

# Winnies and Nickers

Pretty Pony Pastures

Fall 2006

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## Calendar of Events

**September 1 through 4**—  
CLOSED  
Labor Day weekend

**September 9**—No classes.  
We will be at a back pain  
clinic at MSU (horse not  
human back pain)

**September 12**—No  
evening classes. Michigan  
Horse Council meeting.

**September 23**—De-spook,  
De-sensitize, De Horse.  
2:00—5:00 pm in the arena.

**October 3**—No evening  
classes. Michigan Horse  
Council meeting.

**October 14**—The Great  
Pumpkin Pick! 2:00 pm

**October 21**—The Healthy  
Horse (back by popular  
demand) 2:00—5:00 pm in  
the arena.

**November 7**—No evening  
classes. Michigan Horse  
Council meeting.

**November 11**—Horse  
Trickery 2:00—5:00 pm in  
the arena.

**November 23 through  
25**—CLOSED  
Thanksgiving Weekend

## Personal Accomplishment

Congratulations to Michael Capozzo on taking a trail ride unassisted! Michael and his family were on vacation when they decided to go on a trail ride. They explained to the ride guides about Michael's special needs and that he has been riding for some time. Flanked on either side by his father and a trail guide, Michael was able to enjoy the ride with his family!

## And the Winners are...

It was a beautiful June weekend when the riders from our Therapeutic Riding and Beginner Rider classes took part in the Young Riders Horse Show at the 4-H Fair Grounds.

On Saturday, June 10th, six of our riders took part in the lead line class. For the first time, the horse show had a lead line class for riders *over* the age of eight. All six riders, Eva Aguilar, Michael Capozzo, Samantha



Carlson, Kathy Carter, Judy Staelens, and Kiree Wheat earned a participation ribbon.

The next day 10 riders competed in the Trail Class. Again, this was the first time a Lead Line Trail Class was offered. There were 13 participants in the class. The course consisted of stopping your horse in a box, walking your horse around a circle, stepping over three logs that were in the form of Y in the process, walking over a bridge, backing the horse and stopping the horse at a mail box and take out the mail.

Our riders practiced during class time for about a month, making sure their horse would complete each obstacle successfully.

And, successful they were. When the winners were announced the top six ribbons went to our riders!

From left to right:  
(back row) Linda Watson, instructor; Amanda Martin (2<sup>nd</sup>); Samantha Carlson (3<sup>rd</sup>); Michael Capozzo (participant); Judy Staelens (participant)  
(front row) Eva Aguilar (participant); Paul Markillie; Kathy Carter (1<sup>st</sup>); Sean Cassar (4<sup>th</sup>); James Cassar (participant)  
Not pictured: Amber Martin (5<sup>th</sup>); Kiree Wheat (6<sup>th</sup>); Lexi Hayes (participant)

A special thanks goes to the volunteers who came out to lead the horses, the parents who made sure their rider had the proper attire and the Young Riders 4-H club.

It is my understanding that these classes have been already included in next year's show. And our riders are eager to participate again!

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the show. You are ALL winners in my book!

## Fall Class Schedule

If you need to change a class time, please let us know and we will try to accommodate you.

Our fall schedule will be:

### Sunday (Therapeutic Riding)

10:00 a.m.  
2:00 p.m.  
3:30 p.m.  
5:00 p.m.

### Monday (Therapeutic) & Wednesday (Beginner Rider)

5:30 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.

### Tuesday (Adult ground work)

6:30 p.m.

### Thursday (Adult Beginner Rider)

12:00 p.m.

### Saturday (Pony Pals and Beginner Rider)

9:30 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.  
11:30 a.m.

### Saturday (Girls Scouts or Horse Talk)

2:00 p.m.

## The Great Pumpkin Pick!

When: October 14, 2006

Where: Pretty Pony Pastures

Time: 2:00 pm



Let us know if you are coming by October 11th, so the Great Pumpkin will know how many goblins to expect..

We will provide a chili, hot chocolate and coffee. Please bring a dish to pass (salad or desert)

## Horse Talk Series is Back!

With vacations, horse shows and other summer fun behind us, we will continue our Horse Talk Series in this fall with three timely and interesting topics.

### De-Spook, De-Sensitize, De Horse

September 23—2:00 to 5:00 pm

This session will demonstrate bomb proofing techniques and maneuvers to calm the horse.

### The Healthy Horse

October 21—2:00 to 5:00 pm

Back by popular demand. This session explains the principles of body scoring, horse vitals, and keeping your horse in good health with winter fast approaching.

### Horse Trickery

November 11—2:00 to 4:00 pm

Learn some tricks to teach your horse that will impress your friends. It's easier than you think!

Copper Boy reads today's lesson.



Cost—For anyone who participates in the program as a rider or volunteer there is no cost for attending these sessions. No charge also applies to the parent(s) who are bringing the rider. For all others, the cost will be minimal, \$5.00 or \$10.00.

All sessions will take place in the arena, so bring a chair, since our seating is limited. Check our Web site for details.

If you own a horse that you would like to bring, that's fine, too, as long as the horse has a current coggins. We are limiting the number of horses to eight, so let us know early.

These sessions are open to the public. Invite your horsey friends to spend an afternoon in our barn!

## Welcome New Riders and Volunteers!

We are growing! This summer we've welcomed several new riders into our program. Elizabeth Elrod, Callie and Riley Keller, Curtis Davis, Danny Leonard, Josie O'Bery, Angela Pechota, Jessie Lefler, Brenden Mueller, Phillip Godin, Jenene and Jimmie Nagy, and Dustin Cole.

New volunteers have found our barn as well. Join us in welcoming Jessica Moore, Felicity Tyll and James and Teri Portman.

Glad to have you in our program.

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