

# Flying Lead Changes

## the CENTAURS 4-H CLUB newsletter

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"A bad day riding is better than a good day fishing" - Unknown

## February 2011 *Happy Valentine's Day!*

*Our next Club meeting: Thursday, February 17th 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Howard County Fairgrounds.*

### My Neighbor My Friend

Just a small gesture  
From your neighbor so near  
To let you know how we find you so dear  
Thank you neighbor for being so kind  
For today I ask  
Will you be my valentine?

*Don't forget to bring:*

- ✓ A snack, if assigned.
- ✓ Your Club dues of \$50.00.



### This Month's Highlights:

- Club Officer Installation
- Event Horse Conditioning
- Howard County Horse Bowl Competition

### THE MANE EVENT



**Our February Club Meeting: Event Horse Conditioning-** Our next Club meeting will be held on Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at the 4-H Building

located at the Howard County Fairgrounds. We will have the Installation of Officers for 2011 at our Club meeting. Congratulations to the following Club members on their recent election:

President(s) – **Janina Vickers**  
Vice President – **Britta Hart**  
Recording Secretary – **Kaylee Beklik and Katie Hollidge**  
Treasurer – **Kathleen Pereira**  
Corresponding Secretary – **Danielle Wheelbarger**  
Historian – **Lauren Hollidge**  
Club Reporter – **Hannah Darrow.**

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We will hold a special candle lighting ceremony at the February Centaurs 4-H Club meeting. Afterwards, we are delighted to watch a presentation on ***Event Horse Conditioning*** by our Club President, Janina Vickers. We will then create our Club Member Profile Page for the Club Historian Book.

**Club dues will be collected at our February Club meeting. Please forward your dues to Sue Hart and Barb Dashiell at the meeting. Club dues are \$50.00 per member or \$75.00 for a family. Please make all checks out to the Centaurs 4-H Club.**

The following families are responsible for bringing snack items and setting up at the February Club meeting:

Setup: **Szyperski\_Fink Family**  
Sweet snack: **Vickers Family**  
Salty snack: **Beklik Family**  
Drinks (including paper napkins and cups): **Butler Family**

If you are assigned to Setup, you will be required to arrive at 6:45 to get the tables and chairs set up so that we can start our meeting promptly at 7:00. *You must also stay and ensure that all tables and chairs have been put away.*

**Howard County 4-H Horse Bowl Competition** - Good luck to everyone who is trying out for the Howard County Horse Bowl competition. The Howard County contest will be held on Saturday, February 5th at 1:00 at the Howard County Extension Office. Members from the Centaurs who are competing for a slot include **Danielle Wheelbarger**. We know how hard you have worked at practices and wish you the best of luck.

For those of you who are not participating, you are welcome to come and observe and find out what Horse Bowl is all about. Good luck to everyone who is competing!

The Howard County Extension Office is located at:

3300 North Ridge Road  
Suite 240  
Ellicott City, Maryland  
21043  
410-313-2707

**Centaurs Banquet** - The 2010 Centaurs 4-H Club Banquet is fast approaching. This year we will be holding it at the 4-H Building during our March Club meeting. This year's theme will be ***Down on the Farm***. The Banquet Committee is in full swing with plans for the banquet. Invitations will soon be sent out. We hope that everyone can make it to this wonderful event. We have many new things planned and know it will be a great reward to all of your hard work (Club members and parent volunteers alike!).

So, be sure to mark your calendars for one of our most fun events of the year.

**4-H Volunteer Training** - If interested in becoming a volunteer, you must register for the online training offered by the Maryland State 4-H program and complete the volunteer paperwork with the 4-H Office prior to attending an online class. It is highly recommended that all Centaur 4-H Club parents attend this online training. Once you have registered for a class, please contact Chris Rein at 410-313-1915 or crein@umd.edu to obtain the necessary paperwork.

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Six UME Volunteer trainings have been scheduled for 2011:

January 16th 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
February 17th 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
March 14th 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
April 14th 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
May 16th 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
June 13th 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Volunteers may register at the following link:

<http://www.agnr.umd.edu/Seminars/Description.cfm?ID=127>

**4-H Basket Bingo** - The Howard County 4-H All Stars are currently planning the 2011 Basket Bingo Fundraiser. It is scheduled for Friday, March 25th at the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Department Activities Building. 4-H All Stars sponsor many 4-H awards and activities throughout our county. Please help to support this great organization. If you would like to make a donation for the fundraiser or would like tickets, please contact Marjie Eyler 301-829-1449 or Martin Hamilton at 443-472-8276.

**4-H Communications Contest** - The 4-H Communications Contest is scheduled for Saturday, March 29th at the Howard County Fairgrounds. 4-H members who have registered will be competing in four categories: Extemporaneous, Prepared, Radio Spot, and Interpretations. First year 4-Hers and clovers will be doing the 4-H Pledge. Champions will go on to the State competition this year. Good luck to all who have registered!

## **Showcase the Breed – the Morgan**

All Morgans today trace back to the stallion Justin Morgan, named for his owner as was the custom of the day. Foaled in 1789, this stylish bay horse was originally known by the



name “Figure.” Formed as a breed from European horses brought in with the colonists, Justin Morgan did not resemble his sire or dam, but rather showed unique characteristics, forming a distinct type of horse breed; his descendants were instantly recognizable for their unmistakable look.

As Figure grew, his compact muscular body and stylish manner of moving set him apart, impressing pioneer farmers and settlers. His reputation at outwalking, outtrotting, outrunning, and outpulling other horses became legendary, and his stud services were offered throughout the Connecticut River Valley. Every Morgan today can trace his ancestry back to Justin Morgan’s three sons, Sherman, Bulrush and Woodbury.

Morgans come in many colors and generally stand from 14.1 to 15.2 hands high. In addition to their compact muscular bodies, Morgans are noted for their small ears set above a broad forehead with large eyes,



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tapered muzzle and expressive nostrils. It is a versatile breed which performs well in a variety of disciplines, including driving, park saddle and harness, western, hunter, jumper and dressage. It is known for its soundness, power, agility and stamina. Their steady, comfortable gait explains their great demand as therapeutic riding horses.

Morgans worked along side their owners clearing fields and forests. When the week's work was done, they provided transportation to Saturday market and Sunday meeting. Also, they were used to pull stagecoaches throughout New England. In the mid 1800s several breeders began to concentrate the Morgan lines to establish the foundations of the breed. During the Civil War these horses served as cavalry mounts and artillery horses. U.S. General Philip Sheridan's horse was named Winchester; Little Sorrel was a Morgan ridden by Confederate General Stonewall Jackson in his Civil War campaigns.

In the mid to late 19<sup>th</sup> century, Morgan breeding stock helped lay the foundation for other native American horse breeds, including the Standardbred, American Saddlebred, Tennessee Walking Horse, and in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the American Quarter Horse. Today, Morgans can be found in all 50 states and more than 20 countries.

Justin Morgan, the man from whom this horse got his name, was a multi-faceted man. Born in 1747, he was a third generation Springfield, Massachusetts settler. As a stallioner, he leased and stood the finest stallions obtainable. He was also respected as a musical composer of notable talent. His anthems and hymns were first published in 1790 and 1791 - a

great achievement at that time period. In the post-Revolution year of 1788, Morgan and several of his brothers moved their families to the independent Republic of Vermont. He settled in Randolph becoming town clerk and grand juryman, in addition to teaching choral singing and music composition. Morgan died of "consumption" in March 1798 at the age 51.

### **Mark Your Calendars!**

February 5<sup>th</sup> – Howard County 4-H Horse Bowl Competition

February 17<sup>th</sup> – Centaurs 4-H Club Meeting

March 19<sup>th</sup> – Maryland State 4-H Horse Bowl Competition

March 25<sup>th</sup> – 4-H Basket Bingo

March 29<sup>th</sup> – 4-H Communications Contest

April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4-H Volunteer Dinner

April 11<sup>th</sup> – Centaurs 4-H Club Meeting

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Famous Morgan Horses

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