

Michigan Country Curly's



The Farm



Local women breed American Bashkir Curly horses by Sandra PonsettoStaff WriterThey're kind of like potato chips — you can't have just one. At least that seems to be the way it is for Pam Kars and Shawn Winters of Hastings when it comes to American Bashkir Curly horses, a breed known for its unique hypoallergenic Curly coat, hardiness, gentleness, and intelligence.Kars and Winters have bought mares and stallions, and are beginning a breeding program. In the spring, two foals were born on the farm, MC Total Glimmer and Shine (Shine, for short), and MC Lakota's Bling Bling (Bling, for short). "Now we have our own herd," said Winters, who said her mare, Topaz, and stallion, Henri, will have a foal next spring.Kars, who has been an avid horse enthusiast since the age of 5, got her first Curly, Lily, for her daughter, Jaymee, to ride and show for 4-H and at other equestrian events, doing jumping, dressage, hunter and English riding competitions."Curlys are intelligent and have great stamina, which makes them excellent horses for