

Winnies and Nickers

Pretty Pony Pastures

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Horse Fever Week!

We will continue our tradition of offering four days of riding and horsemanship during Spring Break.

The **four** ninety minute sessions will be held April 5 through April 8 at 2:00 and 3:00 pm.

Riders selecting the 2:00 pm session will ride first, then attend a 30 minute horsemanship session from 3:00 to 3:30. Riders selecting the second session will first attend the horsemanship session, then ride.

This years topics are: Fitness for you and your horse; Clip, trim, and braid your horse's face, mane and tail; first aid for horses (including how to worm); and What's in that feed and is it good for my horse?.

The cost of the sessions is \$90.00 for current riders/ \$100.00 for participants who are not enrolled in riding classes. All family discounts apply.

There is a limit of four riders per class, so enroll early to secure your place.

Patterson Elementary Returns



It's five weeks of riding and fun starting April 14th and ending on May 12th. The students from Patterson Elementary will be with us again.

The sessions start at 10:00 and end at 12:15. There are about 12 riders this time so that means we need five or six volunteers to help. We would like the volunteers to show up about 15 minutes before ride time.



If you or someone you know is available for five Wednesdays, please call and let us know. Our success with these riders depends on our ability to have enough volunteers to lead the horses and work with the children on other grooming and other horse activities.

Calendar of Events

April 3—4—Easter Weekend *closed.*
Have a blessed Easter.

April 5—8—Horse Fever Week
Four days-four riding lessons-four horse keeping activities. \$100. 10% discount for riders enrolled in regular riding classes.

April 17—Tack Sale—Springfield Oaks County Park (4-H Fair Grounds) 9:00 am –3:00 pm.

April 25—Dressage Show—Windsong Equestrian Center 2315 E. Rattalee Lake Road, Holly. 9:00 am Come and cheer our riders on.

May 9—Mother's Day *closed.*
Take Mom out for brunch.

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

May 29—31— Memorial Day Weekend *closed.*

August 14— 3rd Annual Giddy-up Go Horse Show. More information to come.

Condolences

Michael Capozza lost his aunt last month. This was Kathy, Michael's mother's, sister.

Prayer Requests

One of our volunteers, Gloria Donal, suffered a brain aneurysm and a stroke on March 9th. She will be in the hospital for at least two weeks. Gloria was here on Sunday afternoon, Tuesday evening, Thursday noon, and Wednesdays when Patterson Elementary School rode.

We are praying for a quick and complete recovery.

"It doesn't matter what breed of horse you have, all it takes is believing that you and your horse can dance." ~ unknown



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Team P3



We had a good turn out for the Dressage Meeting. The following riders have earned a place on Team P3 (pronounce *P-cubed*):

- Eva Aguilar
- Samantha Carlson
- Kathy Carter
- Callie Keller
- Riley Keller
- Arianne Levenson
- Amanda Martin
- Amber Martin
- Riley Redmond
- Regan Tackett

Our first show is Sunday, April 25th at WindSong Equestrian Center—2315 E. Rattalee Lake Road, Holly 48442. The show starts at 9:00 am.

Our second show is Sunday, May 9th (Mother's Day) at Rattle Run Farms—7103 Gratiot Ave. St. Clair, MI 48079. The show starts at 9:00 am.

Come on out and cheer our riders on!

March Birthdays

The following riders and volunteers have birthdays in March.

- Griffin Maloney
- Riley Redmond
- Natalie Patercsak
- Matthew Boyle
- Kiara Greer
- Madeline Davis
- Paul Markillie



Wishing you a happy birthday and a great year.

Phone numbers

I've had several people tell me they did not know or weren't sure they ever got the hot line number. So, here's the scoop on my phone numbers.



248 634-7276 is my "office" phone. This number is used for *both* Pretty Pony Pastures and my other business—T. L. Creations. I will no longer put the information on this line as to whether there is riding or not on a particular day because I am starting to get clients, again, for my multimedia business and listening to the riding report can be confusing for them.

248 245-0014 is the *hot line*. It is also my cell phone. We try to post closings as early in the day as possible usually around 8:00 am for morning classes as well as weekend classes and 4:00 pm for evening classes. This phone is also my cell phone. I do answer it if I am away from the office, but, **I do not answer it during a riding class.** Please, leave a message and I will return your call between classes or after all classes have been completed.

And, please, no phone calls between 10:00 pm and 6:00 am.

Summer Happenings!

We are pleased to announce that we are partnering with Camp Fire USA for one week this summer—July 12—15. Riders will be bussed to our facility from Camp Wathana on Milford Road.

We will also have our Horses and More Weeks as well. This year we are planning one week in each summer month— June, July and August. The actual dates will be announced in our April newsletter.

We are in need of Program Assistants for these weeks. If you are interested in spending more time with horses and riders, please let me know. The Program Assistant position is unpaid, but looks good on your resume.

Welcome New Riders

We would like to welcome the following riders to our program: Brook Davis, Ismail Ali and Joshua Norman. We hope you enjoy your sessions with us. We would also like to welcome back Julia Seitz and Scott Knowles.

Remember—if your rider took the winter off, please contact us with a return date or your spot may be given to another rider.

Support



Just a reminder that our CafePress store has t-shirts and other gifts at <http://www.cafepress.com/p3riding>

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