

Liberty Riders 4-H Club Newsletter

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February 2010

2010 Club Members

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2. Anna Crellin
3. Brandon Meyers
4. Elizabeth Anderson
5. Emily Avery
6. Erica Zukowski
7. Grace Fielhauer
8. Katherine Anderson
9. Lucy Anderson
10. MacKenzie Clark
11. MacKenzie Joachim
12. Maisie Meyers
13. Mallary Reinhold
14. Marissa Reinhold
15. Morgan Schwehofer
16. Rachel Huard
17. Shelbi Osborn
18. Tim Hilton

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

Starting in January 2010 our meetings will move to 6:00pm. This should help during the winter months to get everyone home and off the roads before it gets too late. When spring arrives and lessons resume, meetings will move back to 7:00pm

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. We will send out a text when the newsletter is posted.

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

Rachel, Amanda, Erica and Mallary

Nice Job on helping with the Project Linus/Blanket Making Project. The project made over 100 blankets to donate to children in local hospitals.

**Cappy Pruett will be at Rattle Run Farms on Feb 5, 6, 7 for a herding clinic. Start time is 8am until approx 4:30pm. Come check it out!!!
It's Free to observe.**

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>

February Club Meeting

Thursday, February 11th

@ 6:00pm

Don't forget to bring your book, bookmarkers, and etc. donation for our basket(s) to donate to the 4-H Leaders Auction.

Project Records Books Time!!!!

Books will be handed out at our February Meeting or you can download it from the Leaders Website if you want an extra copy!

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.

Check out the *additional* pictures of Our Rock Climbing Adventure and Our Baker College Trip on the RRF Website!



2010 Spring Achievement

The 2010 4-H Spring Achievement event will be held **Saturday, April 24** at Central Middle School in Port Huron. You can view the event catalog and project guidelines at the link below.

<http://msue.stclaircounty.org/4H/SpringAch.aspx>

Animal Science Notebooks are due at the 4-H Office by March 27, 2010. So members should turn in their books to Sue at our **March 11th** Club Meeting or get them to the MSU office in Port by the due date

2010 Fair Updates

Ad Book

Ads/Money are due by the March 18th Leaders Meeting. If you have an ad, turn the ad and the money to us before the March leaders meeting. The form is available on the leaders website.

Upcoming Events for you to explore:

- **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

- **MARCH 13 – ANIMAL MANIA**

Noon to 4:00 – McMoran Place In Port Huron

- **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.

February 7th - MJMHA Tack Sale, Pinckney High School, Pinckney.

Contact: Janet Southwick 517-676-2607 or jsouthwick@cablespeed.com or go to <http://www.mjmha.com/> for more information

Used Tack Shows will be starting soon...let us know when you hear of one so we can pass the information along!

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.**

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 sales at the Fabric Stores. We are looking for Dark Blue, Red & Gold. Call if you come across a deal.

AD Book Cover Contest

1st Place - \$25

2nd Place - \$15

3rd Place - \$10

Go to the Leaders Website to read the rules!

Due at the March 18th Leaders'

3rd Annual Animal Mania Event

- Saturday, March 13, 2010
- Noon to 4pm
- McMorrin Place Pavilion, Port Huron
- Fee Admission, for adults and children of all ages

Modeled after Michigan State University's "Vet-A-Visit" program, this workshop is presented by Vet-Quest 4-H Club and MSU Extension. Come explore the world of animals through interactive exhibits and demonstrations.

Donations of dog and cat food (canned or dry), collars (buckle, slip or training), leashes, canned food lids, raw hide bones (American made), bandanas, toys and treats will be accepted and distributed among rescue groups participating in Animal Mania.

Activities to include: **Stuffed Animal Clinic** - bring or adopt a sick or injured stuffed animal to the clinic for suturing or diagnosis

Microscope Research Wool Spinning Hatching Chicks Large Livestock
Dog Agility (demonstrations) Milking Cow Animal Rescue Groups
And much, much more.....

If your 4-H Club would like to participate, contact Lori W. for more information at 810-989-6935 or lwarchuck@stclaircounty.org or Dr. Robyn Limberg-Child at deafdogdoc@hotmail.com or Wendy Mollan at 810-984-2624.