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## Spring Break?!

I hope you all are enjoying your spring break, and that at least some of you get to enjoy some warmer weather. It seems like winter just won't let go!! We are one step closer to the fair so I need to update you on some events coming up. I would also like to make sure I say "Welcome!" to our newest members. These newsletters contain a LOT of important information. If you think you are receiving these in error, please contact me (Emily) at the number listed above or e-mail me at [howardcountyhorse@hotmail.com](mailto:howardcountyhorse@hotmail.com).

## April 4-H Meeting

Our April 4-H meeting will be the 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at **Vicory Baptist Church**. We will have a guest speaker, Shelly Hamilton, talk about gaited horses. Also, Renee McGuire is heading up our Club Banner and will have some things for each 4-Her to decorate. I will also go over sponsorships and upcoming events so everyone that missed the March meeting can get up to speed.

## Horse Forms

Horse forms will be sent out in the next few weeks and are due **MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>**. There are **NO EXCEPTIONS** to this rule. If you do not turn in a horse form, you will NOT be allowed to show at the county fair or state fair. You must also turn in: **pictures** of each horse on the form, **lease form** (if you are leasing a horse) and an **animal location form**. The lease form and animal location form are both able to be printed from our website. If you need help taking pictures, or don't have all the forms you need, call Emily or Montana and we will help you out. Emily has some pictures from last year that will be able to be picked up at the April meeting.

## Team Updates

The Horse Bowl and Hippology recently competed at the State contest. The novice team got 5<sup>th</sup> in Horse Bowl and the Junior team got 4<sup>th</sup>. Individual winners in hippology were Grace Guyer (6<sup>th</sup>), Clara Loisch (4<sup>th</sup>) and Molly Guyer (2<sup>nd</sup>). Way to go!!! Judging team is in full swing as well. Cindy is heading up the contests and barn visits so ask her for dates and times. They are competing at Area 8 on April 16<sup>th</sup> and at the State contest on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Good luck to you all, I know it's a lot of hard work!!

## Website & Facebook

If you have never visited our website, take a few minutes to scan it. There is valuable information posted there, sometimes it is more current than the newsletter as well. If you have a Facebook account, you can also "like" us there to get club updates. Our website is [www.howardcountyhorse.com](http://www.howardcountyhorse.com). You can search for "Howard County Horse and Pony Club" to "like" us on Facebook.

## Mandatory Safety Meeting

We will have a mandatory safety meeting again this year. Last year we had excellent attendance so please keep it up and impress me again! Our May meeting (May 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm, Vicory Baptist Church) will count and if you can't make it to that one you can attend out at the fairgrounds on May 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>. Each 4-Her must attend one of these meetings or they will not complete the Horse & Pony 4-H project for 2011.

## **2011 Show Dates**

These are the shows that we are hosting at our arena. If you would like to look for more in the area, visit [www.midwestshowbills.com](http://www.midwestshowbills.com) and browse the events in Indiana and surrounding states.

Fair Show Day 1	July 9	Open Youth Show	June 18
Fair Show Day 2	July 16	Open Pleasure Show	August 27

## **Sponsorships**

We are taking sponsorship money now!! You can earn extra incentive points if you turn them in by May 26<sup>th</sup>. Each 4-Her is asked to turn in 3 \$10 sponsorships and each mini 4-Her is asked to turn in 1. Please make sure to tell your sponsors that their name will appear in the Fair Edition of the Kokomo Tribune as long as they are turned in on time. These help pay for your plaques that you get at the end of the year. We will answer any questions you might have at the April meeting for those that are new to the club.

## **Exhibit Association/Howell Donation**

I got GREAT news from Kelly Scher, the extension educator last week. Our request for \$2,500 to build a storage shed got approved!! We can begin construction as soon as we decide where to put it and what it will look like. Cindy has been in contact with different builders for estimates and will give an update at the April meeting.

## **State Fair Entry Forms**

Although it's only April and you are probably just getting into riding and being outdoors again, it's not too early to think about signing up for the state fair. Entries are due by July 1. You can still sign up after that but the price increases dramatically. I have posted the 2011 entry blank on our website along with the show schedule. If you have questions about what classes to sign up for, or how to fill it out and send it in, please ask, we are here to help!

## **2011 4-H Rule Book**

Teresa Keller, at the extension office, has notified us of a printing error with the new rule books. Some of you received yours at the last meeting. If you did, please read on to make sure you don't have one with an error. Some have pages 16-25 missing and duplicates of pages 33-40. Please check your books and make sure yours is correct, if not, return it and we will get you a corrected one.