

# Winnies and Nickers

Pretty Pony Pastures

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## Annual Awards Day!

We will be holding our Annual Awards Day and Cook-Off on Saturday, October 18th at 2:00 pm.

This is our opportunity to present a Certificate of Achievement to all our riders. The certificate shows the riding level of the rider along with the criteria for that level and the next level. Bring the entire family and a dish to pass for an afternoon of fun!

This year we will be holding a **Macaroni and Cheese Cook-off** as well. The rules are very simple:

1. Find your best Macaroni and Cheese recipe. The recipe *must* include macaroni—not spaghetti or any other type of pasta; cheese—your choice. Now add the ingredients that will make yours the winner.
2. Bring it to the Awards Event along with a short, one paragraph description of your dish—and why it's so great.
3. Pay a \$10 entry fee.
4. Collect your winnings! (Winner will receive 50% of the entry fees. Last year's winner went home with \$50.00!)

Everyone who attends will be able to judge the dishes. Cost is \$1.00 a ticket. Tastes, without judging, are free.

The winning Macaroni and Cheese dish will be selected by a distinguished Holly Chef. Everyone who voted for the winning dish will win a prize as well!

Our tentative agenda for the day is:

- 1:45** If you are entering the cook-off.  
**2:00** Arrival. Set up and tour of barn. We will have power available if your dish requires electricity to keep it warm.  
**2:15** Tasting begins. Please bring a side dish to pass if you are not entering the cook-off.  
**2:45** Awards Ceremony
- Dedication of our new barn and program.
  - Recognition of persons and businesses that were instrumental in the success of our **Not-so Xtreme Farm Makeover**.
  - Certificates of Achievement to our riders.
  - Acknowledgement of our volunteers.
  - Declaration of the Macaroni and Cheese winner.

\* Please bring a chair.

### Calendar of Events

**Oct. 9—11 Haflingerfest.** MSU Pavilion Open show, Dressage, Tack sale, Horse sale. Catalog is on the Sign in table. If you are looking for a Haflinger, there are several nice ones listed.

**Oct. 11—Winterize Your Horse.** This clinic is at MSU and starts at 10:00am. It is *free*. If you would like to go, see me for more details.

**Oct. 18—Annual Awards and Cook Off.** This will also be our “official” ribbon cutting for our barn.

**Nov. 7—9 North American Horse Fest.** *No classes.* This is the revitalized North American Horse Show in Novi at the Rock Financial Showplace.

## North American Horse Fest

Better known as the Novi Horse Expo, it's back again this year under new management.

*We have been asked to bring one of our horses and put on a short (10 minute) demonstration of how we use our Haflingers!*

The horse we bring, probably Lu-Rain, will be stalled at the Expo for three days. In addition we will have a table to display program information.

This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase both our riding program and our horses, but, we need help to do this.

I would be looking for one therapeutic rider each day and people to help in the booth (we can set up shifts) as well as exercise Lu-Rain periodically during the day. We will also need some help feeding and caring for the horses we've left behind.

Please let me know as soon as possible which day (Friday, Saturday, or Sunday) and time (morning, afternoon, evening) you and/or your rider would be available. As soon as I'm sent a schedule, I will give you exact times.



## Pretty Pony Pastures

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## Welcome New Rider and Volunteers!

We would like to welcome our new rider, Dennis Mackenzie, and volunteer Becca Harrison to our program!

We also have a young woman who is helping with training our horses. Amy Miljour is a dressage rider who is taking Leslie through dressage training. We are very blessed to have someone like Amy work with our horses to help get them to the next level.

## On-line Calendar



We now have an on-line calendar that lists all of our classes, events, and other activities. We are hoping this will help when you are trying to schedule your time. You can link to

the calendar from our Web site—  
[www.prettyponypastures.org](http://www.prettyponypastures.org) or go directly to—  
<http://freecal.brownbears.com/Prettyponypastures>

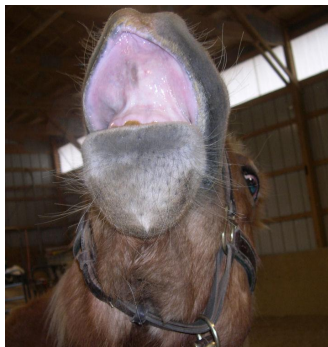
And speaking of calendars...please remember to write the rider name on our **sign out** calendar when you will not be here.

If your rider is sick or another emergency occurs, please call as soon as you know.

Please call my cell phone 248 245-0014.

### Please send pictures!

We need pictures for our Web site, flyers, and brochures. If you have taken any GREAT pictures, please send them our way. Your picture can be worth a thousand words.



## Awards and Mac/Cheese Cook-Off

When: Oct. 18, 2008

Where: Pretty Pony Pastures

Time: 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Cost: Free (Bring a dish to pass and a chair. See rules below if you are entering the cook-off or want to judge.)

Last year it was Chili...this year it's Macaroni and Cheese!

Yes, bring your favorite Macaroni and Cheese dish. We'll be the judge as to who makes the best dish around.

We will also be honoring all of our riders, volunteers, and community contributors who helped make our Not-so Xtreme Farm Makeover such a success.

Rules to enter the Cook-off:

Dish MUST contain a macaroni product and a cheese. You add your special ingredients that make it your best dish ever.

Entry Fee: \$10.00

Prize: 50% of the entry fee

Judging Fee: \$1.00—one ticket



Jan collects her prize for the best chili.

## Think Holidays

I really don't want to think about Christmas yet. I really do like the autumn colors, but, the holidays will be here before you know.

If your rider plans to continue riding and DOES NOT have his/her own helmet, why not give one as a Christmas gift!

I am placing an order to Country Supply on October 15th. Helmets without the dial on the back cost \$25.00 and only come in black or white. Helmets *with* the dial are \$40.00 and come in black, white, periwinkle, and violet.

If you would like to see other horse related items that your rider might be interested in, the current catalog will be on the Sign in table. Or visit [www.horse.com](http://www.horse.com). If you do order on-line, please enter **ppp** in the Country Care Code box and our facility will receive a 5% contribution based on the cost of the items you purchased. This is a win-win for both you and us.

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