



# Pinckney Trail Riders Association

Winter 2019

Board meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 7pm.  
• All Members Welcome • For more information call, 734.878.2975

"Talk to the Hoof"

## Upcoming Events

March 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> - **Horse Expo at MSU Pavilion** – E. Lansing

March 30<sup>th</sup> - **PTRA/BTRA Joint Spring Fling Banquet** – Howell Brewery, Michigan Ave. 6 PM

Please join us on March 30, 2019 for the "Spring Fling" Banquet brought to you by Brighton and Pinckney Trail Riders. Cost is \$20 per member, \$30 for non-members, and includes a raffle ticket. Cash bar is available! Come enjoy this awesome venue for socializing, eating, dancing, 50/50 drawing, raffle and silent auction. The room is large, bar serves many, and our dinner will be served buffet style. We will have live music with the very talented Travis Root.

To RSVP before March 15th, donate items to silent auction or for questions, please contact Gayle Pawl 810-599-5446 or Mindy Nagy 734-645-4278. Don't forget your cash or checks for dinner and silent auction items. Dual membership discount will be available for joining both groups at the banquet. Hope we see you there! You can now pay ahead of time for the banquet online, please choose the paypal options which say banquet!!! <http://pinckneytrailriders.com/membership.html>.

**YOU MUST CALL TO RSVP, FACEBOOK RSVP WILL NOT GET YOU IN THE DOOR!!**

April 27<sup>th</sup> - **PTRA Work Bee** - 10 AM at 3683 Monks Rd. Staging Area, Pinckney

June 1<sup>st</sup> - **Blessing of the Horse** - 10 AM at 3683 Monks Rd. Staging Area, Pinckney

Benefit ride for NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness) sponsored by member, Alison Paine. Contact her at 734-904-4682 or [alisonpaine21@hotmail.com](mailto:alisonpaine21@hotmail.com) for further details

Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>-25 - **Camping Weekend/Ride to Hell** - Camping at staging area starting at 10 am Friday

Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Fall Work Bee**. See website for details.

See website [www.pinckneytrailriders.com](http://www.pinckneytrailriders.com) for full details



## Spring Flowers are Just Around the Corner !

(We Promise)

The THINK SPRING flower sale is the largest fundraiser we have with PTRA, it is what allows us to keep up with the never ending upkeep of the equestrian trails and staging area at Pinckney Rec. That is why your participation is so important. The flowers are gorgeous, veggies delicious and the greenhouse is in Michigan. THINK SPRING with PTRA, it's an easy way to support your trails!

Checks payable to PTRA and mail with order form to us at 11185 Country Ln., Pinckney 48169. Be sure to include your name and phone number on the top of your order form. Postmark by 3/25/19. Flowers are delivered the week before Mother's Day so you can order your Mother's Day gifts here too! If you'd like a printed copy, please contact Sue at 734-878-2975.

## Support Our S.E. Michigan Trail Groups

By Amy Scharmen-Burdolf

Before you load your horses into the trailer to go riding for the weekend, check out what's happening on the trails by visiting the "Southeast Michigan Equestrian Trail Group Events" on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/southeastmichiganequestriantrailgroupevents/>.

This group has been created to support the associations who protect our access to the many wonderful and varied parks in the Southeast Michigan area. We strive to bring awareness to their efforts. The best way to show your appreciation for their hard work is with yearly memberships and also by attending their events throughout the year. All events will be advertised on this FB group. We hope to build a community of engaged riders who will make new friends while exploring new or well-known trails all while increasing memberships and event participation for the trail associations. 2019 is looking like an exciting year on the Southeast Michigan trails!!



### To Blanket or Not to Blanket?

Posted by Alexandra Beckstett, The Horse Managing Editor

Dec 7,

The concept is simple: When your horse is cold, put on his blanket. When he's not cold, take it off. But how do you really know if he's cold—short of seeing him shivering in his bell boots? In a nutshell, [your horse] probably [does] not blanketing. Horses' bodies are pretty well-equipped to handle even frigid temperatures. You'll notice that as the days start to get shorter and nights cooler—usually around September—their coats begin to change and grow. "Changes of the hair coat are as much light-dependent as they are temperature-dependent," explains Bob Coleman, MS, PhD, a former resident of Alberta, Canada, who is now the associate professor of equine Extension at the University of Kentucky's Department of Animal Sciences, in Lexington.

Healthy horses with nice full coats, body condition scores of at least 4 (on the 1-9 scale [posted on our FB page]) and access to some form of shelter might only need a blanket if temperatures dip below 10° to 0° F, says Karen Waite, MS, PhD, Extension specialist at Michigan State University's Department of Animal Sciences, in East Lansing. "If a horse starts to shiver, then you might want to consider a blanket, but typically that doesn't happen unless (the horse) is cold and wet," she adds.

Note: See the Pinckney Trail Riders Facebook Page for the Special Report: What You Need to Know About Blanketing.

Throw a light- or midweight blanket on your body-clipped horse when temperatures start to hit the 40s, and reach for a heavier one once temperatures dip below freezing. If your horse is starting to sweat under his blanket, he's too hot. But this isn't always obvious, so look for the subtle signs.

On cold days, for instance, horses naturally gravitate toward sunlight. This strategy for warming up is effective—enough that you might notice steam coming off the front of the blanket or around the horse's withers. In those cases, they're getting too hot, says Coleman, and it's not necessarily the extra heat that's the issue; it's the damp.

"Once the sun goes down, they're going to be wet, and they're going to be cold, and they'll start to shiver," Coleman says. He likens it to how you'd feel if you worked up a sweat mucking out stalls in a down coat and then walked outside into the cold: "Your insulated materials are now damp, and you get cold faster. Horses are the same way."

"The nice thing is that horses acclimate very quickly," Coleman adds. "If we change their hair coat growth, give them a year and they'll figure it out. Biologically, they're pretty adept at growing hair."

To view the full article, go to <https://thehorse.com/18897/horse-blanketing-faqs/>

## Equine Disease Alerts

The Equine Disease Communication Center (EDCC) is an industry-driven which works to protect horses and the horse industry from the threat of infectious diseases in North America. The communication system is designed to seek and report real time information about disease outbreaks similar to how the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) alerts the human about diseases in people.

The first priority of the EDCC is to protect and improve the health of horses in North America. Real-time information on infectious disease outbreaks, quarantines, and regulations are vital to helping horse owners keep their animals safe and healthy. Infectious disease outbreaks have a profound and lasting effect on local economy and can result in millions lost in revenue due to horse loss, quarantine, cancelled events, resources allocated to containing outbreaks, and decreased horse movement. The EDCC works to provide up-to-date, completely verified, and easily accessible information that is comprehensible to equestrians in every facet of the industry. In this way the EDCC helps to decrease the economic impact of infectious diseases on the \$122 billion horse industry.

Reports of infectious and vector-borne disease cases are received from a state veterinarian, state animal health official or attending veterinarian are confirmed and formed into comprehensive alerts, which are then posted on the on the EDCC Outbreak Alerts page. Alerts are sent to subscribers by email and posted social media (check out our Facebook and Twitter pages). The email blast list is a free service. Anyone can sign up for EDCC email alerts on our sign-up page. For more information on how alerts are formed and how the EDCC functions, visit the EDCC Frequently Asked Questions page.

The EDCC is an industry-funded, non-profit organization which can only function thanks to dozens of sponsors. To help support the EDCC, please consider making a tax-deductible donation through the AAEP Foundation with the designation for the Equine Disease Communication Center under "Type of Gift".

### **PTRA Business Supporter Featuring Author, Kristine Brickey**

Born and raised in Michigan, Kristine Brickey, an award winning author, has always reveled in the power of words. The 2017 MCTE Middle School Teacher of the Year recently retired from teaching after thirty amazing years. Brickey has an understanding of teens that allows the creation of true characters and situations that strike the hearts of her readers.

This author spends time traveling with her husband, riding her horse, bonding with her two donkeys and dogs, and participates in as many 'wordy' groups and activities as possible.

Achieving her life dream of seeing her novel in the hands of others and on store shelves has only increased her passion for reading and writing. Look for future books from this author soon.



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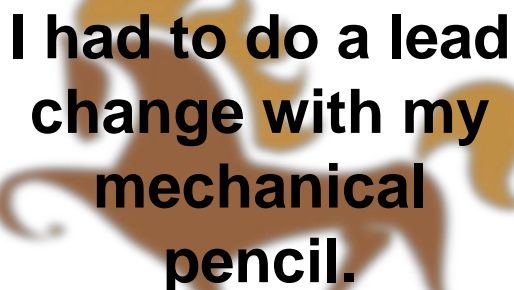


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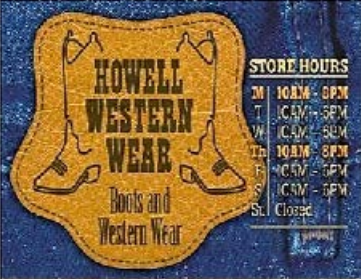
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