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# Clover Quickie

## The Jodies' Buzz:



As we close out the 2010-2011 program year and begin a new, we have a lot of information to pass along. Read through this newsletter carefully for **important dates** you won't want to miss! **Fall re-enrollment paperwork for 2011-2012 is available for organizational leaders to pick up at MSU Extension-Bay County. If you are unable to pick up your paperwork it will be available at Mandatory Leader Training.**

**Livestock Association:** October 20, 2011, 7:00 p.m. Canteen Building

- ◆ Voting on bylaws and superintendents.
- ◆ Livestock does not meet in November and December.

**4-H Advisory Council:** October 27, 2011, 6:00 p.m. Bay County Building

- ◆ The November and December meetings are combined and will take place on December 8, 2011, 6:00 p.m. at MSUE.
- ◆ The November December meeting will be a pot luck. All are welcome to attend!

**Mandatory Leader Training:** Leader training sessions for the 2011-2012 program year will only be offered on the following dates:

- ◆ **Thursday, November 3, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.**
- ◆ **Wednesday, November 9, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.**

All leader training sessions will be held in the large conference room at MSU Extension - Bay County on the third floor of the Bay County Building, 515 Center Avenue, in downtown Bay City. Training is mandatory for all leaders in Bay County each year. The purpose is to inform Bay County leaders of new policies, events, programs, etc. If you are a registered leader in Bay County you **must** attend. We will not, under any circumstances, be traveling to club meetings for leader training. Leader training for teen leaders is encouraged, but not mandatory. You only need to attend one of the two scheduled sessions.

If you are not a registered 4-H leader, you are still invited to attend leader training. There is a plethora of information that is shared during these training dates. Contact MSU Extension - Bay County to make a reservation. Reservations are required by Friday, October 28, 2011, by 5:00 p.m. for both sessions. If you do not make a reservation you will not receive a "treat."

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## 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.

## Fall/Winter Beef Cattle Sales

The 2011 Michigan Fall/Winter Beef Cattle Sales schedule is now posed on the MSU Beef Web site at <http://beefteam.msu.edu/>.

## Save the Date

Bay County 4-H Advisory Council's **Winter Workshop**. This workshop is open to all youth in the community who are ages 5-19 by January 1, 2012. The date will be **January 21, 2012**, at the Canteen Building on the Bay County Fairgrounds. More information and registration forms will be available soon!

## Congratulations Livestock Association Officers

Congratulations to the new 2011-2012 Livestock Association Officers:

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

## Horsemanship for Handicappers

The fall 2011 Horsemanship for Handicappers program has begun! It takes place on Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Karen Gillespie's Farm, 2595 Two Mile Road, Bay City, MI 48706.

If you are interested in helping with this program, contact Tina Bennett, instructor, at (989) 674-5466.

Thank you to the HFH Volunteer Board for making this program a success each year. Your countless hours of dedication are appreciated by everyone!

## National 4-H Week

Celebrate National 4-H Week with your club. National 4-H Week is October 2-8, 2011. This is a great week to get your club together and do a project to celebrate the great things that happen in the 4-H youth program.

## Bay County 4-H Soup Supper

The Bay County 4-H Advisory Council will be hosting a Soup Supper on Saturday, November 5, 2011, from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Crump Fox Club, 760 Prevo Rd., Linwood, MI.

Organizational leaders will receive packets of information to distribute to club members. Attached is a flyer for more information.

## Office Closed

The MSU Extension - Bay County office will be closed:

**Friday, November 11, 2011**, in observance of Veterans Day.

**Thursday, November 24, 2011**, in observance of Thanksgiving.

**Friday, November 25, 2011**, in observance of Thanksgiving

## Attention Leaders

If you are in need of a copy of the 4-H pledge or a flag set, contact MSU Extension - Bay County. Each club should have these items for club meetings.

## Congratulations Advisory Council Officers

Congratulations to the new 2011-2012 Advisory Council Officers:

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

## Archery Program

If you are planning on being a part of the archery club you can contact MSU Extension - Bay County for more information at (989) 895-4026. The club will begin in the winter. All youth that register for this club must register for Shooting Stars 4-H club as their secondary 4-H club during re-enrollment.

## **Barn Improvement Committee Meeting**

The Livestock Association has formed a new committee to review barn improvement projects for the upcoming year. They have already identified the top six priorities for the year:

- ◆ Livestock gates
- ◆ Stall fronts
- ◆ Manure pit
- ◆ Covered walkway
- ◆ Flooding
- ◆ Auction arena

The committee will be meeting again on Thursday, October 13, 2011, at 6 p.m. at MSU Extension-Bay County. All are welcome to attend as we work through the next steps of our process to “Make the Best Better.”

## **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.

## **4-H and FaceBook**

Don't forget that FaceBook can be a wonderful way to communicate with your friends, family and co-workers. Please remember that what you post on FaceBook is a direct reflection of who you are and anyone can see the things you post, even if they aren't your “friend.” You never know who views you as a role model and may see what you post. Be sure what you “say” is constructive.

## **TSC Paper Clover Promotion**

The Tractor Supply Company (TSC) store in Bay City is joining efforts with 4-H again to support local youth through the TSC Paper Clover Campaign. This is a national in-store fundraising effort to benefit state and local 4-H programming. Beginning September 21 through October 2, 2011, shoppers at the Bay City TSC store will have the opportunity to support 4-H in Bay County by purchasing paper clovers for just \$1 at the checkout. Thank you in advance for your support of TSC and 4-H.

Bay County 4-H will be at the Bay City TSC selling paper clovers and handing out popcorn from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 1, 2011. If you work a t least a two hour shift, it will count as an activity.

## **Program Evaluation Notice**

As a participant in the 4-H program your child may be asked to help with the evaluation of the program. Your child may be asked to complete a short survey about what he/she learned or did as a result of the program. Surveys could be given before the program begins and/ or after the program has ended. Surveys take no more than 10 minutes to complete. All surveys are confidential. Youth are not required to participate in the evaluation. If you or your child does not wish to participate it will not affect involvement in any programs of Michigan State University.

If you do not want your child to participate in program evaluations or have questions about the evaluation, contact Jodi Schulz at [schulzj@baycounty.net](mailto:schulzj@baycounty.net) or Jodi Wrzesinski at [wrzesinskij@baycounty.net](mailto:wrzesinskij@baycounty.net) or at (989) 895-4026.

## **New County Award Application Forms**

The Bay County 4-H Award application forms have been updated and are attached to this newsletter. Please be sure to work with the youth in your club to have them complete this award application. The Bay County 4-H Advisory Council is excited to hear about what the youth have learned through their 4-H projects!



6. For each project area that you would like to be considered for an award, we would like you to tell us a story about what you have learned. According to your reply to question #4, please use the following guidelines to tell us your story about the work you have done.

Please attach a story for each project area for which you would like to be considered for an award.

Your story must:

- Be handwritten using blue or black ink OR computer generated and double spaced.
- At least a half page story for EACH project award area.
- Include the following information in your story:
  - Tell what you have done in the project.
  - Describe what skills you learned.
  - Describe what you have accomplished.
  - Why do you feel you should be considered for an award.
- Attach award stories to this application.

7. What goals have you set for yourself in 4-H for this coming year?

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**Date**

**4-H Award Project Areas**

Activities	Consumer Sciences	Plants and Animals	Personal Development
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Child Care & Develop.	<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Achievement
<input type="checkbox"/> Demonstration	<input type="checkbox"/> Clothing & Textiles	<input type="checkbox"/> Aquaculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Hobbies and Collections
<input type="checkbox"/> Fashion Revue	<input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Beef	<input type="checkbox"/> Leadership
<input type="checkbox"/> Judging	<input type="checkbox"/> Home Environment	<input type="checkbox"/> Cats	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Development
	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Life	<input type="checkbox"/> Cavy	
<b>Citizenship</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Consumer &	<input type="checkbox"/> Dogs	<b>Science &amp; Technology</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship &	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Science	<input type="checkbox"/> Dairy	<input type="checkbox"/> Biological Sci.
<input type="checkbox"/> Civic Engagement		<input type="checkbox"/> Goats	<input type="checkbox"/> Entomology & Bees
	<b>Environmental Stewardship</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Gardening and	<input type="checkbox"/> Plant Sci.
<b>Communication Arts</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry	<input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture	<input type="checkbox"/> Veterinary Sci.
<input type="checkbox"/> Communication Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife & Fisheries	<input type="checkbox"/> Horse	<input type="checkbox"/> Technology &
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking	<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Education &	<input type="checkbox"/> Llama	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering
<input type="checkbox"/> Reporting Media	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> Pets	<input type="checkbox"/> Aerospace
<input type="checkbox"/> Performing Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> Shooting Sports	<input type="checkbox"/> Poultry	<input type="checkbox"/> Computer Tech.
<input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts		<input type="checkbox"/> Rabbits	<input type="checkbox"/> Electricity
<input type="checkbox"/> Photography & Video	<b>Healthy Lifestyles</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Sheep	<input type="checkbox"/> Engines, Tractors &
	<input type="checkbox"/> Food & Nutrition	<input type="checkbox"/> Swine	<input type="checkbox"/> Field Equipment
	<input type="checkbox"/> Healthy Lifestyles		<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Sci.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety		<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Arts
	<input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle		<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Sci.

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4. Who has been a positive role model for you this year in 4-H?

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5. Is there anything else you would like us to know?

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5. What skills have you gained as a result of being involved in the Bay County 4-H Youth Program?

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6. Who was a positive role model during your 4-H experience and why?

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7. Tell about your favorite or most memorable projects/experiences during your time in 4-H.

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8. Is there anything else you would like us to know?

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