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Clover Quickie



The Jodies' Buzz:

Exciting things are happening in 2010. Enclosed in this newsletter you will find several opportunities for events, contests, workshops, and field trips. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (989) 895-4026.

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To begin receiving your *Clover Chatter* and *Clover Quickie* through E-mail instead of the mail, call the office at (989) 895-4025 OR E-mail us at msue09@msu.edu. This way staff will confirm the E-mail account you have already stated on your annual 4-H enrollment form or add you to our list! Thank you for helping us get information to you quicker and save on paper and postage costs.

Bay County 4-H on FaceBook

We are now on FaceBook! As Bay County 4-H tries to find faster and better ways to communicate and advertise our 4-H program, we felt it is time to get on FaceBook. Our intent is to utilize the calendar feature to keep our on-line audience aware of Bay County 4-H happenings. Please feel free to search for Bay County 4-H on FaceBook and become a fan!

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the 2010 St. Patrick's Day Parade that will be taking place on Sunday, March, 14, 2010. All 4-H families and friends are welcome to attend. This is a great opportunity to expose the public to 4-H. All past livestock or horse kings and queens are encouraged to wear hats/tiaras and sashes in the parade. We will meet around 1:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds and the parade will start at 2:00 p.m. You can bring an animal to walk or a caged animal (chicken, rabbit, etc.) that can ride on the wagon. If you plan to walk an animal, please bring a bucket to clean up after your animal. This will count as a livestock or horse activity.

4-H Youth Enrollment Deadline for 2010 Fair

The enrollment deadline for youth who plan to show at fair this year is April 1. Leaders may accept youth into their clubs after the April 1 deadline, but they will not be able to participate in fair. If you are unsure if you are enrolled in Bay County 4-H, please contact MSUE Extension Bay County at (989) 895-4026 to confirm!

Pheasant Project - Don't Miss Out!

If you are interested in raising pheasants as a project for the Bay County Fair and Youth Exposition this year, please contact Mike Meier at (989) 415-2441 to complete your order. The order must be made ASAP, so don't wait to call Mike! Pheasants will be available approximately the first week of May.

2010 Youth Awards Banquet

Don't forget the 2010 4-H Youth Awards Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, February 27, 2010, at the Canteen Building, Bay County Fairgrounds.

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, February 12, 2010.

You must call in reservations to ensure we have enough food and seating. We look forward to seeing you on February 27.

For those who will attend the annual Youth and Leader Awards Banquets, please read on...

We are asking for those who attend the Bay County 4-H Youth Awards Banquet and the Bay County 4-H Leaders Banquet to help Hurley Medical Center, as they are able.

The Bay County 4-H Advisory Council has been contacted by Hurley Medical Center to partner in helping children and families who utilize the Center to be more comfortable over the next several months. The Center is in great need of several items. We are asking 4-H families to donate any of the items listed on the next column.

Items may be brought to MSU Extension - Bay County or to the perspective banquet the night of the event.

All items must be new.

- Sweatshirts and sweat pants (youth: all sizes, men and women: M-XXL)
- Socks (children: all sizes, youth: all sizes, adult: S-XL)
- T-shirts (children and adult: all sizes)
- Knit hats, gloves, and mittens (children and adults: all sizes)
- Books
- Games
- Puzzles
- School-type activities
- Washable yarn (no black or gray)
- DVD (Must be PG-13 or lower)
- Blankets (Any size, washable)

Now Taking Nominations for Leader of the Year

Think about a 4-H leader who has inspired, motivated, or encouraged you over the last year. Consider writing a small paragraph about why that person deserves to be the next 4-H Leader of the Year.

Submit your nomination to Jodi Schulz at schulzj@msu.edu or in writing to MSU Extension - Bay County by February 15, 2010.

2010 Leader Awards Banquet

This banquet will take place on Monday, March 8, 2010, at 6 p.m. at the Royal Buffet Restaurant on North Euclid Avenue in Bay City. The cost is free for all leaders, guests are \$10 each. The deadline to RSVP is February 15, 2010.

We are asking all leaders who attend to complete an accomplishment form so we can learn about what you are most proud of. An invitation is included in this newsletter.

Reminder to Club Leaders

Just a reminder to club leaders that if you have parents or other volunteers who are having ongoing or unsupervised interactions with 4-H youth, they need to go through the Volunteer Selection Process.

Ongoing means more than four meetings or gathering times.

Unsupervised means that the person is alone with children for periods of time (15 minutes or more).

If you need paperwork for your volunteers to complete the Volunteer Selection Process, please contact MSU Extension - Bay County at (989) 895-4026.

Rocket J's Chicken Contest

We are thrilled to announce that Rocket J will once again be sponsoring the Rocket J Chicken Contest at this year's Bay County Fair and Youth Exposition. Please contact Mike Meier at (989) 415-2441 or MSU Extension - Bay County at (989) 895-4026 to register for the Rocket J Chicken Contest. The birds will be available for pick-up in June at Rocket J's at 526 North Garfield Road, Linwood.

Check the *Bay County 4-H Livestock Association Bylaws* for details on this contest.

Office Closed

The MSU Extension - Bay County office will be closed in observance of the following holiday:

Presidents' Day
Monday, February 15, 2010

Livestock Incubators

Livestock incubators are available to Bay County 4-H clubs from now until July 1. They will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis. They must be returned clean and in working condition. Contact Mike Meier at (989) 415-2441 or Amy Sylvester at (989) 205-9570.

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 21, 2010, from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. See the enclosed registration form. This is a great opportunity for your family or club to have a day out and have fun!

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

The Bay County 4-H Livestock Association will be holding their annual spaghetti dinner on Thursday, February 18, 2010. For more information about work schedules or items that are still needed, please contact a committee member:

Chris Wazny	697-3477
Mike Meier	415-2441
Amy Sylvester	205-9570
Mary Jo Brandt	859-8673
MSUE Office	895-4026

Get the Kinks Out Open Equine Clinic

The Bay County 4-H Horse Advisory Council is proud to present a new equine clinic that is scheduled for May 1, 2010, at the Bay County Fairgrounds.

Registration information will be available soon.

February meeting dates

Advisory Council: February 25, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. at MSU Extension - Bay County.

Horse Advisory Council: February 4, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in the Canteen building at the Bay County Fairgrounds.

Livestock Association: February 18, 2010. (Not a regular business meeting due to Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser.)

Fair Board Announces 2010 Race Dates

The Bay County Fair Board announces the 2010 races:

April 24:	Figure 8
May 8:	Bump n' Grind
June 19:	Bump n' Grind
July 10:	Figure 8
August 10:	Figure 8
August 12:	Bump n' Grind
August 14:	Bump n' Grind

Times are yet to be determined.

Kettunen Center Workshops

4-H Vet Science Teen & Adult Volunteer Leaders Workshop February 26-27, 2010. The cost to attend is \$45.50. Must RSVP by February 12. This workshop is for older youth (13 years by Jan. 1, 2010), teen leaders, and adult leaders interested in furthering the success of local and county livestock programs.

4-H Beef, Sheep, & Swine Teen & Adult Volunteer Leaders Workshop

February 26-27, 2010. Must RSVP by February 12. The workshop is for older youth (13 years by Jan. 1, 2010). Objectives are to teach skills in the areas of practical livestock production and management, develop communication skills and leadership techniques for participants to re-teach others, and network and other individuals with similar interest.

4-H Plant Science and Entomology Adult and Teen Leader Training Workshop

March 19-21, 2010. RSVP by March 5, 2010. The cost is \$70. Objective is to gain fun, hands-on 4-H environmental and outdoor education ideas, projects, and activities; help youth enjoy and appreciate the outdoors; update leaders on environmental and outdoor education knowledge and skills; and/or network with other individuals with similar interest.

Other workshops of interest:

4-H Environmental & Outdoor Education Workshop

March 19, 2010

4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop: April 23, 2010

4-H Companion Animal Teen & Adult Volunteer Workshop: May 15, 2010

4-H Shooting Sports Trainer Workshop: April 22, 2010

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

State 4-H Awards Program

The Michigan State 4-H Awards Program is an opportunity for 4-Hers aged 13 and up with three or more years of experience in 4-H to meet new friends, gain leadership skills, increase their interviewing skills, improve their writing skills, build their self-esteem, and compete for recognition in more than 30 different project areas.

The Michigan State 4-H Awards Program includes county, regional, and state level competition.

Awards program participants must submit completed individual or group award application forms to MSU Extension by February 26, 2010.

Visit <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/staward.html> to download forms. State winners are selected during the 4-H Awards Assembly held at MSU during 4-H Exploration Days in June.

Mark of Excellence Essay Contest

The theme for the 2010 Mark of Excellence essay is, "Because of 4-H I can..." This opportunity to be recognized at the Wharton Center on the campus of MSU during Exploration Days is available for youth ages 11-12 as of January 1, 2010. Essays must be 500 words or less and typed or handwritten in blue or black ink. For more essay guidelines, contact MSU Extension at (989) 8954026 or <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/awards/MarkAward-10-InfoSheet.doc>

The deadline to submit essays is February 26, 2010.

Pullorum Testing Certification Available

There is an opportunity for adults to become certified as pullorum testers. You have the opportunity to attend pullorum testing training during Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) Week, which takes place March 5-13, 2010. The ANR Week certification is offered on March 9, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education on the campus of Michigan State University.

4-H Bi-State Poultry Clinic

Don't miss out on this fabulous opportunity that is being offered by MSU and Ohio State University. The clinic will be offered at MSU on February 20, 2010, from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and at OSU (OARDC in Wooster, OH) on March 20, 2010, from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Sessions include incubation and hatching, poultry housing and equipment, animal welfare and behavior, pigeons, and much more. The deadline to register is February 12, 2010. For more information visit <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/4h/aniscipr.html>.

Small Animals Day 2010

Another campus event that animal-loving youngsters would love is "Small Animals Day." Small Animals Day is put on by the student organizations (clubs) in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at MSU (NOT by the College of Veterinary Medicine). It is an opportunity to get outside on a spring day and visit the MSU farms and pavilion, and see new

born animals. This event will be held Saturday, April 17, 2010, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Admission is \$2 per person. Park at the corner of Mt. Hope and Farm Lane on the MSU campus. Dress for the weather. Buses will take you to a few of the MSU farms where you can see the new born animals. Animals will also be at the MSU Pavilion—and a lot of student/animal-related student clubs will be there. It's a fun time.

Vet-A-Visit

We are inviting you to join the Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine for a unique opportunity. For one day only, the school will be opening its doors in order to show you many fascinating aspects of the field of veterinary medicine. This event will take place on March 27, 2010, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on the campus of Michigan State University. The cost to attend is free and the experience will be priceless.

Online Club Resources

Did you know that Michigan 4-H has a Webpage dedicated to providing you with educational materials? Go to <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/guide4h/index.html>. to check out a plethora of bulletins and educational materials to help give you project ideas for your club.



Your presence is requested at the
Bay County 4-H Leader Banquet
Monday, March 8, 2010, 6:00 p.m.



Royal Buffet

(Formerly known as Linden Hof)

201 North Euclid Avenue, Bay City

All Bay County 4-H leaders are invited to attend.

Cost is free for leaders, guest are \$10 each.



Accomplishment Information Form
(Please complete one form per leader.)

Leader's Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____, **MI** Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Years as a 4-H Leader: _____ (as of September of 2009)

4-H Club(s)(involved in as a member and a leader): _____

The following information will be used to share about your years in 4-H:

What are your current hobbies/interests? _____

What is your favorite part of being a 4-H leader?

What is your most memorable moment in 4-H?

What do the four H's in 4-H mean to you?

Leader's Signature

Date:

All leaders will receive a certificate. In addition to the certificate, every five years leaders receive a pin.
Would you like to receive a pin with your certificate? Yes No

Number guests attending: _____ x \$10.00 per person = \$ _____ enclosed.

Make your check or money order payable to *MSU Extension* and return with this registration slip to:
MSU Extension - Bay County, 515 Center Avenue, Suite 301, Bay City, Michigan 48708-5124

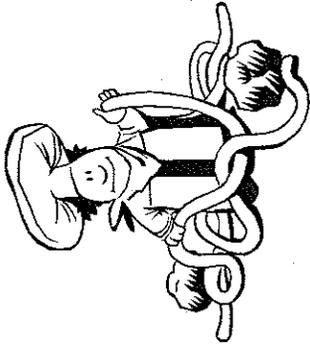
Registration Deadline: Monday, February 15, 2010.

Sixth Annual Bay County 4-H Livestock Association

Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction

Thursday, February 18, 2010
4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Canteen Building
800 Livingston St.
(Bay County Fairgrounds)

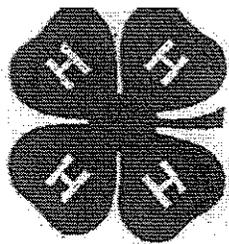


All You Can Eat
Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Toast,
Dessert, and Beverage

\$6.00 per ticket

Children Age 3 and Under Free

****Take Out Available****



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

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



4-H Ski Day
Registration Form
Sunday, February 21, 2010
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Please complete the following information for each group/family registering for the Ski Days:

4-H Club _____ Agent: _____
Contact Number: (____) _____

	Number	Total
Ski Packages (Lift, Rental & Lunch)	_____ x \$28.00 =	_____
Snowboard Packages (Lift, Rental & Lunch)	_____ x \$42.00 =	_____
Lift and Ski Rental Passes only	_____ x \$24.00 =	_____
Lift and Snowboard Rental Passes only	_____ x \$38.00 =	_____
Lift Tickets only	_____ x \$18.00 =	_____
Lift and Lunch Tickets only	_____ x \$22.00 =	_____
Lunch Tickets only	_____ x \$ 4.00 =	_____
Total		_____

How many would like the complimentary ski lesson? _____

How many would like the complimentary snowboard lesson? _____

Upon arrival at Apple Mountain, please check in at the Snack Bar Ticket Counter to receive your lift, rental and luncheon passes.

Enjoy your favorite pizza plus a choice of drink for only \$4.00. Additional lunch tickets may be purchased the day of the event.

SKI/SNOWBOARD LESSONS

In order to ensure the safety of all participants, a ski/snowboard lesson is recommended.

Once equipment has been issued through our Rental Department, Skiers/Snowboarders should report to the Ski School Desk to receive lesson assignments.

Please complete this form and return it with a check or money order payable to Apple Mountain at least one week in advance of the scheduled ski event. Reservations made after that date may not be available.

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