

# Winnies and Nickers

Pretty Pony Pastures

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## Calendar of Events

**March 7—9 Horse Expo** at MSU. If you plan on going, see me for \$1 off coupons.

**March 22—Easter Eggs-travaganza**—see page 2 for details

**March 23**—No classes. **Easter Sunday**

**March 24—27—Horse Fever Days**—Four days of clinics, riding and workshops during Spring Break—see page 2 for details

## Birthdays...

**March 4**—Riley Redmond

**March 5**—Joshua Verfoef

**March 11**—Ellie Grass

**March 27**—Sandy Palmer

**March 31**—Paul Markillie

## Coming in April...

**March 31—April 3—Horse Fever Days**—Four days of clinics, riding and workshops during Spring Break—see page 2 for details

**Not-So-Xtreme Farm Make-Over**—Details to come.

## Is it Spring Yet?



This has been a very hard winter. Even though we rode more than we did last year, it feels like it's been colder. It has definitely been snowier!

March is the beginning of our new class sessions, so, if you hibernated all winter, please let me know as soon as possible when your rider plans to return to his/her scheduled session. We have been getting a very positive response from MORC and other organizations. With four riders in a class, our classes will be filling up quickly.

Our NEW class schedule is posted below. We have ADDED one new class on Sunday. Our hearing-impaired class has been so popular, that we have added another class on Sunday so our interpreter can work with us for two classes.

## 2008 Class Schedule

Day	Time	Class	Day	Time	Class
Sunday	10:00 am	Therapeutic riding	Wednesday	5:30 pm	Beginner Rider
	11:00 am	Volunteer training		6:30 pm	Beginner Rider
	1:30 pm	Therapeutic—interpreted	Thursday	noon	Therapeutic—adult
	2:30 pm	Therapeutic—interpreted		4:30 pm	Therapeutic
	3:45 pm	Therapeutic		5:30 pm	Therapeutic
Monday	5:00 pm	Therapeutic	Saturday	6:30 pm	Therapeutic
	5:30 pm	Therapeutic		9:30 am	Pony Pals (under 8 years old)
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Therapeutic	10:30 am	Beginner Rider	
	11:00 am	Therapeutic—adult	11:30 am	Pony Pals (under 8 years old)	
	6:30 pm	Therapeutic	2:00 pm	Workshops	
	7:30 pm	Therapeutic			

We will add more classes to our schedule as needed. We are also looking at adding some Adult only riding classes in addition to our Adult Therapeutic Classes.





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## Easter Eggs-travaganza

When: March 22, 2008

Where: Pretty Pony Pastures

Time: 2:00 pm till all the eggs are collected!

Let us know if you are coming by March 20th, 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!

We keep growing! All of our Sunday classes are now filled. Our weekday classes are seeing new faces as well.

Please welcome riders Kailey VanStee-landt and James O'Reilly!

And our new volunteer Dawn Richardson.

Glad to have you in our program.

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.



The festivities will take place in the arena unless it is bitterly cold. Watch for signs indicating the location.

Parking is always at the arena.

## Horse Fever!

No, this isn't something the horses get...it's something young (and not so young) riders get after a long, cold winter! So, to help, we are holding two Horse Fever sessions during the Spring Breaks. Both weeks are identical and the sessions will be held at 9:30 to 11:00 am on Monday through Thursday. Each session includes a riding lesson and a horse management lesson. Sign up now for all of them, or just one of them. Cost: \$25/session or \$90 for all four. Classes are limited to eight participants. Flyers and registration forms are available on the Sign-In table.

Current riders can take an extra 10% off the session fee. (\$22.50/session or \$80 for all four)

Monday	March 24 and 31	How to Braid (Mane and Tail)
Tuesday	March 25 and April 1	Health Care
Wednesday	March 26 and April 2	No Hoof No Horse
Thursday	March 27 and April 3	Boots and Bandages

## Not-So-Xtreme Farm Make-over!

We need to add an addition to our arena so our horses can come home. We have contracted with Morton to build the new barn, but, the work doesn't stop there.

We also need to fence in our pasture areas as well. So, we are looking to the community for an assist. We are not sure of the dates. Mother Nature has a lot to say about that, but, it will definitely be as soon as the ground is workable.

If you can help in any way, we would certainly appreciate it.

What do we need?

**Fencers**—to help take down the fencing that is up and help put up the new fencing.

**Electricians**—Lights in the new barn, etc.

**Go-fors**—to get supplies as needed, make sure there is food and drinks available, and other odd jobs.

**Funding**—we will never turn down a gift. We will also have gift opportunities available for those who would want one.

You can also help support this effort by making purchases through Amazon.com, cafepress or Country Supply.

**Amazon**—Click through the link on our Web site at [http://www.prettyponypastures.org/gift\\_shop.htm](http://www.prettyponypastures.org/gift_shop.htm)

**Cafepress**—Choose from a variety of gifts at our on-line shop at <http://www.cafepress.com/p3riding>

**Country Supply**—Purchase your horse and rider supplies (on-line only) and enter **PPP** as the County Care Code.

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