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Clover Chatter



The Jodies' Buzz:

Spring is finally here! The flowers are starting to come up and that means that summer will be here in no time. In this edition of the *Clover Chatter* you will see that summer program planning has already begun, and there's no time to let the grass grow under our feet. You'll find that we are offering some traditional programs and several new opportunities for youth and adults to be involved in 4-H. As always, if you have any questions about the contents of this newsletter, please call MSU Extension- Bay County at (989) 895-4026.

Cloverbud Camp

Bay County 4-H will be holding 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp on July 5 - 8, 2011, at MSU Extension - Bay County. Youth ages five- to eight-years old are invited to learn about food science, animals, healthy lifestyles, and much more! The theme this year is "Science Adventure!"

Each day youth will have fun and exciting topics to explore. Some of the events include walking field trips to exciting places, science experiments, and tie dying your own T-shirt. Youth do not need to be registered 4-H members to attend. The cost is \$45 per youth. Attached is the registration form for 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp. The deadline to register is June 10, 2011. There is a limited number of spots so register early! More information will be available soon on our Website at www.baycounty-mi.gov/MSUE/4-H.

2011 Fair Barns Themes

The theme for the livestock and horse barns is "Old Western!" Start thinking of ways to decorate the barns using items like wagon wheels, bandanas, boots with spurs, etc. Remember that these are just some examples to get your creativity started.

Fair Entry Registration

The dates for fair entry registration will be in the evening on Wednesday, July 13, and Thursday, July 14, from 4 - 7 p.m. at the Canteen Building, Bay County Fairgrounds.

Camp Fishtales Community Service Project

A work day will be scheduled soon! Log onto Facebook to get more details. 4-H will be working at Camp Fishtales. To participate, youth are asked to please bring rakes, wheelbarrows, and gloves. Camp Fishtales is located at 2177 East Erickson Road, Linwood, MI 48650.

Send a 4-H Friend a Cheerful Greeting!

Past 4-Her Delbert McGillen has been feeling under the weather lately. Join us by sending Delbert 4-H cheer to 2622 N Fraser Rd. Pinconning, MI 48650.

Livestock Association Royalty Contest

Applications for the Livestock Association Prince/Princess and King/Queen contest will be available at the May Livestock Association meeting!

Please encourage all youth ages 9 to 19 to participate in this leadership opportunity. If you have any questions, please contact MSU Extension - Bay County at (989) 895-4026.

Equestrian Royalty Contest

Applications for the Equestrian Prince/Princess and King/Queen contest will be available at the May Livestock Association meeting!

Please encourage all youth ages 9 to 19 to participate in this leadership opportunity. If you have any questions, please contact MSU Extension - Bay County at (989) 895-4026.

Livestock Project Record Books Now Available

Livestock project record books are available at MSU Extension - Bay County for pick-up at the office or at a regularly scheduled Livestock Association meeting. If you are in need of record books, please call your order in at (989) 895-4026. They are also available on our Website under 4-H Downloads and Bulletins page.

MSU Extension Office Closed

Monday, May 30 - Memorial Day
Monday, July 4 - Independence Day

Livestock Buyer's Letters Guide

A guide to writing better buyer's letters for livestock auctions is available now on the Bay County 4-H Website. There are several examples of what to write and what not to write.

Rocket J's Chicken Contest

Chicks will be available for pick up on either June 2 or 3, 2011, at Rocket J's at 526 North Garfield Road, Linwood. The date has not yet been confirmed, but will be announced at the May Livestock Association meeting and posted on Facebook. Business hours are 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Please ONLY call Rocket J's if you are unable to pick up the birds that day. If you do not pick up your birds or call, he will sell them and not allow you to participate in future years contests. Check the Livestock Association bylaws for details on this contest.

Hands-On Livestock Workshop Opportunity

We will be holding a hands-on livestock workshop on May 14, 2011, at the Bay County Fairgrounds from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Session options include swine, beef, horses, sheep, poultry and rabbits. Youth must choose at least two sessions to count as a livestock activity. Youth may choose a maximum of three sessions. Each session will last 45 minutes. Rabbit nail trimming and tattooing will also be available. The deadline to register is May 9 by calling MSUE Bay County at (989) 895-4026.

Kawkawlin Vintage Days

On Saturday, May 21, 2011, Bay County 4-H is invited to take part in Kawkawlin Vintage Days. This event is held at the Kawkawlin Township Hall, 1836 East Parish Road, Kawkawlin. We will be holding a small animal swap during this event. Acceptable animals for the swap include: goats, sheep, chickens, ducks, turkeys, and rabbits.

Set-up will begin at 9:00 a.m., with the swap being held from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The seller's fee is \$5, with proceeds to benefit the Bay County 4-H Livestock Association.

Kawkawlin Vintage Days is free admission and the public is welcome. For youth who participate for at least two hours, this event will count as a livestock activity.

Vegetable Contests

Get ready for the 2011 youth and adult vegetable contests. Youth will be growing kohlrabi, which are donated by Van Ooteghem Bros. Greenhouse. Adults will be growing turnips donated by Bay Farm Services.

Both vegetables will be available at the May 19 Livestock Association meeting or at MSU Extension Bay County, 515 Center Avenue, Suite 301, Bay City. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until noon and 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Pheasants and Chukars

Pheasants and chukars will both be available for pick up between May 17-19. Mike Meier will be contacting you directly with more information about the definite pickup date and times.

Club Reminders

- Don't forget that we suggest your club meets at least six (6) times per year to work on education, projects, fundraising, and community service.
- When your club holds an event, don't forget to publicize your club's name. Don't just say "Bay County 4-H Pop Can Drive," rather say that it's the "Jodi Clover 4-H Club Pop Can Drive." The community likes to know exactly who they are supporting. Be proud and tell them!

The Details of Dressage

On Friday, June 10, 2011, at the MSU Pavilvion a clinic for coaches and 4-H leaders will be offered. The clinic will focus on the basics of the increasingly popular dressage classes. Many of the themes covered will also relate to other disciplines.

Participants will learn the basics of a progressive training system that will benefit any horse and rider at any skill level. Registration cost is \$100 per horse/rider. Auditing the clinic will be \$40 per person. Registration includes a box lunch and break, and a clinic proceeding. The deadline to register is June 1, 2011.

Fair Board Meeting

The next Fair Board meeting will be held on Sunday, May 8, 2011, at the fairgrounds Canteen Building at 7:15 p.m.

Bay County Fair Event Schedule

- Saturday, April 30
Bump 'n' Grind
- Saturday, May 14
Figure 8
- Sunday, May 15
Mud Bog
- Saturday, June 18
Bump 'n' Grind
- Saturday, July 9
Bump 'n' Grind
- Thursday, August 11
Figure 8
- Friday, August 12
Mud Bog
- Saturday, August 13
Bump 'n' Grind
- Saturday, September 10
Mud Bog

All events are held rain or shine. The cost for adults is \$10 each, youth ages 10 and under are \$5 each. For more information see www.baycountyfair.com or call 989-213-6792.

Volunteer opportunities are available. Fair Board events count as activities.

Facebook

Don't forget that Bay County 4-H is on Facebook! Search "Bay County 4-H" to become a fan and participate in discussions.

State 4-H Goat Show

Mark your calendars for the 2011 State 4-H Goat Show that will be taking place on Saturday, June 25, 2011 at the MSU Pavilion. The event catalog can be found at <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/goats>. The deadline to register is Friday, May 20, 2011.

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. Please see the MSU Animal Science website for available certification dates: <http://www.canr.msu.edu/anscikids/pqa.html>

Going Green! Receive

To receive your *Clover Quickie* through E-mail instead of the mail, call the office at (989) 895-4026 or e-mail Jodi W. at wrzesinskij@baycounty.net. The *Clover Quickie* will no longer be sent to families in hard copy via the USPS. If you contact MSU Extension- Bay County, 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.

2011 Fair Dates

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

Local Horse Show Events Ag Expo at MSU

There are several horse shows happening locally. Please visit our Website at <http://www.baycountymi.gov/MSUE/4-H/> to view the opportunities available.

State 4-H Trail Ride

The State 4-H Trail Ride is scheduled from June 17-19, 2011, at Goose Creek Trail Camp in Grayling, MI. The registration deadline is May 23. To learn more information about this event visit www.msue.msu.edu/horsekids or call MSU Extension-Bay County at (989) 895-4026.

4-H Discovery Camp

This camp will take place at Michigan State University July 15-29, 2011. This camp is designed for youth ages 14-19 who are interested in exploring how Michigan's abundant natural resources and growing agriculture industry are changing the face of

4-H Discovery campers will stay in a campus dorm and experience campus life, enjoying a mix of recreational opportunities and learning experiences. Youth will visit on-campus research labs, Kellogg Biological Station, Zeeland Farm Services, Carbon Green Bio energy, and a wind energy farm.

Space is limited and youth must complete an application. The deadline to submit applications to county offices is June 3. More information and the application can be found at http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/events/event/4h_discovery_camp

The 32nd annual Ag Expo is scheduled for July 19-21, 2011 on the Michigan State University (MSU) campus, located at the corner of Farm Lane and Mount Hope Road in East Lansing. Ag Expo is Michigan's largest outdoor farm show. Admission and parking for the event are free. For more information see <http://www.agexpo.msu.edu/>

Ingham County 4-H Horse Camp

This horse camp will take place June 13-16, 2011, at the Ingham County Fairgrounds. The registration cost is \$60 per rider and the early bird deadline is May 11, 2011. Registration materials can be found at <http://www.inghamorg/ce/4H/Project%20Areas/Animals/horse%20projects/horsemain.htm>. Look under the heading "Horse Camp 2011."

Tuscola County Archery Shoot

The Tuscola County Wildlife Forever 4-H Archery Club is hosting their 3rd annual county shoot on July 11, 2011. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the cost is \$7.00 for pre-registration and \$10.00 the day of the event. The event is located at Tuscola County Archers, 2305 Bruisee Road, Caro. For more information, contact Paul Zumbach at (989) 871-9391.

New Michigan 4-H Website

Don't forget to check out the new Michigan 4-H Website. It has a new look and is much easier to navigate. Check it out at <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/>

MI Junior Sheep Spectacular

This event will take place June 11-12, 2011, at the MSU Pavilion. Contestants will compete in the shepherd's quiz, sheep skill-a-thon, sheep graphic design contest, showmanship and breeding sheep, and market lamb classes. Entry forms for the show can be downloaded at www.canr.msu.edu/anscikids/livestock.html.

Beef Showcase and Junior Beef Show

This event will take place June 11-12, 2011, at the MSU Pavilion. The event offers beef showmanship clinic presented by the showmanship clinic presented by the Michigan Junior Livestock Society board, graphic design contest, skill-a-thon, herdsman's quiz, showmanship, junior-owned steer and breeding/market heifer classes. Open division classes are welcome to show in the Beef Showcase. Entry forms for these shows can be downloaded (along with a complete schedule of events) from www.canr.msu.edu/anscikids/livestock.html.

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Bay County Fair Board Mtg 7:15 p.m. Canteen	9	10	11 DEADLINE: Ingham County Horse Camp	12	13	14 Livestock Workshop 9-12 p.m. <u>Fairgrounds</u> Figure 8 6:30 pm Fairgrounds
15 Mud Bog 6:30 pm Fairgrounds	16	17 Pheasants and Chukkars will be available either today or tomorrow Mike Meier will contact you!	18 Pheasants and Chukkars will be available either today or tomorrow Mike Meier will contact you!	19 Livestock Assoc., 7 pm Canteen Pheasants and Chukkars will be available by today or Mike Meier will contact you!	20 DEADLINE: State 4-H Goat Show	21 Kawkawlin Vintage Days, 10 am - 3 pm
22	23 DEADLINE to register State 4-H Trail Ride	24	25	26 4-H Advisory Council, 6 pm MSU Extension	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day Observed - MSU Extension Office Closed	31				

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 DEADLINE: Dressage Clinic	2 Rocket J's Pick-up either today or tomorrow 10:00 - 5:30 p.m.	3 Rocket J's Pick-up either today 10:00 - 5:30 p.m.	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Dressage Clinic MSU Pavilion DEADLINE to register for Cloverbud Camp	11 Beef Showcase/ Sheep Spectacular MSU Pavilion
12 Beef Showcase/ Sheep Spectacular MSU Pavilion	13	14	15	16 Livestock Assoc. , 7 pm Canteen Vegetable Contest Pick-up 7pm Canteen	17 State 4-H Trail Ride Vegetable Contest MSU Extension pick-up	18 Bump 'n Grind 6:30 pm <u>Fairgrounds</u> State 4-H Trail Ride
19 State 4-H Trail Ride	20	21	22 Exploration Days, MSU Campus	23 4-H Advisory Council, 6 pm MSU Extension Exploration Days, MSU Campus	24 Exploration Days, MSU Campus	25 State 4-H Goat Show MSU Pavilion
26	27	28	29	30		