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Clover Quickie



The Jodies' Buzz: It's been a very busy spring so far and we can't wait for the warm summer weather to get here. We have several spring-time activities and events to look forward to in the upcoming months. Please let us know if you have any questions about the activities and events in this newsletter.

Exploration Days 2011

Registration for Exploration Days is now open. This is a wonderful event that takes place on the campus of MSU. If you need more information or a registration book, call MSU Extension-Bay County at (989) 895-4026. To get information and a registration book online go to <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/4h/expodays.html>. Also, if your child is interested in attending, and the cost of the event is the reason you haven't registered them, please make contact with Jodi S. The Bay County 4-H Advisory Council is committed to supporting youth who would like to attend Exploration Days. They have funding available (above and beyond scholarship opportunities) to help youth. Again, please make contact with Jodi S. ASAP.

Cloverbud Camp

Planning for Cloverbud Camp is underway! Mark your calendars for this fun and exciting event for five-to-eight year olds. Cloverbud Camp is scheduled for Tuesday, July 5, through Friday, July 8, 2011. The cost will be \$45.00. More details will be available soon!

Hands-on Livestock Clinic

There will be a hands-on livestock clinic at the Bay County Fairgrounds on May 14, 2011. Times and registration information will be available at the April 21 Livestock Association meeting. Please be sure to save the date.

TSC Paper Clover Promotion

The Tractor Supply Company (TSC) store in Bay City joined efforts with 4-H in support of local youth through the TSC Paper Clover Campaign, a national in-store fund-raising effort to benefit state and local 4-H programming. Beginning Friday, April 15, through Monday, April 25, 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. Proceeds benefit local Bay County 4-H programs! In 2010 the the TSC Paper Clover Campaign donated \$262.95 to Bay County 4-H Youth programs!

2010 Leaders of the Year

Mike Meier and Michelle Field were named the 2010 Bay County 4-H Leaders of the Year at the Leader Banquet on March 7, 2011. Each were presented with a goodie basket of items that represents their dedication to the Bay County 4-H. Congratulations, Mike and Michelle.

2011 Leader Awards Banquet

Below is a list of leaders that were honored for their tireless service to the youth of Bay County at the 2011 Bay County 4-H Leader Banquet ~

Amy Armantrout
Mary Jo Brandt
Marlene Buffman
Monica Buffman
Dottie Burgdorf
Scott Doud
Gordon DuBay
Patti DuBay
Amanda Farver
Michelle Field
Joann Jasman
Holly Keim
Barb Leppek
Melissa Meier
Michael E. Meier
Carol Socier
Amy Sylvester
Carol Wazny
Chris Wazny

Thank you to everyone who attended!

2011 Vegetable Contest

Get ready for the 2011 youth vegetable contest! The vegetable this year is the kohlrabi.

The adult vegetable contest is also on for 2011! Adults will be growing turnips. Any adult may participate in the contest - it's just for fun!

The deadline to register for the youth and adult vegetable contests is April 29.

The announcement for vegetable pick-up for vegetables will be made through e-mail, organizational leaders, and FaceBook. Please be sure MSU Extension Bay County has your e-mail address and you have become a fan of "Bay County 4-H." We will also send post cards to organizational leaders.

Covenant Medical Center-NICU Service Project

Thank you to everyone who brought items to the Youth Awards Banquet and/or made crib cards at the Leader Banquet. We plan to deliver several crib cards and the donated items to Covenant Medical Center in April. If you would like to assist in delivering the donated items, please contact MSU Extension-Bay County at (989) 895-4026. All items are greatly appreciated and are sure to make a difference for youth who reside at the Center.

2011 Fair Dates

The 2011 Bay County Fair and Youth Exposition will take place August 9-13. Save the date!

4-H Livestock Meetings and Activities

Don't forget to check early with MSU Extension to make sure youth have all of their meeting and activity requirements completed. Please review completely the latest version of the respective bylaws for more details. They are available online on our MSU Extension - Bay County 4-H Website.

According to the bylaws:

Any 4-H member who participates in a livestock animal project or competition (market, non market, and/or showman-ship) (King/Queen and Prince/ Princess contest) must attend at least three (3) Livestock Association meetings, and at least three (3) Livestock/Fair Board/ Advisory /Council functions per 4-H program year. Cloverbuds must attend three (3) Livestock Association meetings and at least one (1) Livestock/Fair Board/ Advisory Council function per 4-H program year.

Also, don't forget to return your bylaws signature page to MSUE by May 15, 2011.

Fundraisers

Don't forget that if you are planning to do a fundraiser you *must* complete a fundraiser request for approval at least two weeks prior to conducting the fundraiser. You must also complete a fundraiser report form within two weeks prior to the completion of the fundraiser. If you need these forms, please download them at <http://www.baycounty-mi.gov/MSUE/BulletinsandDownloads.aspx>

Pork Quality Assurance

If you plan to bring a hog to the Bay County Fair and Youth Exposition, please plan early to attend a Pork Quality Assurance certification. We will NOT be holding a certification session in Bay County; however, there are several opportunities for youth to become certified:

1. April 27 @ 6:30 p.m. at the Isabella County Building. Call 989-772-0911 ext. 302
2. March 24 @ 4:45-6:30 p.m. at the Gladwin Farm Show. Call 989-426-7741.
3. May 17 @ 6:30 p.m. at Mid-Michigan Community College in Harrison. Call 989-539-7805.
4. See the MSU Animal Science Website: <http://www.canr.msu.edu/anscikids/pqa.html>

4-H Night at the Loons

Don't miss out on the opportunity to watch some baseball and promote 4-H at the same time! On Monday, July 11, 2011 Bay County 4-H, in cooperation with several other Michigan county 4-H programs will be providing education and promotion of our program to event-goers. Please save this date and more information will be available soon.

Office Closed

The MSU Extension - Bay County office will be closed in observance of the following holiday:
Good Friday - April 22, 2011

Horse Shows

There are several horse shows that will be taking place in Bay County and surrounding counties. Please visit the Bay County 4-H Website to see available show bills and show dates.

Also, the 2011 Shaggy Spring Fling has been cancelled for April 30. Please be sure to attend upcoming Livestock Association meeting to discuss further educational horse opportunities.

Learning Lab Kits

Don't forget that Bay County 4-H has learning lab kits that are available for clubs/families to check-out by calling MSU Extension-Bay County at (989) 895-4026. The kits teach youth specie-specific information like, how to identify breeds; learn body parts; and general care regarding food, water, space requirements.

Pig and Lab Sales

Information for upcoming pig and lamb sales for youth project animals is posted on the Michigan 4-H Animal Science Youth Program Website at <http://www.canr.msu.edu/anscikids/>

Kettunen Center Workshops

Don't forget to look at upcoming opportunities to visit Kettunen Center. For a complete list of Kettunen Center workshops and their descriptions, visit <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/4htrain.html>

Recycled Card Program

Alderwood Estates and 4-H are excited to announce our new partnership. MSU Extension-Bay County will be accepting your used greeting cards for Alderwood Estates to pass on to St. Jude's Ranch for Children Recycled Card Program.

This program is dedicated to teaching children at St. Jude's Ranch entrepreneurship skills as they create new cards and sell them in packs of 10 for \$10.00. For more information, please see http://www.stjudesranch.org/help_card.php. Cards may be dropped off to MSU Extension - Bay County Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who walked in the St. Patrick's Day parade. Our entry was nicely put together and had several animals for the public to see! Thank you to Patti and Gordy DuBay for the use of their tractor and wagon. All of you represented 4-H well.

Gladwin County Horse Camp

Please see the attached flyer for details on the Gladwin County 4-H Bo Camp.

Gladwin County 4-H Boot Camp 2011

June 17-19, 2011

Gladwin County Fairgrounds
401 South State Street
Gladwin, MI 48624-2243

Friday, June 17

12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.	Check-in
2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Showmanship (2 hours); Western (2 hours)
7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Bathing, banding and clipping
11:00 p.m.	Lights out

Saturday, June 18

6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.	Horse care- lunged, fed, stalls cleaned up
8:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.	Farrier, massage therapy, and showmanship prep
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Lunch
2:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.	Visit with veterinarian and English clinic (please bring tack)
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:30 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.	Visit with dentist
11:00 p.m.	Lights out

Sunday, June 19

6:30 a.m.- 7:30 a.m.	Horse care- lunged, fed, and cleaned up
8:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Speed (1.5 hours); Endurance (1.5 hours)
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Lunch
2:30 p.m.	Clean stalls and check out

Additional Information:

- \$60.00 for all three days.
- Cost includes stall rental, food, and tenting in the grove with adult supervision.
- If families would like to bring campers and stay for the weekend, an additional cost of \$10 will be applied per night.
- All members attending camp must bring at least two bags of shavings per horse stall.
- Mimi's Closet will be available all weekend

Registration Information:

- Contact MSU Extension-Gladwin County at 989-426-7741.