

Winnies and Nickers

Pretty Pony Pastures

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Calendar of Events

June 9—10—4-H Show-Riders and volunteers needed!

June 9—10—CLOSED
See us at the horse show!

June 16—2:00—3:30 pm.
How to Fall Clinic. No one Wants to fall off a horse, but knowing the right way to fall can save you some bruises or broken bones.

July 9—10—4H Fair at the Fairgrounds in Davisburg. Check the Web site www.oakfair.org for more information.

August 6—9—Scout Week! Earn the Horse Rider badge in four days. Call or check our Web site for times and details.

Sept. 1 through 3—CLOSED
Labor Day Weekend

It's Showtime!

Be sure to sign up for this year's 4-H Horse Show which will be held on Jun 9th and 10th at the Fairgrounds in Davisburg.

We will be participating in the following classes:

Showmanship (Saturday)

Lead-line walk/trot (Saturday)

Lead-line walk (Saturday)

Lead-line Trail Class (Sunday)

Times: All times for horse shows are tentative at best. However, all riders need to be with their horse two classes before the one they are showing in. This means, if you are showing in class 22, you need to be with your horse in the warm-up area when class 20 is showing. Each class takes approximately five minutes so it is imperative that the riders are ready on time.

Participants in the **Showmanship** classes MUST be at the Fairgrounds at 8:30 as these are the first set of classes.

Participants in the Lead-line classes should be at the Fairgrounds no later than 10:00 a.m.

Participants in the **Trail Class** need to be at the Fairgrounds at 8:30. The Trail Classes follow the reining classes, but last year there were very few participants in the classes before the Trail Class so it went fast!

Riders: Dress neatly. Western riders may wear jeans, long sleeve shirt and a tie (I can provide the appropriate tie.) English riders may wear nice dress slack, and blouse. Everyone should be wearing boots with a small heel.

HELMETS must be worn by all riders.

If you are not riding, please come and cheer your classmates as they make the victory lap!

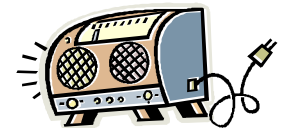
**Lisa Gold
1999—2007**



This spring we lost Lisa Gold to Acute Renal Failure. We took her to Michigan State as requested by our vet, but, they were not able to get her kidneys to function.

At this time, we do not know what caused this to happen. The vets, both ours and those at MSU, are at a loss. She received her rabies vaccine five days prior, so that is suspect. We also learned that Haflingers can have Equine Polysaccharide Storage Myopathy (EPSM), which can go undetected but, can result in Acute Renal Failure.

We are hoping to learn more from the necropsy reports after all the tests have been completed.



WYCD

Did you catch the Sunday Edition at 6:30 a.m. on WYCD on April 29th and then again May 20th? If so, then you heard Eric Carlson and myself talk about our Therapeutic Riding Program.

It was a great experience and opportunity to let others know about the program.

I do have a copy of the broadcast if anyone is interested.



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Welcome New Riders!

We have several new riders that have joined our riding program over the past few months.

All of these riders are in our Sunday classes.

Jamie rides at 10:00 am

Arienne rides at 2:00 pm.

Jenny & Jimmy ride at 3:30 pm.

Scott has joined our Thursday program .

Glad to have you in our program.

This also means that we really need more volunteers. With summer comes vacations and our volunteers need to take theirs too.

If you know of someone who could help us, please let them know about our program. We will be more than happy to provide training for anyone who wants to help.



Jamie learns how to back Buttercup.

We've re-design some of our original shirts and added some new ones. As a tribute to her, we've put Lisa on our I Love Haflingers items.

If you are looking for some new summer clothes with a horsy theme on it, you just might want to try our shop at:

<http://www.cafepress.com/p3riding>

There are also gifts with these design available as well.



Weather Watch

Just a reminder. The cold weather may be behind us, but here comes the heat.

We will not ride under the following conditions:

- Temperature over 95 or heat index at or above 100.
- Weather advisory:
 - Tornado warning
 - Severe thunderstorm warning

NOTE: This is **warning** not *watch*. If the weather changes suddenly during a lesson, all riders will dismount. Then a decision will be made to wait out the storm or cancel the class. The safety of our riders is important.

Also, be sure to bring fluids for the riders. Riding in the warm weather increases thirst. Water/pop/juice bottles in plastic containers are permitted in the barn. But *please* take the containers home or dispose of them in garbage container.

Horse Tricks

Yes, you are seeing this correctly. Buttercup is our partner as Amanda jumps rope! Just wait and see what other tricks these horses will learn over the summer months.



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