

# Winnies and Nickers

Pretty Pony Pastures

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## Kudos

We have certainly been active this month!

### Dressage

Congratulations to Riley Keller and Amanda Martin for their great scores in the Rattle Run Schooling Dressage Show on Mother's Day, May 9th! Both girls participated in BOTH the Intro to Dressage A and B tests. Both earned ribbons in these classes. Congratulations Riley and Amanda—every ride shows improvement! Go Team P3!

Our next show is on Father's Day at Windsong Equestrian Center on Rattalee Lake Road in Holly. The facility is two miles north and about two miles west of us.

### Tour do Cure and Kiwanis

This is the third year that Samantha Carlson will be biking in the Tour de Cure, raising money for juvenile diabetes. I posted this on Face Book and one of my friends, who belongs to Kiwanis, saw it and took the information to her group. On May 20th, I spoke at the Garden City Kiwanis meeting about our therapeutic riding program and at the end of the meeting, they presented Samantha with a check for 75.00 for her fundraising for juvenile diabetes. Samantha rode on Saturday, June 5th. But, it's not too late for you to support Samantha in raising money to find a cure. You can navigate through—<http://tour.diabetes.org> or e-mail me for the direct link (it's long).



### Brooksie Way MiniGrant

The following Thursday, May 27th, found Mrs. Dannecker and me at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester, where Mrs. Dannecker received a minigrant so her students could ride with us for five weeks in the fall. County Executive L. Brooks Patterson launched the Brooksie Way Minigrants, which are funded through the Brooksie Way Half Marathon, to support the promotion of healthy and active lifestyles for Oakland County residents. For more information on the marathon, see the website <http://www.thebrooksieway.com>.



### Calendar of Events

**June 20—Father's Day** *closed.*  
Take Dad out to the lake.

**June 20—Dressage Show—Windsong Equestrian Center**—2315 E. Rattalee Lake Road, Holly. 9:00 am Come and cheer our riders on.

**June 21—24 Horses and More #1**—Nutrition week—Registration forms e-mailed and on the Website.

**July 3—11** *closed—Have a great Independence Day week!*

**July 11—Dressage Show—Rattle Run Farms** 7103 Gratiot Ave. St. Clair, MI 48079— 9:00 am Come and cheer our riders on.

**July 18—Dressage Show—Windsong Equestrian Center**—2315 E. Rattalee Lake Road, Holly. 9:00 am Come and cheer our riders on.

**August 2—5 Horses and More #2**—Performance (or Getting Ready to Show) —Registration forms e-mailed and on the Website.

**August 14—3rd Annual Giddy-up Go Horse Show.** Show bill will be e-mailed by June 15th.

**August 22—Dressage Show—Windsong Equestrian Center**—2315 E. Rattalee Lake Road, Holly. 9:00 am Come and cheer our riders on.

**August 27—29—Dressage Retreat**—Fenton *closed*—Riders interested in improving their riding skills should attend. Registration due by June 16th. See flyer on bulletin board for more information or <http://www.equistrideinternational.com>

**September 4—6—Labor Day Weekend**—*closed* Last picnic of summer!

**September 12—Dressage Show—Rattle Run Farms** 7103 Gratiot Ave. St. Clair, MI 48079— 9:00 am

**September 19—Dressage Show—Windsong Equestrian Center**—2315 E. Rattalee Lake Road, Holly. 9:00 am



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## Welcome!

We have three new riders for May.

Laina James is riding with us on Saturday mornings; William Pace rides on Monday evenings and Ann Miller has joined her daughter, Jenna, on Wednesday evenings.

Welcome to our riding family!

We also want to welcome back Kiora Greer who took time off from riding this past winter.

If your rider stopped lessons during the winter, be sure to call and select your riding time before it is taken. We have gotten many inquiries over the past two weeks. I know we will be adding several more riders once school has finished for the year.

## June Birthdays

The following riders and volunteers have birthdays in June.

- Cate Evans
- Josh Norman
- Richie Ragnone

Wishing you a happy birthday and a great year.



## Giddy-up Go Horsey Show

Once again, we are looking for help with our annual Fun Show. If you can put together our program, track the entries, or find sponsors, your help would be appreciated. We will be using the same videographer as last year, but could use a photographer.

The show date is August 14. EVERY rider is eligible to ride in our Giddy-up Go Horsey Show!

# Thank You!

I asked, you came. A big THANKS to Nancy, Riley, Callie, Carrie, Riley, Isabel, Greg, Brandon, Chris, Eric, Steve, Ritchie, Robbie, Steve, Kathy, Dominic, Dan, Luis, and Eva for the help they gave over Memorial Day weekend in cleaning out the hay stall for this year's crop. It was a BIG job, it was (and always will be) a DIRTY and HEAVY job, but we did it!

I know a few more who offered but their schedule didn't mesh right with ours. Don't worry, we ALWAYS have work around the farm! If you are ever bored, just ask. There are some items that need to be done weekly—weed whacking, wasp patrol, to name a few. There are others that need to be monthly or quarterly—de-cob webbing, spraying the stall runners with silicon so they glide smoothly, checking the fences for broken ribbon holders. There are even a few chores left over from the barn building!

I feel that as long as everyone is helping whenever and where ever they can, we will continue to function and become a close knit "family" operation. Ant that is a good thing!

Thanks again!

## Pass Them On!

In the tack room we have—

- Size 1 paddock boots—great condition—FREE
- Several riding britches—light colors—size 12-ish \$5.00 each

If you have any boots or riding clothes that are still in good shape, let me know and I will post it on the board and in the newsletter.

## New Items in our Store

Need a new t-shirt or sweatshirt? Don't forget that our CafePress store has items designed with horse-crazy kids in mind.

We have a complete collection for the "show" family.



In honor of Independence Day, we are designing a "Freedom" collection.



See them all at <http://www.cafepress.com/p3riding>.

All proceeds from the items sold through CafePress benefit our riding programs.