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### METAMORA HUNT HOUNDS, PLEASE

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Metamora Hunt is a sporting club for mounted hunting of fox and coyote, celebrating 95 years in beautiful Metamora, Dryden, Oxford and Addison townships.

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Metamora Hunt kennels meet all MFHA KENNEL STANDARDS



#### Metamora Hunt hosts Annual Landowner Picnic

This annual event celebrates our special relationship with those who share their land and trails, offer countless volunteer time and provide us with their generous financial support. **Held on Saturday, July 15th at 6:00 pm at the Hunt Kennel, 5614 Barber Rd in Metamora.** This year we'll have grills fired up and plenty to eat and drink. Please mark your calendars. Questions: Carole Beckett, metamorahuntsec@gmail.com or 248-417-1639.

### Hey, Hay is ready

Metamora Hunt is haying. The price is \$7.25/bale if delivered directly from hay field, \$7.50 if delivered after we stack in our barn. If you are looking to purchase hay this year, please contact Carole Beckett, Hunt Secretary at <a href="metamorahuntsec@gmail.com">metamorahuntsec@gmail.com</a> or 248-417-1639. Ken Matheis, MFH will do his best to accommodate, knowing the vagaries of the hay business. Volunteers to help drive tractors or provide support are always welcome and very much appreciated. Member, John Mandich, is also a social member with Mill Creek Hounds outside of Chicago. He received permission to share with us important information on barn fire safety. A very timely topic as we start our hay season. <a href="Click here to">Click here to</a> read Barn Fire and Safety Prevention

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## Master's Comments

The hunt season is not far off, but other events have kept us busy around the countryside. Many landowners and Hunt members took part in the Hunt annual Earth Day Hunt Country Clean-up. The Hunt also organized a used tack sale in the Metamora Town Hall and the June 17th Summer Hunter Pace has many hard at work trimming trails, not only for that event, but for Hunt sponsored trail rides as well as our hunt season. Also, a dedicated group is busy preparing the Hunt Country Annual Yearbook which is scheduled for delivery this summer.

It's easy to keep up with all Hunt activities including hound and horse exercises by calling the Hunt kennel 810-678-2711 or checking out our website metamorahunt.com.

The Hunt would again like to thank our welcoming landowners who continue to allow us to cross their property during the season.

All riders should remember that the land in Hunt country is privately owned and as a courtesy to landowners please make sure you have permission to ride out on non-hunt days.

We are also grateful to all those who work so hard to continue the Metamora Hunt Country traditions and invite the community to join us for upcoming events to help celebrate our 96<sup>th</sup> year.

Joe Maday, MFH

### **Summer Hunter Pace**

Our Summer Pace is scheduled for **Saturday, June 17th**. Starting at the Hunt Kennels, organizer John Mandich promises it will be another beautiful ride through our countryside. In groups of 2-4 with staggered start times between 8:30am - 12:30 pm, you can register online at <a href="https://www.metamorahunt.com">www.metamorahunt.com</a>. Ribbons awarded. Cost is \$50 per person, juniors 17 and under (with an adult) \$35. Contact John at (248) 990-1910 with questions. Helmets and Hold harmless required.

### **New: Prized Trail Ride**

Come ride our first annual trail benefit on a marked 6-9 mile scenic route. Held on **Sunday August 6, 2023,** it promises to be a fun and potentially profitable ride with \$1000 in raffle and barn door prizes with lunch included by Punchy Pony. Start between 9-11 am. \$75 per rider. Contact Diane Kangas at 248-842-3094. Helmets and Hold Harmless required. Forms online at metamorahunt.com.

### Stable Tour on August 13th

Tour 7 private barns in our Metamora countryside driving in your own vehicles with friends. Noon - 4 pm. \$40 per person, 12 & under \$5 with an adult. You can register at Hunt Kennels the day of with payment of cash or check. Contact Joe Maday, MFH at 586-381-8834 with questions.

### **Opening of Cubbing Season**

Opening of informal cubbing season is on **Wednesday, August 16th**. Ratcatcher attire. If you are not on our Fixture Card List (where hounds, Huntsman and riders gather to start) and wish to be, please contact Carole Beckett at metamorahuntsec@gmail.com



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