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Clover Chatter



The Jodies' Buzz:

Goodness, it has been a busy start to 2011. We aren't sure which way to look: to the past or to the future. Maybe both! It's important to reflect on the past and all of the accomplishments that have been made by our 4-H youth and leaders. We have celebrated the completion of projects at our Youth Awards Banquet and hosted a very successful Livestock Association Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who has helped to make these events successful!

Now, it's time to look at the future. In this *Clover Chatter*, you will find a plethora of educational events and activities that are available for youth, leaders, and parents. If you have any questions about any of these events, please feel free to call MSU Extension-Bay County at (989) 895-4026 or e-mail Jodi Wrzesinski at wrzesinskij@baycounty.net or Jodi Schulz at schulzj@baycounty.net.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the 2011 St. Patrick's Day Parade that will be taking place on Sunday, March 20, 2011. 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, queens, princes, and princesses 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 an activity.

4-H Youth Enrollment Deadline for 2011 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 this year's fair. If you are unsure if you are enrolled in Bay County 4-H, please contact MSU Extension Bay County at (989) 895-4026 to confirm!

2010 Fair Book Changes

It's time to submit fair book changes for the 2011 Bay County Fair and Youth Exposition premium book. Please submit all fair book changes to Jodi Schulz at schulzj@baycounty.net in writing no later than Thursday, March 10, 2011. All changes must be approved by perspective superintendents and the Fair Board before any change will be made.

March Meeting Dates

Livestock Association: March 17, 2011, at 7 p.m., Canteen Building, Bay County Fairgrounds.

Advisory Council: March 24, 2011, at 6 p.m. at MSU Extension - Bay County.

2011 Youth Awards Banquet

Congratulations to the following youth and adult volunteers who were honored February 21 at this year's banquet:

Friend of 4-H Awards

Chemical Bank and Trust Company
Kiwanis Club of Bay County

Cloverbuds

Alexander Clark
Jesse DuBay
Megan Groulx
Kinsey Jones
Hannah Kaiser
Clint Kanthe
Thomas Kanthe
Madalene Reszke
David Simpson
Damien Swarthout

Young Achievers

Courtney Alderton..... Horses
Kennedy Bedell..... Rabbits
Haley DuBay..... Poultry
Mitchell DuBay..... Swine
Mark Guettler..... Shooting Sports
Katlyn Groulx. Personal Development
Summer Grezeszak..... Llama
Codi Kanthe..... Visual Arts
Gavin Kanthe..... Swine
Gage Keim..... Poultry
Lilly Keim..... Poultry
Jannah LaBean..... Poultry
Stephanie Rapp..... Poultry
Mckenna Rechsteiner..... Poultry
Gabrielle Reszke..... Poultry
Aletta Samborn. . Community Service
Lane Stender..... Swine

County Medal Winners

Emily Brandt..... Forestry,
..... Community Service
Brianna Buffman..... Swine, Horse
David Clark. . . . Rabbits, Visual Arts
Barry Doud.. . Industrial Arts, Poultry
Rebecka Doud..... Horse, Poultry
Autumn DuBay. . . Beef, Visual Arts
Briana Dubay..... Poultry, Rabbits
Chase Finkbeiner. . . Poultry, Rabbits

Lucas Glass. Poultry, Rabbits
Megan Guettler. . Community Service
..... Gardening and Horticulture
Alexandra Histed..... Beef,
..... Performing Arts

Cloverbud Camp Counselor Award

Emily Brandt
Megan Dorn
Sara Jo Stender

Graduate Awards

Brianna Buffman
Henry Patterson

All-Around Achievement Award

Seth Schlatter
Brianna Buffman

I Dare You Award

Sara Jo Stender

A special thank you to the following for making the Youth Awards Banquet possible:

4-H Advisory Council Awards
Banquet Committee
Awards Application Committee
4-H Members
4-H Parents
4-H Leaders

Horse Bowl Results

Congratulations to Bits N Pieces 4-H Club for getting second place at the North Regional Horse Bowl. Great job to Meredith Mix, Jacob Cathcart, Kennedy Gollin, Samantha Morse, and Raini Lucas. We would also like to thank Melissa Albrect and Jodi Morse for leading the team to victory! The team will move on to the State Horse Jamboree later this year. Congrats on a job well done!

2011 Leader Awards Banquet Reminder

The banquet will take place on Monday, March 7, 2011, at 6 p.m. at the Mandarin House Restaurant located at 3000 West Center Road, Essexville.

Thanks For Supporting Covenant Medical Center's NICU

We had asked those who attended the Bay County 4-H Youth Awards Banquet (and those who *will* attend the upcoming Bay County 4-H Leaders Banquet) to help Covenant Medical Center, as they are able. Thank you for your support. As you may be aware, the Bay County 4-H Advisory Council contacted Covenant Medical Center to partner in helping children and families who utilize the Center with a donation of handmade name tags, simple toys, and clothing.

There is still time to give! Items may be brought to MSU Extension - Bay County or to the upcoming leader banquet on March 7.

All items must be new.

- Sleep sacks
- Socks and booties
- Books (limited number)
- Soothing musical toys
- Pocket size photo albums

The NICU is also in need of crib cards. These are 5 x 7 decorated cards that every child in the NICU receives. They are decorated and then personalized for each baby. 4-Her's can use card stock or scrapbook paper and decorate. Make sure to leave a space to write the baby's name.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser – Another Success Thanks To You

Thank you to the following individuals, clubs, and businesses for donating items to the Bay County 4-H Livestock Association's annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser held Thursday, February 17, 2011:

Auburn Food Pride
C & R Hardware
Fruitland Market
Graff Chevrolet
Jack's Fruit Market
Labadie Auto
Linwood Corners
Michigan Brand
Northwest Energy
Northwood's Outlet
Pat & Jerry's Family Restaurant
Roger McIntosh Chevrolet
Rosie's Pies
Sam's Club
United Financial Credit Union
Walmart

We would like to give special acknowledgment to the Country Cousins, Critters, and Kids 4-H Club for being the chair-club of this event. A special thank you goes to Robin Naugle for her work in securing donations for the dinner!

Congratulations David!

Congratulations to David Clark, of Bits n' Pieces 4-H Club, on being awarded a \$2000 pre-college achievement scholarship. Students in 8th, 9th, and 10th grades for 2010-11 who attended a 2010 summer pre-college scholarship at MSU were eligible for this award nomination. David was eligible because of his participation in 4-H Exploration Days.

Exploration Days 2011

Exploration Days will take place June 22 - 24, 2011, at Michigan State University. It is a wonderful opportunity for youth ages 11 through 19 (by January 1, 2011).

Exploration Days is designed to:

- Help you learn new ideas, techniques, and skills you can use personally and in your 4-H groups and communities.
- Offer in-depth action learning through sessions in your interest areas.
- Enhance your personal growth by giving you opportunities to develop responsibility, independence, accountability, decision-making, time management, and teamwork skills.
- Meet new people and make new friends from different places and with different backgrounds.
- Give you access to the Michigan State University campus and its wealth of resources.

The registration book and forms are available now at MSU Extension - Bay County or online at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/4h/edstaff.html>. Registration begins on March 22, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. To have the best chance of getting the sessions you want, you should have your forms turned in to MSUE no later than March 21, 2011, by 5:00 p.m. The last day to register for Exploration Days is May 6, 2011.

Please be sure to read the age requirements for sessions. If you don't meet the requirements to participate in a particular session don't try to register for it. You may miss your chance at getting the other session you wanted.

Great Lakes Natural Resources Camp

4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp is an annual MSU pre-college program held July 31- August 6, 2011, on the northern shores of Lake Huron in Presque Isle, Michigan.

This camp provides teens from across the state the opportunity to:

- Improve their knowledge about Great Lakes and natural resources ecology and management issues. Increase awareness of environmental problems, foster environmental stewardship, and enhance involvement in local natural resources projects.
- Increase interest in the outdoors, develop leadership skills and self-confidence, and influence career decisions.
- Enjoy quality camp activities, gain hands-on science experiences, meet new people, and develop friendships.
- Learn from natural resources and youth development experts and develop possible career interests.

For more information about the Great Lakes Natural Resources Camp, see <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/glnrc.html>.

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 19, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on the campus of Michigan State

University. The event is free and the experience will be priceless. For more information, please visit <http://cvm.msu.edu/alumni-friends/vetavisit>.

Small Animals Day 2011

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 16, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 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.

Save These Dates!

State 4-H Poultry Palooza, May 21, 2011, at the Clinton County Fairgrounds (St. Johns). Visit <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/aniscipr.html#Poultry> for more information.

Gladwin County 4-H Horse Camp, June 16-18, 2011, at the Gladwin County Fairgrounds (Gladwin). More information will be available soon!

4-H Night at the Loons, July 11, 2011. We are currently in the process of planning this wonderful opportunity for 4-H outreach to our community. More information will be available soon.

Do You Need to Buy Animals?

If you need resources for purchasing hogs, sheep, and/or beef for 4-H projects, please see the updated listing of sources for 4-H and FFA youth project pigs. The list is posted on the Animal Science Youth Programs Web site. The address is: <http://www.canr.msu.edu/anscikids/>. The list can be found under the "Livestock Programs" page.

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.

Pheasant and Chukars Project - Don't Miss Out!

If you are interested in raising pheasants or chukars as a project for the Bay County Fair and Youth Exposition, contact Mike Meier at (989) 415-2441 to complete your order ASAP. Pheasants and chukars will arrive around the first week of May.

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.

Bay County 4-H Advisory Council Looking for New Members

Bay County 4-H Advisory Council has open positions to sit on council. This is a great organization to join if you would like to be a part of "Making the Best Better" in Bay County 4-H. Contact MSU Extension - Bay County at (989) 895-4026 or join us at our next meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2011, at MSU Extension - Bay County.

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Bay County 4-H Leader Banquet 6p.m., Mandarin House	8	9	10 Fairbook Changes due to MSUE	11	12 Bay Co. 4-H Livestock Workshop 10am Auburn Library
13	14	15	16	17 Livestock Assoc. 7 p.m. Canteen	18	19 Vet-A-Visit, MSU
20 St. Pat's Parade: 1pm meet at Fairgrounds 2pm parade	21	22 Registration opens for Exploration Days	23	24 4-H Adv. Council 6 p.m., MSUE Office	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>Deadline:</i> Enroll in Bay Co. 4-H	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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17	18	19	20	21 Livestock Assoc. 7 p.m. Canteen	22 MSUE-Bay office closed for Good Friday	23
24 Easter	25	26	27	28 4-H Adv. Council 6 p.m., MSUE Office	29	30

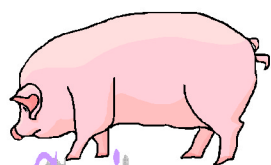
BAY COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK WORKSHOP

MARCH 12, 2011

10:00 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

AUBURN LIBRARY

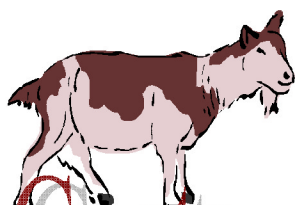
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Beef



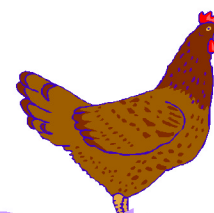
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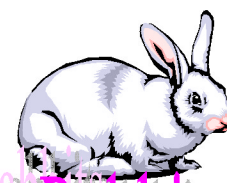
Horses



Sheep



Poultry



Rabbits

THREE 45 MINUTE SESSIONS

*Each youth must choose at least two sessions to count as a livestock activity.

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Registration deadline - March 10, 2011

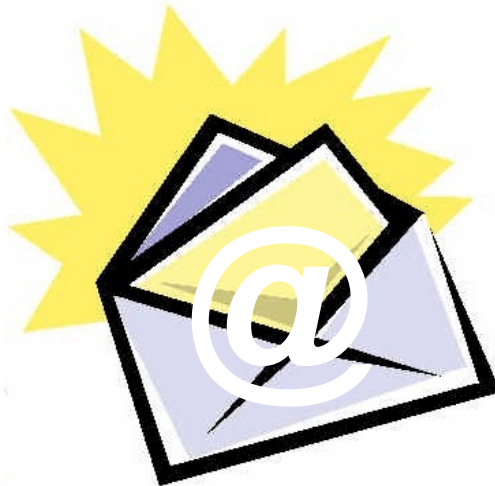


Going Green! Saving Green!

As many of you know we have left our Blue Ribbon database back in 2010 and are now using the new online-based Access 4-H database. Access 4-H will also move Bay County 4-H forward in communicating with 4-H families more through e-mail in 2011. .

If you have not submitted an E-mail address to MSU Extension - Bay County or your E-mail has changed, please contact us at (989) 895-4026 or schulzj@baycounty.net. We are going to begin to send newsletters and other important information through E-mail to save on postage costs.

If you do not have an E-mail address you may contact MSU Extension - Bay County to request that hard copies be sent to you. Keep in mind that we are moving toward using E-mail more often. So sending hard copies may not be an option in the near future.



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