

Liberty Riders 4-H Club Newsletter

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December 2009

2010 Club Members

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MacKenzie Clark
MacKenzie Joachim
Maisie Meyers
Mallary Reinhold
Marissa Reinhold
Morgan Schwehofer
Rachel Huard
Shelbi Osborn



*Merry
Christmas*

2010 Important Dates

Mark Your Calendar Now

Spring Achievement
April 24th

State Qualifying Show
June 26th

Warm Up Show
July 11th

St Clair County 4-H Fair
July 26 - 31, 2010

State 4- H Horse Show
Aug 20 – 22, 2010

Welcome New Members



Our club meetings are always the second Thursday of every month. Meetings begin at 7:00pm at Rattle Run Farms. If you are unable to attend a meeting, please let us know. A parent should attend each meeting,

Newsletters are emailed out to members the first week of each month. You can also download the newsletter from the RRF website (address above). It is your responsibility to read the newsletter and beware of deadlines and paperwork.

All communications are done via email!

Thayne Miner Scholarship

Application Deadline March 1st

Available on the St Clair County Website, Horse Leaders Website and a few copies are available at RRF.

IMPORTANT REMINDER!!!!

4H Age is as of January 1, 2010
(Spring Achievement, Expo Days, 4H State Events, County Workshops use 4H Age)

For **Fair** you use your age as of January 1, 2010
Ages for fair this year: 8 years old to 19 years old

Important Websites To Know

St Clair County MSU Extension
<http://msue.stclaircounty.org>

St Clair County 4H Horse Leaders Assoc.
<http://www.scc4hhorseleaders.org>

St Clair County 4H Fair
<http://www.stclaircounty4hfair.org>

RattleRun Farms Website
<http://www.rattlerunfarms.com>

December Club Meeting

Thursday, December 10th @ 7:00pm

Where: RRF in the Barn

Returning Members - bring your Horse Science Notebooks. New Members- Bring a notebook

Agenda: Barn Management

Dress Warm for the Barn!!!!

Baker College Vet Tech Field Trip with

Dr. Norman Bayne, DVM, MS
Director of Veterinary Technology

Thursday, December 17th
@ 6:00pm

Meet at Baker College in Port Huron
3403 Lapeer Road, Port Huron, MI 48060-2597

Parents are welcome!

Entrance is in the back of the building



December 11.12.13, 2009

Rock Financial Showplace

Check out the website

<http://www.northamericanhorsefest.com/index.html>

4-H at the "Joe"

In recognition of the Michigan State University Extension's 4-H Youth Development Program, the Detroit Red Wings are pleased to extend a special savings on tickets to select November & December home games. Each package includes 2 tickets to the game, 2 hot dogs, and 2 soft drinks for only \$48. That's a savings of over 50% off box office prices!

-Monday, December 14th @ 7:30pm vs. Phoenix Coyotes

On line ticket information

[https://www.formspring.com/forms/?736537-](https://www.formspring.com/forms/?736537-S1whlNKunt)

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Project Linus – Blanket Day

We had a great turnout from our club last year. We hope some of you will be interested again this year.

January 23rd, 2010 at the Goodells Community Building
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

What you need to bring: a ruler (or yard stick), a pair of scissors to cut material, and 2 yards of fleece - most people bring 1 patterned and 1 solid color.

The blankets we make on this day will go to the children in the hospital. As a community we can make a child's day by them receiving one of our homemade fleece tie blankets.

If you can't make it that day and would like to help out, you can donate fleece or money to go toward fleece and participants that day can make the blankets, or you can make the blankets and drop them off (but we would like you to come that day if possible)

We will also have a food concession stand that day as well.

If you have any questions about the Project Linus Please feel free to contact Ashleigh Usakowski or Jessica Usakowski at 810- 367-6111 or 810- 334-4686

Upcoming Events for you to explore:

MSU Horseman's Association Winter Clinic

January 16–17 at the MSU Pavilion

The MSU Horsemen's Association will be holding a day of informational sessions and clinics on Saturday, January 16, 2010 at the MSU Pavilion. Sessions for young people interested in attending MSU, as well as clinics on Western Horsemanship (conducted by MSUET Coach (Leesa Massman and team members) and Dressage will also be held. This is a great way to introduce 4-H and MIHA members to the possibilities of continuing their interest in horses in college. Seminars will be held by an admissions officer, the MSU Horsemen's Association, Dressage Club, Polo Club and MSU Equestrian Team.

For complete details on the event and participation in the clinics,

please visit: <https://www.msu.edu/~msuha/>

Event Hours: 10:00 – 7:00pm
Location: Exhibit Area, Arena
Admission: \$10.00

There is a flyer attached to the newsletter and a flyer at the barn! If we have members interested in this clinic – we will plan a road trip...

- **4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop.**
February 26–27 at the Kettunen Center.

Explore animal systems and learn about animal health for a broad array of species by sharing information and experiences, asking questions and quizzing veterinarians about their skills. Participate in hands-on demonstrations that teach you how to help members recognize healthy, sick or injured animals. Open to adult and teen volunteers aged 13 and up. For more information or to register for a 4-H workshop, contact your county MSU Extension office.

- **Feb 5-6 – MQHA/MI 4-H Horse Judging Workshop**

Registration is due January 26. A great opportunity for youth or adults to gain experience in Horse Judging. Friday evening will be an oral reasons clinic and Saturday a.m. will be a practice contest. Open to youth 9 and up and Adults. This is an approved clinic for MI 4-H Horse Judges.

- **Feb 6 – MI 4-H Horse Program Benefit clinic featuring Christie Showerman.**

Perfecting the Patterns: Focusing on Showmanship and Horsemanship. Tickets for the clinic are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. A limited number of youth riders will be needed for the clinic. Application for riders is available on the web site as well. This is an approved clinic for MI 4-H Horse Judges

- **4-H Exploration Days.**

June 23–25 at Michigan State University.

This MSU pre-college program gives young people a chance to experience college life, learn new ideas and skills, and meet people from across Michigan. Open to youth aged 11 and up and adult chaperones. Cost: 2010 price TBA (2009 cost was \$165 for current 4-H members; \$175 for those not in 4-H). Registration deadline May 3.

Registration book will be available online at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/4h/expodays.html> and from county MSU Extension office by mid-March.

Still waiting on the Final information for the December Rock Climbing Road Trip.

It will be an all day trip during the Christmas Break.

We will forward you the information via email as soon as we have the final information.



If anyone has information that they wish to share in the newsletter, please send information to the LR 4H Website and we will add it to the newsletter!

***** Sale Watch*****

Last year at fair we talked about changing up the decorations. In particular the curtains. Keep an eye open for after Christmas sales at the Fabric Stores. We are looking for Dark Blue, Red & Gold. Call if you come across a deal.

2010 Fair Book Cover Contest

Designs should be made on 5 ½ inch (wide) by 8 1/2 inch (high) sheet of white paper (vertical). Use your creativity. Copyright figures (i.e. Snoopy) may not be used. Submit your entry no later than February 1, 2010 by sending design to St. Clair County Agricultural Society PO Box 325, Marysville MI 48040 be sure your name and phone number are on your entry.

4-H Council Auction * Saturday, February 27, 2010

It is time again to start thinking about the 4-H Council Auction held *the last Saturday in February*, February 27, 2010. Remember that the money received from the Auction goes directly back to 4-H in St. Clair County, and at the same time, your club will earn 10% of the money received from the items your club collects. It can really add up fast.

To help you in your search, we would like to give you some ideas: If you have clubs with crafty parents, home-made craft items go well. Contact businesses you know and ask for donations. Several families could go together and purchase an item. Keep in mind that we need new quality items. Contact your doctor, lawyer, and insurance salesman. They may not have items to donate, but we gladly accept cash donations.

Remember, **to insure success, everyone needs to help**. As you are able to procure items for the auction, you may contact the MSU Extension office with the information so that we can include it in the sale bill that we produce. This information will be needed by the 4th of January. By starting early, we can give businesses a longer time span in which to work a donation into their budget so that we can reduce the number of denied requests. Auction forms were included with re-enrollment paperwork. Auction items can be dropped off at the MSU Extension Office or you can **deliver them Friday, February 26, 2010 between noon—8:00 p.m. at the Goodells County Park, Community Building.**