost for the publication is \$5.00.

## **Wreath Sales**

It's time for the annual Bay County 4-H Livestock Association wreath fundraiser! Each club is asked to sell at least 10 wreaths per club. There are some important dates to keep in mind with this fundraiser.

- **November 1, 2011** - Assembly of the wreaths. This will take place at 6:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Auburn, 4853 Garfield Road, Auburn. Please use the south entrance. If you sold wreaths you must pick them up at this time to begin delivery. We have no storage, so wreaths must be picked up that night!

- **December 1, 2011** - You must have all of your wreaths delivered.

We look forward to working with each of you to make this fundraiser a success. Please feel free to call me at (989) 895-4026, if you have any questions.

## **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**

For a list of upcoming Kettunen Center workshops and their descriptions, visit <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/4htrain.html>

## **So many deadlines, so little time!**

Don't let these important deadlines slip by:

- ◆ **November 7, 2011** - Deadline to submit county award forms.
- ◆ **December 1, 2011** - Deadline to submit re-enrollment paperwork.
- ◆ **April 1, 2012** - Deadline for new members and leaders to enroll in Bay County 4-H and participate in the Bay County Fair and Youth Exposition.

## **4-H International Exchange Program**

There are several opportunities for 4-H youth and leaders to host international exchange students and also to travel to new and exciting places.

If you are interested in getting involved in the Michigan 4-H international exchange program, please contact MSU Extension at (989) 895-4026 or visit the Michigan 4-H Global and Cultural Education website at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/culture.html>

## **Office Closed**

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

### **Veterans Day**

Thursday, November 11, 2011

### **Thanksgiving**

Thursday, November 24, 2011

Friday, November 25, 2011

### **Christmas**

Friday, December 23, 2011

Monday, December 26, 2011

### **New Years Eve**

Friday, December 30, 2011

Monday, January 2, 2012

## **Bay County 4-H Soup Supper**

The 4-H Advisory Council Soup Supper is on Saturday, November 5, 2011, from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Crump Fox Club, 760 Prevo Rd., Linwood, MI. 4-Her's can sign-up for any three shifts to count as an activity on: Friday, November 4, 2011, from 5-7 p.m. and Saturday, November 5, 2011, from 4-6 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Contact MSUE at (989) 895-4026 to sign-up.

## **Livestock BIC**

The Bay County 4-H Livestock Association has formed a new Barn Improvement Committee (BIC) that will focus on improving our livestock and horse barns. All youth and adults are welcome to become involved in the Livestock BIC. The next meeting will take place on November 8, 2011, at 4:30 p.m. at MSU Extension - Bay County.

## **4-H Bazaar**

Are you planning a fundraiser for the winter and need a location to sell your items? Well, Bay County 4-H Advisory Council is sponsoring a 4-H Bazaar for you to do just that! On November 12, 2011, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 4-Her's can rent a table to sell their items at the Bay County Community Center. Advisory Council will be selling beverages and food.

4-H clubs can sign-up for a table for only \$10 and \$15 for non-4-Her's. This is a great way to support 4-H Advisory Council and raise money, too.

## **Michigan 4-H Soybean Essay Contest**

Starting October 1, 2011, Michigan 4-H youth, ages 5-19, are given the opportunity to explore the power of soybeans through an essay contest! The purpose of the essay contest is to help demonstrate how Michigan's soybean farmers provide food, feed, fiber, and fuel.

The essays are based on at least one of the following topics:

- Soyfoods have many health benefits
- Livestock and poultry are the #1 consumer of soybean meal
- Soy has many uses
- Soy biodiesel is an alternative fuel

Cash prizes are awarded to the first three places. The deadline to register is May 31, 2012 and more information can be found at [www.michigansoybean.org](http://www.michigansoybean.org).

# NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Wreath Assembly and pick-up mtg 6 p.m. First Baptist Church	2	3 Archery Meeting 6:30 p.m. Bowman's Club	4 Deadline: Submit award forms	5 4-H Soup Supper
6	7	8	9	10 Office Closed Veterans Day	11	12 4-H Bazaar 10am- 4pm Canteen Bldg
13	14	15	16	17 NO LIVESTOCK MEETING	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Office Closed Thanksgiving	25 Office Closed Thanksgiving	26
27	28	29	30			

# DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Deadline: Re-enrollment paperwork to MSUE. Wreaths must be delivered	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Council Meeting 6p.m. Potluck dinner	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 NO LIVESTOCK MEETING	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Office Closed Christmas Holiday	24
25	26 Office Closed Christmas Holiday	27	28	29	30 Office Closed New Year's Holiday	31

# SOUP SUPPER

**Saturday, November 5, 2011**  
*4:00 to 8:00 p.m.*

**Crump Fox Club**  
**760 Prevo Rd., Linwood, MI**

**Cost:**  
**\$6 Adults, \$4 Youth 6-12, under 5 free!**

All you can eat soup, salad, bread, desserts, and beverages will be served from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Take-outs available \*\* Vegetarian option available

**Proceeds will benefit the Bay County 4-H Youth Program.**  
**Tickets are also available at the door!**



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