

Winnies and Nickers

Pretty Pony Pastures

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Think Spring!

Even though spring officially begins on March 21st, our horses are already showing signs of warmer weather. The fur has started flying, and even though we might get some cold weather, these horses don't care! They are also getting frisky. After standing around in the snow and cold for four months, they can't wait to run, jump, and buck.

Tom and I are hoping the weather stays mild, but, we all know that Michigan weather is subject to change at a moments notice. So, if there is any doubt as to whether there is riding, please call our hot line at 248-245-0014.

I apologize to those who called the incorrect number that I printed on the January calendar.

Those of you who opted out of our "polar bear" riding classes, please contact me and let me know if you are planning to continue at your previously scheduled time.

We are continually getting calls from more persons who would like to take classes and we will do our best to accommodate returning riders while placing new riders in our program.

Also, if you know of anyone who would like to volunteer, bring them with you to a class and let them experience our program.

The mother of one of our rider's met her new neighbor, who mentioned that she like to work with horses. Now Paul, his mother Melissa and their neighbor Martha come on Sunday afternoon!

New Horse in the Barn



Leslie Ann joined our farm in November. She is almost ready to be part of our riding classes. Look for her in the paddock with Desiree.

New Schedules!

Starting with Spring, we will have quarterly sessions. No need to reregister. We will just ask about a week or two before the next session if you plan to continue the next session and if you need to switch times. Times can be switched if there

is an opening. We are also adding another time slot on Sunday. Our new Sunday schedule for therapeutic riding:

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

We are also adding another Beginner Rider class at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday. Our week night classes are still Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 and 6:30.

Michigan All-Haflinger Show

The Michigan All-Haflinger Show will be held on May 27 and 28 at the Springfield Oaks 4-H Fairground in Davisburg.

We have been asked to put on a short (30 min.) demonstration/class to show how we use our Haflingers for Therapeutic Riding. If you are available to take part in this, please let us know. We need riders and volunteers.

Calendar of Events

April 8—Easter Egg Hunt- 2:00 p.m.

April 16—CLOSED
Easter Sunday

April 22—Horse Talk Series-The Healthy Horse (2:00—4:00)

April 29—Communicating With Horses Workshop-volunteers needed (2:00-5:00)

May 2— Short Stirrup Badge-volunteers needed (11:30-1:00)

May 6— Horse Fan Badge-volunteers needed (1:00-4:00)

May 20—Horse Talk Series-Selecting a Horse—for your child...or yourself (2:00-4:00)

May 27 through 29—
CLOSED
Memorial Day weekend

May 27—Michigan All-Haflinger Show-Riders and volunteer needed!



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The Easter Bunny's Coming!

When: April 8, 2006
Where: Pretty Pony Pastures
Time: 2:00 pm till all the eggs are collected!



Let us know if you are coming by April 5th, so the Easter bunny will know how many eggs to hide.

Also, please bring a dish to pass (salad or desert)

Welcome New Riders and Volunteers!

Who would have thought that we would get new riders and volunteers during the winter! But the cold was not keeping them away. We would like to welcome three new riders: Michael Capozzo, Jacob Price, and Kiree Wheat. They all ride on Sunday — 10:00 am, 3:30 pm and 5:00 pm.

We would also like to welcome three new volunteers—Michelle Renn, Lynn Stork, and Christophe Guillard. Michelle is helping at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, Lynn helps with the 3:30 pm and 5:00 pm classes and Christophe come on Tuesday at 6:30. All three have some horse experience and are a great asset to the program.



New Series—Horse Talk

Because you asked—

Several of our riders asked if we could teach more than just riding...could we teach how to take care of a horse, how to train a horse and all the other "things" that go into owning a horse.

Well, of course! That fits right into our mission of providing a safe and enjoyable horse experience that includes horsemanship as well as riding.

Rather than extend the riding sessions, we decided to hold a Horse Talk session once a month, usually on the third Saturday of the month. Each session will last about two hours, unless the topic is such that two hours isn't enough time.

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

Tentative Horse Talk Series

April 22—The Healthy Horse

May 20—Selecting a Horse—for your child...or yourself

June 17—Bomb Proofing

Topics with dates to be determined—

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What's in Your Pasture
(that's poisonous to horses)

If there are any topics that you would like to see presented, let us know.

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