

Winnies and Nickers

Pretty Pony Pastures

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Calendar of Events

Dec. 16 — Dec. 22 Cookie swap. Bring some cookies to class and we'll exchange cookies and recipes!

Dec. 23—Jan. 1 CLOSED
Have a wonderful Christmas holiday.

Feb. 2— No classes. Clinic at MSU. Details to follow.

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

MORC

We have partnered with Macomb-Oakland Regional Center in offering therapeutic riding classes to some of their clients. This is a great opportunity for us to work with an agency in providing these classes. We have added a few riders for the winter session and look forward to more in the spring.

Insurance

Some parents have asked if therapeutic riding is covered by their insurance. This needs to be determined by your coverage. If you have pre-tax dollars set aside that will cover the classes, or if your child qualifies for assistance through other programs, I will be more than happy to provide a receipt or other documentation so you can be reimbursed.



Chili Cook-off was a Success!

Ten different chilies were entered in our first annual Chili Cook-off and Awards Celebration. The decision on whose chili was the best was going to be a difficult one, so we asked Tony, from Big Tony's Pizza and Ribs in Holly to be our official taster. Even he admits it was hard to come up with the absolute winner. But after several tastes he narrowed it down to two dishes. The winner was Jan Kleber, who made a "white" chili.



Congratulations Jan! Jan is a volunteer on Sunday afternoons. And if you want the best tasting ribs this side of M-59, visit Big Tony's. He's located at 3521 Grange Hall Road. And when you do, thank him for supporting our program.

Each of our rider's also received a Certificate of Accomplishment showing their riding level. With the certificate was a list of the skills they have attained.

Camp Casey

On September 22nd we hosted Camp Casey. It was great to see the effort put in by all the volunteers to make a special day for these youngsters. Hopefully we'll do it again next year!



Pictures have been posted at http://www.prettyponypastures.org/camp_casey.htm. For more information on Camp Casey and their mission go to <http://www.camp-casey.org/>

Who's That Mare?



Meet Poppy. Her registered name is Pure Poppy, but we call her Poppy.

She stands almost 14'2", making her our tallest horse and is capable of carrying over 200 pounds. She is built like a tank and moves like one too!

On her second day with us she was greeted by a Girl Scout troop who got to use Poppy when they learned how to groom a horse. Poppy enjoyed every moment of it! She was super calm during the entire ordeal.

She is very smart and learned our routine quickly. She got to know her new herd mates and now lives with Stella and Angel.

She has been to the arena several times and should be officially part of the program by spring.

All she wants is some pets, scratches and carrots.



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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 Riley Redmond, Ellie Grass, Brett and Bradley Henick, William Ballard, Ritchie and Robbie Ragnone, Jane Culter, Jenna Miller, and Gabriella Garcia . Welcome back Jordan Kalie!

And our new volunteers Andy Hare, Sue MacDonald, Carol Eberhardt and Wes Watson. Jacqueline Spearman has rejoined our program as a volunteer.

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.



Robbie riding Stella.

Holiday Shopping



This year's special edition Christmas ornament features Lisa Gold. Each item in our Christmas shop has 2007 stamped on it. This ornament will not be repeated, nor will it be available after this Christmas season, making it a collector's item.



We also added new shirt designs including "Future Cowboy" and "Future Cowgirl" for the young rider in your family.

These gifts and more can be found at www.cafepress.com/p3rider. All proceeds benefit our therapeutic riding program.



Weather Reminder

We can't ignore it...winter is here.

Here are our guidelines for canceled classes:



- Temperature or wind chill 20⁰ or less
- Traveler's advisory in effect
- Snowfall of 4 inches or more (check to see if our drive is plowed)
- Winds gusting to more than 30 mph
- Severe weather (snow, ice, wind, temp, storm) warning

If in doubt, please call our hot line at **248 245-0014**. We try to post closings as early in the day as possible.

Absenteeism

Colds, flu, and other illness means no riding. We understand. But, we need to know as soon as possible so we can contact the volunteers. If you know that you will be gone, please sign out on the calendar that is located near the sign in sheets.

If the rider must miss class and the call is received at least two hours before the scheduled class time (or noon on Sunday for the afternoon classes), you will not be charged for the class. If the call is placed anytime after the two hour (noon Sunday) window, the rider will be charged 50% of the class fee. **No shows will be charged at the full rate.** Our policy on missing classes is—three or more classes in a row places your riding spot in jeopardy.

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