

# Winnies and Nickers

Pretty Pony Pastures

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## It's Showtime!

Our first ever Giddy-Up Go Horse Show took place on July 26th. There were 23 participants in the show. The weather was beautiful and the riders did a splendid job of showing their family and friends their riding skills.



Amber and Poppie marked the beginning of the show with the National Anthem.

Our judge, Judy Muhn, did a wonderful job. Not only did she do a superb job of determining the number of points to give each rider, she also gave pointers and recommendations to several of the participants. Judy has also indicated that she would be willing to come back for our next show! Thank you Judy!



All participants received ribbons. Place ribbons were awarded to the six top scores in each class. Everyone else got a participation ribbon, which I am sure is hanging in a very special place in each participant's home.

We did find a few riders who were totally amazed that they received a place ribbon. Way to go, Jayden!



At the end of the show, the Grand Champion and five Reserve Champion Ribbons were awarded. Points were awarded to each participant depending on where they scored in each class. For example, a third place ribbon in a class of six would receive four points, but, a first place ribbon in a class of two would only receive two points.

Our Grand Champion that day was Jayden O'Bery. The Reserve Champions, second through sixth were: Kailey VanStelandt, Ritchie Ragnone, Robbie Ragnone, Jenna Miller and Eva Aguilar.

We would also like to thank Tina and Joe Day for setting up the much appreciated tent. It certainly helped keep the sun off the crowd.

I understand a few dads are talking about setting up a grill for next year's show. Next year's show????

### Calendar of Events

**Aug. 31—Sept. 1**

*No classes, Labor Day week-end.*

**Sept. 20—Experience the Horse.** Flyers are available for distribution. We need riders for the demonstration part. See me if you can help.

**Sept. 26—Sept. 27** *No classes. Dennis Reis—No Dust Tour at the State Fairgrounds. See me for tickets.*

**Oct. 11—Winterize Your Horse.** *No classes.* 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. Details to come.

## No Dust Tour

Dennis Reis is a horse trainer from California. You may have seen his Universal Horsemanship program on RFD-TV.

He will be appearing for two days at the State Fair grounds in Detroit—Sept. 26 & 27 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

I HAVE FREE TICKETS!

Dennis will be demonstrating herd dynamics, the relationship between the horse and human, sensory challenges (we call it de-spooking), and building trust between the horse and human.

Tickets for this event are \$25 for the two days BUT—I HAVE FREE TICKETS!

If you would like to attend, please let me know and I will give you FREE tickets as well.

Let's fill the stands with Pretty Pony Pasture riders!



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## Barn Update

If you've taken the nickel tour, you have seen the GREAT progress that has been made in the barn. A **big thanks** goes to Steve Schreiber, Wes Watson, Eric Carlson, Tony Cappoza, Vicky Morgan, Joe Day, and Amber and Amanda Martin for all their help.



Our target date for completing everything...okay, maybe not **everything**, but everything that needs to be done before winter hits is October 15th because our Awards Day and Cook-Off is October 18th. We plan to invite **everyone** who has helped, both physically and financially that day.

What still needs to be done?

- Minor electrical work
- Installing insulation (so our water won't freeze)
- Putting up wall board
- Hang two doors
- Fence hay area
- Finishing touches
  - Clamps on wires
  - Re-hang stall doors
  - Install door latches

If you can help in any of these areas, please let us know. What ever time is convenient for you will work for us.

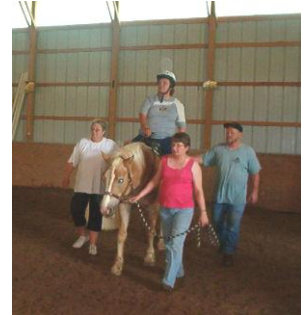


Thank you again, to everyone who has been helping us with this monumental project.

## Experience the Horse

When: Sept. 20, 2008  
Where: Pretty Pony Pastures  
Time: 2:00 to 4:00 pm  
Cost: Free

We had a very good response last year to this event, so we decided to do it again this year.



Please invite anyone you know who might be interested in therapeutic riding to attend. Feel free to take some flyers and distribute them or post them in appropriate places.

Even though therapeutic riding has been in the Unites States for about 50 years, many people, including therapists and doctors, do not know the benefits of horseback riding.

This year's format will be a 10 to 15 minute demonstration followed by questions/answers and time for riders to be evaluated for the program.

We need volunteers—both to ride and to help answer questions.

Please let me know if you can attend.

## Welcome New Riders and Volunteers!

We would like to welcome the following new riders to our program!

Jada Hart, Bowen Waltz, Tyler Streng, Jay Hodess, Olivia Pas, Sarah Losey, Marissa Adams, Cary Tenaglia, Jon and Anthony Knapp, and Becky Godin.

Our new volunteers include Vickie Morgan, Jamie Fagerstrom, Sheli Noel, Maggie Murchie, Alyssa Wallis, and Regan Tackett. Aubrey Forsythe has returned as a volunteer after spending a few years in Pennsylvania! .

We are so happy to see all of you here. We hope you will enjoy your experience with us.

## The Legend Becomes You

We have tickets for the Michigan Renaissance Festival. If you like to attend this event, you can purchase your tickets from us at the advanced ticket sale price:

Adults—\$15.95  
Children—\$6.50 (ages 1-12 - This is a dollar less than Kroger or other outlets charge)

The festival runs until the end of September.

