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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Elzabeth Lampert, MHJA President



It is so interesting how many calendars we all have to maintain. These calendars each effect where we go, and what we are able to do. We have work calendars, holiday calendars, horse show calendars, school calendars, and so many more. There are times where one can feel completely overwhelmed by the numerous things we keep up with, but there also seems to be such clarity in knowing where things begin and where they end. Here we

are at the end of our competition calendar for the season, yet we are at the start of the school calendar for the year. The statement "when one door closes, another one opens" certainly rings true.

This President's Message was slow to put to paper this time, as I was struggling to come out of the State Fair Coma that I put upon myself. The State Fair is always monumental in the calendar, as it is the last local show of the season before the kids go back to school. (Actually, some kids started school the day we showed at the fair.) It was great to see the incredible turn out that our Hunter Jumper membership presented at the fair this year, and important to note that we went up from 92 entries last year to 127 this year!!

As the President of the MHJA, the excitement of the turn out at the State Fair was short lived when I learned of the low turn out at Otter Creek. What can we do to insure that our horse shows continue to be supported? How can MN be the highest state represented at Maffitt Lake and Mason City, yet we struggle to keep the local shows running? How can our equine community support the shows that are being offered, and still have professionals starting young kids and adults to come up the ranks in the riding world? All of these questions are needing to be answered in order for us to find a way to support the shows, and keep the equine industry alive and active in our area.

The Harvest Horse Show is the last show of the year here in MN, but it isn't the end of our season. We have our Annual Open Meeting on October 24th, and I hope you will all make an effort to be there! The success of our horse shows and equine businesses depend upon our ability to work together as a community, and we will have many items up for discussion including our horse shows, the schedule, the needs of our members, and so much more. Finally, I hope you will all put the Annual Awards Banquet on your calendars for November 19th! We look forward to celebrating the season with all of you!

Start making your goals for the winter, and get ready for working without your stirrups!

Elzabeth Lampert

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HAPPY FALL MHJAERS!

How well do you know the dogs at the horse shows? You can test your knowledge in a new section we will be featuring where you match the trainer to his/her dog(s)! Find out about Amelia Batson's first experience showing at Pony Finals, as well as how Lindsey Vail made some new friends in Oklahoma.

Mark your calendars now for the year end banquet! Start thinking about those baskets for the silent auction!

Our next issue is the Holiday/Year End Awards Issue. Please consider placing an ad congratulating or thanking your farm, a friend, trainer, horse, groom, or parents. We would love to see more photos, artwork, and other interesting content from our members, let us know your thoughts! Check out the Minnesota Hunter & Jumper Association Facebook Page and our website www.mhja6.org

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TENTATIVE 2016 MHJA CALENDAR

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This calendar is taken from the USEF web site, and show managers. Please check dates carefully. Note the changes in dates for the Mid States Spring Horse Show caused by a change in dates of the Omaha International show. This is the year that the USEF calendar rolls back a week, but The State Fair, Otter Creek and the Harvest Show are still forced to work around the date of Labor Day.

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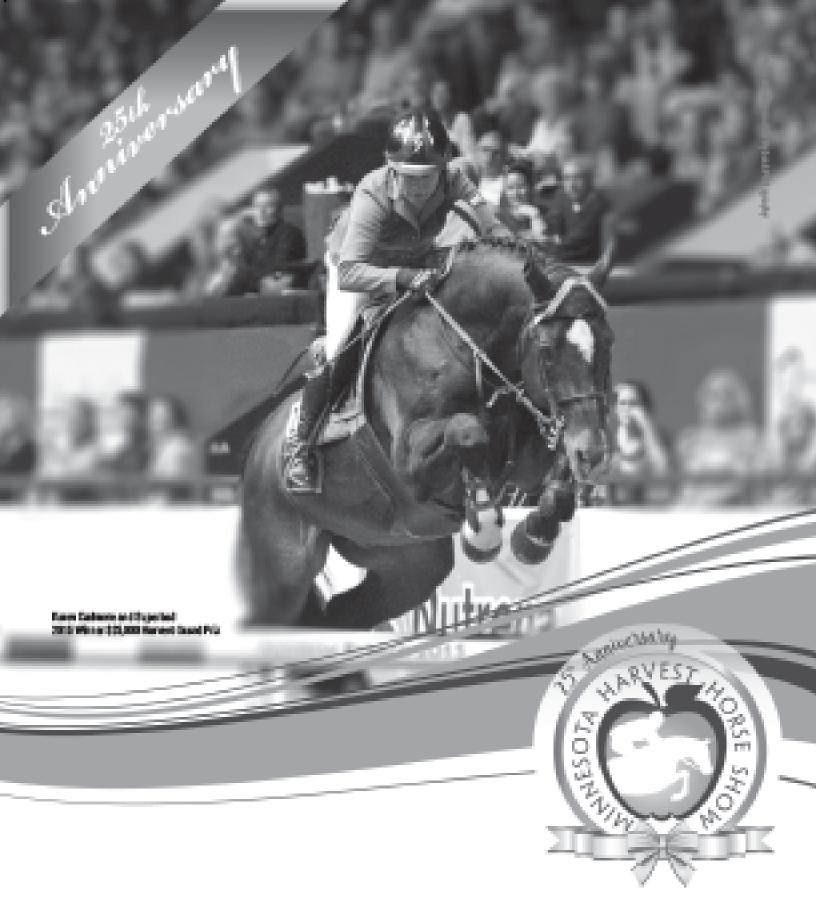
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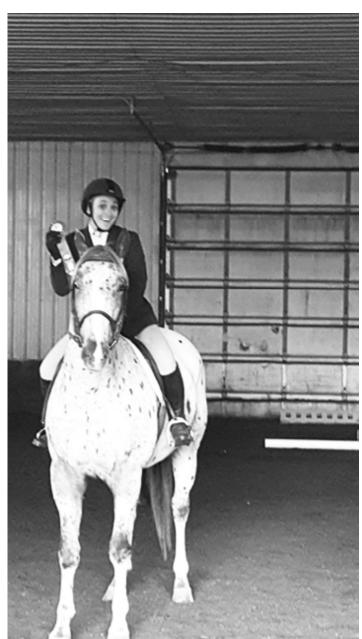




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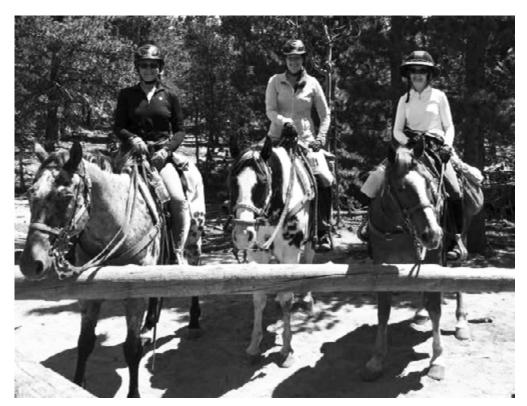








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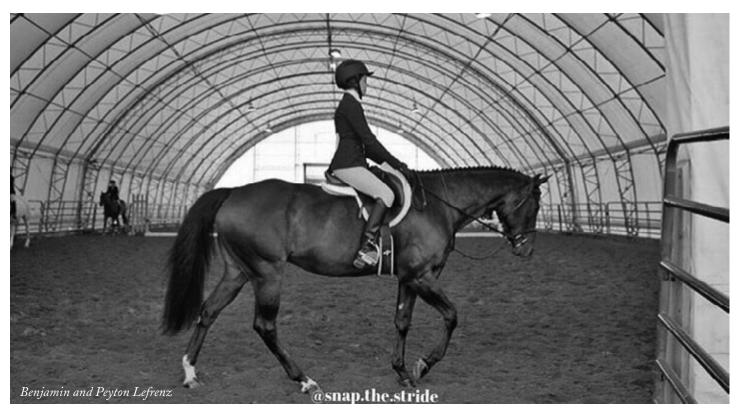






What an incredible State Fair we had this year! The State Fair continues to be such a wonderful way for our equine industry to share with the community. It is great to see people young and old reaching out to pat a horse for the first time, and wonderful to see the smiles that our horses and ponies bring to people that don't get to be around them every day.

This year the addition of Wednesday in the Agstar being an Opportunity ring was tremendous, and it was wonderful to see all the young and eager faces enjoying their first time showing at the State Fair. We welcomed Mikey Urban and his reliable crew to the fair this year, and Matt kept that ingate rocking steady all day long. The schedule allowed for long days still, but much more manageable finish times









each day in comparison to last year. This year the prizes for the fair were great water bottles, coat bags, and totes, and the champions received custom State Fair C4 belts! Patty Humphries and Samantha Fisher handed out two very special awards to the Champion in the Short Stirrup Hunter and Equitation in memory of Barb Ahrens, as Barb thought EVERY CHILD should get to show at the fair.

Congratulations to Ada Broshar and Truly Yours on being the recipient of both of those special awards!

Ultimately, the Fair always poses challenges, but the smiles and sportsmanship that it generates far out weigh the challenges. Thank you to all who supported the State Fair this year, and we look forward to seeing you all again at the State Fair next year!



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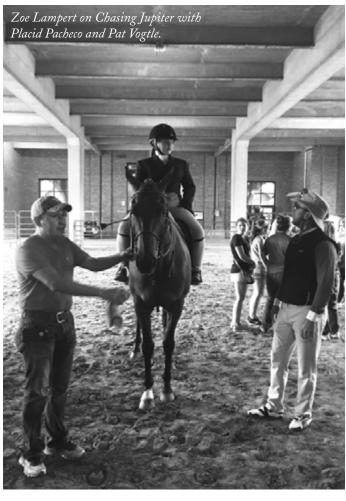
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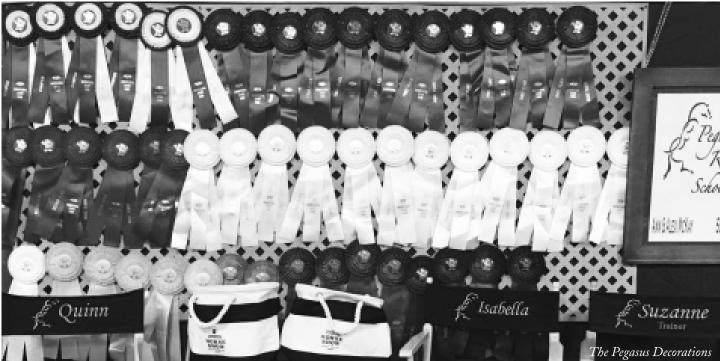
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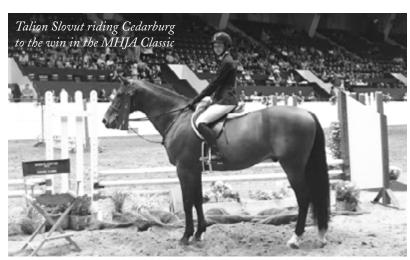








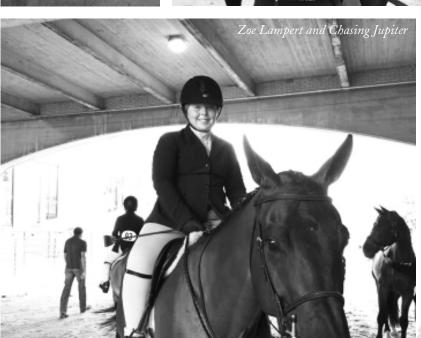
















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ZONE 6 REPRESENTED AT USHJA REGIONAL HUNTER **CHAMPIONSHIPS**

by Lindsay Vail



This past December, I remember sitting at the USHJA Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL when they announced the implementation of the Children's and Adult Amateur Hunter Regional Championship program and immediately knew it was something I wanted to do. Already a popular program in the jumpers, I was so excited that the USHJA decided to expand regional competition over to hunter riders as well. This inaugural event was to be held by region, and the show venue selected for the Central Region, comprised of Zones 6 and 7, was the Greater Oklahoma

("GO") Show in Oklahoma City in mid-July. I was initially discouraged by this news, knowing the distance to Oklahoma City in the middle of the hot summer might be a little more than I could handle. I was also worried about other fellow Zone 6 competitors having the same thoughts. After discussing the details with my trainer, Elzabeth Lampert, she told me not to worry, that even if other Minnesotans didn't want to go down, she would do everything in her power to get me there.

I went back and forth on my decision for a few months,

evaluating every pro and con. I had a great 2015 season and was at the top of the qualification list, but Oklahoma City was really far away. It would be a great opportunity, but I would be traveling all alone. I didn't know if I would ever have the chance to do something like this again, but it was going to be really expensive. If you know me, my decision making process is always extremely drawn out, with every possible angle considered. It wasn't until about a month before the show where I had that "YOLO" moment and said, "just do it."

nerves as I got ready to compete.

With all the pieces in place, before I knew it, I was packing up my trunk and handing Quigley over to Jake Wright for his long drive down south. I was excited, anxious, and nervous as I arrived in Oklahoma, not knowing what to expect. Of course, the first place I went when I arrived was straight to the Fairgrounds to see Q. You think the Minnesota Fairgrounds are impressive? The Oklahoma City Fairgrounds put ours to shame! Home to the Quarter Horse Congress each year, I was in awe of



Elz immediately got on the phone with trainers and shippers, trying to work out the logistics of the trip. The GO Show/Hunter Championships unfortunately fell on the exact same weekend of the Carriage House Show in Hugo, so Elzabeth was not going to be able to attend with me. This instantly made me nervous as I have not spent one second in my rated horse show career without her at the in gate. In order to not have me down there completely alone, Elzabeth arranged for fellow trainer Pat Vogtle to fly down to help train me for the Championships. Knowing I was going to have a familiar face with me definitely eased some

the size of the facility. The number of stalls, the number of horses, the barn set ups, the coliseum, the jumps, the rings...you would have thought I had never been to a horse show before! That particular week was a World Championship Hunter Rider week, so the banners and buzz surrounding that, along with all the press and talk of the Regional Championships, made it all a really big deal for me.

Elzabeth had arranged for me to be stabled with Libby Barrow, owner of Farewell Farm in Tulsa, Oklahoma. I could not have received a more warm welcome. Libby, her



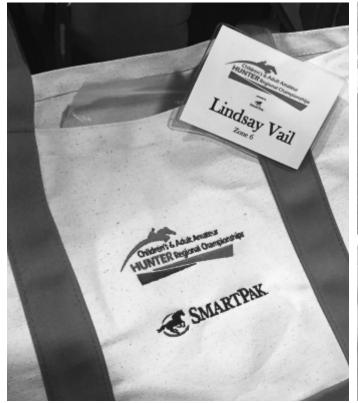
students, parents, grooms, and assistant trainers, all made me feel like I had been a part of their family for years. Everyone was so friendly, helpful, outgoing, and fun. Her operation is ran like a well oiled machine, and the care of my horse could not have been better. With about 30 horses there, Libby had kids in the ponies, every level of green horse, hunter, jumpers, derby riders, grand prix riders, you name it, she had a student that did it. She even had a handful of girls competing in the Championships with me, which was really fun.

Thursday kicked off with the official jog and the Team Competition. Since Zone 6 did not send any other riders, I was placed on a team with two women from Zone 7. We were given our team assignments right before the jog, so unfortunately didn't have much time to get to know each other before the event started. The Team Competition was comprised of three rounds, one hack, and two classic hunter style courses. There were two panels of judges, who each gave a score (even in the hack) that was added to the team cumulative total. Simply put, the team with the highest



score at the end, would win. As we began to warm up, I got my first glimpse at the competition. The horses and riders were impressive, which only made me more nervous. Pat had not arrived yet, so Libby was training me for the team classes. Her guidance was excellent, but it was almost surreal getting ready to go in the ring with someone I had just met a few hours ago. Despite all the factors, into our classes we went! Qjumped around fine, but we had a pretty big spook in one of the corners, and were really dinged for it in our score. Our second round was much better. My teammates didn't have the best day either, one putting in a beautiful round, with an epic miss at the last fence, and the other went off course. She felt awful, but we've all been there, it's something that just happens sometimes. We ended up third of three teams. There was a really fun awards ceremony at the conclusion of team rounds, one we



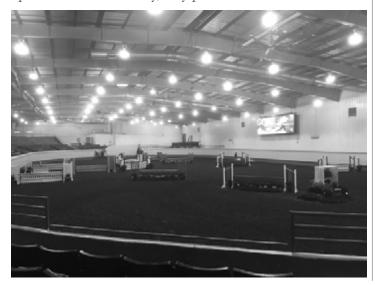






had to stand in the corner for since Quigley thought the bright blue SmartPak banner used in the ceremony was the scariest thing he'd ever seen.

The following day was the Individual Competition, ran in the same format scoring wise as the Team. They pinned each round separate, and then took your total point score overall to determine final standings. Unlike the Team section, the Individual over fences rounds were derby style, with the first round being a classic derby course with height options, and the second being a handy style round. We pinned last in the hack, which was no surprise. For any of you who have seen Q go, you know he's no classic hunter mover (but still the best horse ever!). This put a bit of pressure on the over fences rounds, but I was ready. We ended up 3rd in the derby round and 4th in the handy round, taking all the high options each time, and ended up 4th overall. I was very, very pleased with this result



and Quigley could not have gone better. Of course my nerves were a factor throughout the whole day, but I was very happy with that solid performance, and only one spot away from getting a medal! Again, there was a big awards ceremony to award our ribbons. The USHJA had a handful of top notch sponsors for this event, including SmartPak, Shapely's, Charles Owen, Antares, FITS, and Essexs Classics. The winner of the event received a new helmet, show shirt, bridle, breeches, and then of course ribbons, a medal and a cooler. We all received big beautiful ribbons for each of the classes and even bigger ones and neck ribbons for overall places. The USHJA really worked hard to make it special and fun. We all received a photo with USHJA representatives and got to take a victory lap. I think Q was a bit tired at this point, so we were able to participate in the victory gallop, but that bright blue SmartPak banner was again notably absent from our award photo.

With the Championship over, it was on to the rest of the weekend, where I competed in the Adult Amateur division just as a normal horse show. We were a bit up and down throughout the weekend but came out with a couple good ribbons in what easily was one of the largest divisions at the show. It was really fun to step out of the Midwest bubble of Minnesota and Iowa into a new place with new faces and competition. The GO Show is hands down the largest show I have ever been to, and it was really gratifying to know that Quigley and I could remain competitive in the company of some really seasoned riders and really nice horses. I walked away from the Oklahoma show with many new friends, tons of great memories, new lessons learned,

and more experience and mileage to put under my belt. I am so glad I made the decision to go, and am so grateful to each and every person who made it possible for me to get there.

The Regional Children's/Adult Amateur Championships is a program that the USHJA is going to continue to do every year. For every MHJA member that competes (or plans to one day compete) in the Children's and Adult Amateur divisions, I would highly recommend this be something you aspire to do. Beside collegiate competition, this is the only opportunity I have ever had as a hunter rider to compete on a team, and it was such a blast. The USHJA did a fantastic job at organizing and executing the event, and with the help of their sponsors were able to make the awards and prizes really special and nice. I shouldn't forget to mention that the championship classes, both team and individual, were paid out nicely as well! Trainers, parents, juniors, and fellow amateurs, I really can't say enough good things about this program and how much fun it was, it should really be something we as a Zone should try to continue to represent in the coming years.

Of course my travels to this competition would not have been possible without the help many, many people. I would like to thank my trainer Elzabeth for making all of this possible from the start, Libby Barrow and her students for making it such a positive and fun experience, Pat Vogtle



for taking the time to fly in for the weekend to help me and provide many laughs along the way, Jake Wright Transportation for getting Q to and from Oklahoma safely, the USHJA Zone 6 Committee and the USHJA Foundation for providing financial assistance to assist with show expenses, and to every friend, co-worker, family member, and horse acquaintance for the overwhelming amount of kind words and support. You were all there with me in spirit, and I hope Quigley and I made Zone 6 proud!





MY EAP EXPERIENCE WITH

Candice King By Bekah Johnson



I had a really great experience attending the EAP in Nebraska at Quail Run Centre. I was in the 3' session. I loved every single moment learning more about stable management and learning from Candice King. Not only has it been another riding experience in my pocket, my knowledge expanded from it. I so valued learning from Candice King. She had such great insight and she shared her expertise individually. I gained a new perspective on some riding aspects which I am able to apply every time I get on to ride. She's always positive, but will give critiques and will push you to try.

If I were to be presented with the opportunity again, I would do it all again in a heartbeat. Thanks to Dan Urban for hosting it at Quail Run, Candice King for doing the clinics, Nanci Snyder, the USHJA, Dover for sponsoring this program, and to the rest of the EAP committee for making this possible! I know it takes a village to make it all come together.





JOURNEY TO: Pony Finals



I took my first riding lessons in 2010 when I was eight years old, and I've loved this sport ever since. Competing at Pony Finals has been a dream of mine from the beginning. The opportunity to show in the big Walnut Ring in the Kentucky Horse Park, surrounded by lots of good riders and hundreds of adorable ponies seemed like a dream come true. In September of 2015, I started working with Tracy Grandstrand and I told her that it was my goal to compete at Pony Finals. She was supportive, and that winter I started riding her large green pony, Webster. I was

really excited and came out to the barn frequently to lesson. We worked on being straight to the jumps and having a consistent pace around our courses. We were a good match and he taught me a lot.

We began showing together in April, and started out in the large childrens hunter ponies, working our way up to the pony division. In early June, we competed at Midstates in the large greens and had a successful show, earning reserve champion. I was really excited because this qualified us for Pony Finals 2016. To keep preparing, we went to a













few other shows to get more experience in the show ring, and rode a lot at home. We practiced over lots of different courses that had longer lines and higher jumps than what I would actually be competing in, so that Pony Finals would feel easier.

When August came around, we both felt ready. After our last lesson, I packed my trunk and gave Webster lots of love and treats before he got on the trailer to Kentucky. Once there, I walked him down to the schooling areas, taking in all the buzzing sights and scenes of Pony Finals along the way. It seemed like a pony rider's dream; the expansive show grounds were filled with super cute ponies everywhere you looked, along with lots of shops, puppies, and ice cream stands. When we got up to the schooling rings, I got to ride and jump Webster around and over a course of jumps in the large pony schooling ring. Even though he had never been there before, he was really good and didn't bat an eye at any of our surroundings. We continued to school in the rings for the next couple of days up until we started showing.



On our first day of showing, we had the model and the hack. There were around 85 large greens, and I was nervous. Once I walked into the ring, my nerves went away and I focused on Webster. There were three judges and the class went by really quickly. Before I knew it, we were onto the under saddle. We walked back into the ring, lined up on the rail, and then trotted out to begin the class. We walked, trotted, and cantered around the ring, and Webster was really calm about all of it, not distracted by the tents, loudspeakers, and people, all right outside of the ring. It was a good first day for us. The next day was our over fences round. First, we walked the course to get a feel of what it would be like to ride it, and went over what I should focus on during the round. I watched some people in my class ride the course, and then got on Webster to school. After schooling, we headed up to the walnut ring, and walked up to wait on the ramp. I couldn't believe that it was actually happening, but I headed into the ring and began my course. It wasn't a perfect round, but we had some really good parts and got around the course nicely. After the last jump of the course, I smiled and gave Webster lots of pats on our way out of the ring.

Looking back, Pony Finals was a really good experience for me. I had a lot of fun and learned a lot. Over the last year, I've made a lot of progress in my riding, though I still have a lot to learn. For anyone who wants to go to Pony Finals, my advice is to talk with your trainer about your goals and make sure you're on the same page, try to show as much as you can to get used to different show rings, and most importantly believe in yourself and don't give up.









THE HISTORY OF OUR **ANNUAL TROPHIES**

CORTRIGHT CHILDREN'S HUNTER

Awarded to the overall high point children's horse.

Preston was from Syracuse, N.Y. For years he was very active in the horse world in the upstate N.Y. area both with hunters and jumpers, as well as race horses. His interest continued with hunter/jumpers when he moved to Minnesota in the winter of 1971.

He served for years on numerous committees and organizations to help with the improvement and interest in our sport. He was one of the very early supporters and sponsors of the A-Z Horse Show (now the Minnesota Harvest Horse Show).

He and his wife operated their Hamel-area horse facility for the next 10 years. Their riders and horses were very successful, winning numerous championships and MHJA annual awards. Some of those riders are still very active in the MHJA! He served as one of the area's horse show announcers until his death.

Originally awarded: 1982 | First winner: Winsor Gate and Kathy Petrucci



1 - Preston J. Cortright Memorial High Point Childrens Hunter Donated by Heidi Carisch

Awarded to:

1982 - Kathy Petrucci - Windsor Gate

1983 - Megan McDowell - First Lady

1984 - Kathy Masse - About Time

1985 - Dylan Thomas - Mere Persuasion

1986 - Elzabeth Miner-Tuck 'M-Up

1987 - Mandy McQuay - Mere Persuasion

1988 - Heather Parish - Idol Talk

1989 - Danielle Gronneberg - Mere Persuasion

1990 - Tara Roth - Charlie

1991 - Jessica Wangsness - Sands of Time

1992 - Alpine Farms - Independence

1993 - Steppin Out - Meg Henry

1994 - Out of the Blue - Natalie Sentz

1995 - Brass Castles - Anna Renier

1996 - Some Kind of Wonderful - Jennifer Stoltenberg

1997 - Cara Mia - Grace Mudge

1998 - Brass Castles - Jessica Renier

1999 - Brass Castles - Rebecca Renier

2000 - Hocus Pocus - Megan Schall

2001 - James Bond - Kelly Harmel

2002 - Brando - Andrew Wells

2003 - Sneak Preview - Sara Frey

2004 - Blue Diamond - Jillian Fairman

2005 - Anything Goes - Gina Vlahos

2006 - Eastwood - Jillian Fairman

2007 - Anything Goes - Gina Vlahos

2008 - Blue Diamond - Hannah Patterman

2009 - Blue Diamond - Hannah Patterman

2010 - Worth the Wait – Patrick Gage

2011 - Copper Canyon - Owner - Eileen Fontaine

Rider - Paige Junker

2012 - Copper Canyon - Owner Eileen Fontaine

Rider - Paige Junker

2013 - Ontario - Katherine Kemp

2014 - The Real McCoy - Rachel Johnson

2015 - The Real McCoy - Rachel Johnson



JOHN NORDGREN HIGH POINT AWARD

The John Nordgren High Point Award is awarded to the horse ridden by a child or adult amateur rider accumulating the most points in the low or high children's or adult amateur divisions. Donated by John to encourage the children and amateurs in the regular jumper sections before they had their own classes.

John Nordgren grew up in Shoreview, MN and learned to ride at the North Oaks Stable. He guided trail rides for five dollars a day and showed a pony jumper named "Moon Spinner"!

Upon receiving his drivers license he moved to Tom Kings Carriage House Farm and worked with show horses for 3 years. John was hacking a horse for a friend who was away at school when he was shot by teenagers aiming at squirrels. He was comatose for two months and spent most of the next four months in the hospital recovering from a severe brain injury. He had to learn to talk, walk, tie his shoes and feed himself.

His story is nothing short of amazing; he recovered enough to follow his love of horses. He worked with Hans Senn for many years and has been managing the daily horse care at Spring Meadow Farm for the past thirteen years. It would be impossible to count the numbers of horses and riders he has helped since he lost the ability to ride himself.

This trophy celebrates your ride.

Originally awarded: 1987 | First winner: Arlene Wyle

 1 – John Nordgren High Point Training Jumper Amateur

Awarded to:

1987 - Arlene Weyl

1988 - Bonnie L. Becker

1989 - Bob Mitchell

1990 - Kathy Ott

1991 – Tara Roth

1992 - Sara Morrison

1993 - Brook Hutchinson

1994 - Kate Bomgaars

1995 – Kim & Jerry Fisher

1996 – Jessica Swanson

1997 - Penny Eckert

1998 – Summer Lalor-Schleck

1999 - Brenda Roloff

2000 - Brenda Roloff

2001 - Brenda Roloff

2002 – Kaylyn Cody

2003 - Missy Torgerson

2004 – John Puckett

2005 – Cameron Myers

2006 - Victoria Hagen

2007 - Jennifer Nelson

2008 - Jennifer Nelson

2009 - Heidi Carisch

2010 - Katherine Bentfield

2011 - Rachel Stanger

2012 - Hannah Pattermann

2013 - Rachel Stanger

2014 - Rachel Stanger

2015 – Tal Mizrahi

MCCABE LARGE JUNIOR HUNTER

Awarded to the winner of the large junior hunter division. Donated by Cathy McCabe Cortright in memory of her father.

Donald McCabe's interest in the hunter/jumper world started out as do many parents of interested young riders. While continuing to support his daughters' interest in riding and showing, Donald became involved in the operation of the local horse shows and was always very willing to offer a helping hand wherever necessary. He was very supportive and encouraging especially to the young and upcoming riders. He served for years as the paddock master starter at most of the area horse shows. Donald always seemed to be able to give encouragement to a tentative rider as they would enter the ring, as well as a comforting word to those who didn't have the "trip of a lifetime" as they left the ring! He continued his love for and interest in horses the remainder of his life.

Originally awarded: 1972 | First winner: Champale and Tom Powers

1-Donald T.McCabe Memorial Perpetual Jr. Hunter Champion **MHJA**

Awarded to:

1972 - Champale - Tom Powers

1973 - Forty Carats - Gretchen Wallace

1974 - Champale - Pam Powers

1975 – Champale – Pam Powers

1976 - Perfect Match - Lane Hawley

1977 - Collectors Edition - Barb Greenwood

1978 – Minnegasco – Susie Kokesh

1979 – Box Top – Barbara Beakey

1980 - Whiz Kid - Tammy Tompkins

1981 - Friday Evening - Sarah Peabody

1982 - Sly Fox - Marcy Tremblay

1983 - Kittywynke - Nancy Sherman

1984 – Tiffany Rose – Gretchen Piper

1985 - Friday Evening - Lainie Roth

1986 - Friday Evening - Lainie Roth

1987 - Partial Eclipse - Andrea Barbarossa

1988 – Idol Talk – Heather Parish

1989 – Idol Talk – Heather Parish

1990 - Wallstreet - Heather Parish

1991 - Wallstreet - Heather Parish

1992 - Wallstreet - Heather Parish

1993 - Crookston - Sunny Fenton

1994 - Top Brass - Eileen Wiener

1995 – Isaac – Carrie Mitchell

1996 – Izzy Awesome – Bryn Gordon

1997 - Best Kept Secret - Anna Renier

1998 - Best Kept Secret - Anna Renier

1999 – Hope – Summer Lalor-Schleck

2000 - Realty Check - Grace Mudge

2001 – Hope – Summer Lalor-Schleck

2002 - Hobson's Choice - Chelsea Anderson

2003 - Singular Sensor - Jessica Erickson

2004 - Rochambeau - Andrew Wells

2005 - Anne Steeves

2006 - Shadow Box - Alexandra McDonald

2007 - Shadow Box - Alexandra McDonald

2008 - Shadow box - Alexandra McDonald

2009 - Eastwood - Kate Roach

2010 - Eastwood - Kate Roach

2011 - Origine - Alyssa Franz

2012 - Origine - Alyssa Franz

2013 - Aspin - Anna Nordin

2014 - Impression - Paige Junker

2015 - The Duchess of York - Mimi Lyons





MATCHING DOGS W/TRAINERS, **HOW DID YOU DO?**

answers from page 22-23









Blanca & Suzanne Weppelo

Charlotte & Elzabeth Lampert



Clifford & Matt Wildung





Diva and Lizzie Johnny and Nikki Salazar





George and Ralph & Jessica Swanson





Eyes & Ears

Arbor Hill Farm

from Jane (a proud grandma) No one went to pony finals, or Rio, a clinic or run into anyone famous. We're just enjoying our summer with a leased pony and and a just turned 8 year old competing in the Opportunity classes. However, that's pretty exciting for us. It has included lots of barn time with fun, wildlife and friends. We did include a trip to Iowa (Mason City) for the experience but otherwise have stayed close to home. Where else could you ride around the barrier in the outdoor ring because some turtles laid their eggs in the center? Or have a picnic at the barn where your pony tries to eat your food? Or celebrate

an 8th birthday with pony rides for the attendees? Or walk the trails with your family and pony? Or cheer on your barn friends as they compete? Or just hang out as you learn how to take care of your pony with help from your barn friends? Or having a trainer that understands you, likes you, and teaches you how to become a rider? Or going to the local shows, having fun and enjoy winning some ribbons? How about your mother really enjoying the pony and all it involves, and your grandmother so proud and happy that someone else understands what being a complete horse nut is like? Or your 6 year old brother actually asking if he can take a lesson? (That's a major event!)

Nothing exciting, but overall, worth it all. Lots and lots of pictures and memories.

One more thing, I think one of the best highlights just happened this week. My daughter, granddaughter and grandson stopped at St. Croix Saddlery to pick up a shirt my granddaughter had been wanting all summer. From what I hear, my grandson asked the clerk if they had "anything for boys" since he couldn't find anything. So far, he's mainly

enjoyed just being at the barn, helping the guys sweep etc., playing with the other kids, so for him to ask for a lesson and now this within a week is amazing!

Jane (the proud grandma)

Cameo Farm

Wow! Summer is coming to a close and the State Fair is just around the corner. Hmm, I wonder what's going to be the new food on a stick this year? I'm sure there will be some fun State Fair stories to share. Another sign that summer is ending, school is starting soon, and that means nice cool fall weather is coming. Hope we get a few good trail rides in at the Parks.

The summer was filled with great shows and some really nice weather. Mason City was a great place for Heather Fite's new horse Chaska to have their first camping trip. It's always fun to see a young horse go from being totally bewildered the first day to riding around the show grounds like a seasoned horse at the end of the week. Mikaela Haskins and Milly also had their first show at Mason City. Milly fit right in and especially loved being a big horse with her braids. Great job showing in the Children's

Hunters you two. Clare Delmore made her debut showing in the jumper ring with Shiraz. I don't know if she had more fun doing the jumper courses or just being able to wear a polo shirt.

Norine Wilcox continued her progress with High Cotton in the jumpers and moved up to the 1.0 Meter Low Adults. Hank was a star with Janie in the TB Hunters at the beginning of the week and then in the Children's Hunters with Ruby, on the weekend. Electra continued her jumper education and moved up to 1.10 meters.

July brought another show at Carriage House with fabulous weather. Norine with High Cotton, Janie with Electra, Ruby with Halcyon, and Clare with Shiraz welcomed Gretchen Erpelding to Team Cameo with her young horse Sir Demi in the small jumper classes. Emily Ainslie and U Rascal, Lauren Masica and Arizona, and Joey Conlin with Shiraz joined the team in the Opportunity Classes. They all went home with smiles and talking about when the next show was going to be.

In August Janie joined up with her sister, Sue Kyllonen, and her 3 horses at Maffitt Lake. It's always fun being a sister team. Gretchen Erpelding brought Scout for week 2 and had fun in the big jumper ring. We may have had less horses at this show, but we seemed to find plenty to do to fill our days.

August brought us the sad news of losing our show companion Emma. She was always there to welcome you at the barn and support you at the shows. She will be sadly missed by everyone, especially her little sister Roxy.

Dandelion Farm

A Poem....

Looking for adventure, Dandelion Farm packed the trailer and headed to the Rockies and then Equifest. Braving the heat and humidity was certainly a test.

But the Dandelion crew is an impressively fearless crew, pushing

hard and aiming high we went for the blue.

John Puckett and Romario continued their winning A/O hunter ways.

As the announcer in Colorado said, he's also the most beautiful of the grays.

Emma Wexler and Angela Mahoney joined John in the main ring,

All three won many ribbons, and little bit of Championship bling.

Morgan Sabes and the stunning Swagger won a special junior hunter prize,

Taking home the "Healthy Horse Award in Colorado," with a swag bag of large size.

Chapel Puckett and Abbey Hamann also earned a Junior hunter top call, with Chapel winning a class, and Abbey taking Reserve Champion of them all.

Kennedy McCaulley and Celtic Romance tested the waters in the Maclay, winning their first equitation class ever, in this ring they may stay!

Lucia Ament and her Huck are the cutest young rider pair, tackling the children's hunter ponies, each jump taken with great care.

Syd Hamann and her adorable Winston joined the fun in Lamplight,

Showing in the rain for the first time, her face turned a little white. But she rode through the storm like a true rider does, and has the ribbons to prove it, her rounds were all the buzz.

Meegan Snyder and Coco had great rounds in the adults, followed by jumper rounds on Reggie—which were incredible with no faults.

Elizabeth Wexler and her Maverick had great rides each single show, this pair is a powerhouse—towards big achievements they will go.

Kim Puckett and the gorgeous Ivan made their high adult jumper debut, having great round after great round, it was fun to watch, too!

Carter Pucket and Martensen joined her mom in the jumper ranks, placing high in the 1.10m classes, she gave "Moose" lots of thanks.

Lauren McCaulley and Winnie had quite the low children's jumper streak, earning championship honors in Colorado, followed by a Classic win the next week.

Her sister Kennedy and Tag Heuer also had great rides, moving up to the low juniors, this pair has made great strides.

As we wrap up this year, we reflect on the great summer of shows. Wishing everyone a great fall, full of more highs and no lows.

Fortuna Farm

We feel so fortunate here at Fortuna; it has been a great year! We have continued to make upgrades to this old place, some of them being new fencing around the upper outdoor ring, and widening it a bit as well. The new ring drag makes the footing so much nicer as well.



Welcome to Emily Ainslie and her cute horse "U Rascal", Tim Cleary with his young horse Hunk, Mikaela Haskins with her mare Millie. Lisa Masica and her daughter Lauren bought a pony, "Hidden Springs Arizona" recently and are having a blast getting to know him.

Welcome also to Leslie Davis, who is teaching two days a week for Karen's program. She is a MN native who has lived in CO for many years, and comes with lots of experience teaching fun and safe lessons with great information. We are glad that she decided to come back to MN.

Gail Nederostek as well is joining Karen's team, and we are just thrilled to have her. Her lessons are always fun and upbeat, such a great addition to our more than busy program.

Lastly, Sam Cotter is out on maternity leave and we can't wait to hear all about it!

Greenwood Stables

Hello from the Greenwood Stables team! It has been a busy summer for all of us here. We've been from familiar Mason City to a first adventure to Traverse City, ...some other cities in between, and most recently to Maffitt Lake.

Sara has had the busiest of summers hands down. She has attended weddings, scouted wedding locations for her daughter Emily (which included a successful 2 day trip to Newport Rhode Island while she was showing in Traverse City), horse showed, attended her daughter Kelly's graduation (masters) from Clemson, and she is currently attending THE OLYMPICS IN RIO!!!! She is witnessing show jumping's finest up close and personal. Along with cheering for the USA, Randy is partnered in ownership on a horse that is competing for Argentina, Appy Cara, ridden by Ramiro Quintana. We can't wait to here all about their experiences in Rio. With one more wedding to go in August, she will most certainly be looking forward to some time to rest and enjoy the fall horse shows.

Ireen Morales has been busy transitioning to her new job with Wells Fargo Investments. The move will bring her much closer to the barn! She and her husband, JC, and daughter, Penelope, will be moving from Big Lake (endless driving) to a much closer location. Ireen is looking forward to being able to take Riley to the upcoming fall shows after a great week earlier in the season (their debut) at Mason City. They also recently enjoyed a trip to Hawaii before the move.

After some unplanned downtime for Smarti in the beginning of the summer, he and Caitlin were back in action at Maffitt Lake. We were thrilled to have her back showing with us. Isla was especially excited as Caitlin is literally her favorite person in the world. Caitlin also started and new job and bought her first house in Eden Prairie.

Tori has been busy on the road with us getting to know and enjoy her new horse, Flying Colors "Scout" You can't miss them, they are flashy and adorable. She will be a senior at Edina this year. She celebrated her 17th birthday this past weekend. Tori, Niki, and Isla have tried to make sure and enjoy some fun activities out of the saddle this summer, including a trip to Valley Fair and going to Fly Over America.

Johnny has also been getting to know a new horse. Just prior to leaving Florida in April, Randy purchased Crimana Z. After retiring his former GP mount, La Rhetto, Johnny hadn't gotten much time in the jumper ring in the past few years. He couldn't have been more excited to have "Luna" join the family. They are a great team and Johnny is getting reacquainted with jumping the big jumps in the show ring. We are looking forward to watching them together.

Isla continues to collect the ribbons in lead line with Roxy. She had a great time in Traverse City, as there were several other pony kids her age to play with. She especially enjoyed Kinser Vale, who liked to ride in princess dresses. A match made in heaven! She plans to be riding on her own soon (in the Olympics), but we figure we will start with a quarter of the indoor arena first. Watch out walk class, Isla is coming for you.

Julia Lavigne is off to college at the U of M! We are glad she will be close by. It seems like yesterday she was just a little girl. Now she's a gorgeous young lady ready to take on the next chapter. Her horse, Zia, was recently sold and went to another young girl who will love and adore her.

The addition of our super grooms, Gavino and Eduardo has been so refreshing! They do an amazing job and we couldn't do it all without them.

Have a great fall! In my personal opinion, fall is the most wonderful time of the year. Lets hope it is a good one this year! See you at the shows.

Nicole Salazar

Gypsy Farms

With the Olympics behind us we are now back to a normal routine preparing for the rush of fall horse shows. What a great representation from the U.S. and what beautiful equine athletes from every country. Summer at Gypsy Farms was a busy one. We had a great turn-out at Mid States Summerfest and Summer shows, with Nick enjoying a little "Rhett and me time" during the Encore Show. Lisa Wildung and Nancy Giacchetti spent a few days with the group to cheer them on and keep spirits up during the heat and humidity.

In July Nick, Louise Otten, Sarah Reckner, and Gail Brandt ventured off to Estes Park, CO to enjoy two weeks of great showing. Gail and her jumper, Hannah, rocked with many blue ribbons. Sarah also had great rides with a first on Nigel. She rode a clear ride over a course so long Louise didn't know how she remembered it! Louise's Barbie (Sante Barbera) jumped great, doing a few 1.20 and 1.25 classes with one first place. Rhett settled in and looked like the promising jumper he is. The trip also had two additional highlights: a 7 hour scenic mountain trail ride where Gail, Sara and Louise rode amazing horses able to climb up the rocks like mountain goats, and Gail and Louise's drive to Parker where they watched Louise's granddaughter, Addison, compete in the Jr North American Young Riders competition. They both "jumped all the jumps" with the kids! All in all, this Gypsy Farms contingent enjoyed being in Estes while the rest of the world was boiling hot! A big thanks to Jake Wright for safely delivering our horses to Estes Park and home again!

Closer to home, Sue and Greg Novak packed up for Maffitt Lake where they were joined by Nick and Rhett during the second week of showing. Competitors were not spared riding in the heat. Maffitt Lake experienced an all-time high

with a heat index of 1080! Greg's Bob (Bellino) took a step forward on his maturity curve and settled right into the venue becoming Baby Green Champion the first week and Reserve Champion in the Two Rivers Hunter Division the second week. Sue was happy with Eva (Evita) and won a Low Amateur Hunter class. Nick moved Rhett up to 1.30 and was very pleased with his efforts.

Mid-summer we welcomed Courtney Dickinson and her great mare, Gigi (Flying Girl) to our Gypsy Farms family, and other riders were kept busy during this time. Erica Dobbs participated in several externships as part of her U of MN Vet program. She spent two weeks at Alamo Pintado Equine Medical Center in Los Olivos, CA along with another two weeks at the Equine Medical Center of Ocala in FL.

Michael Wildung joined his Dad, Jon, for a 'dinosaur dig' in Montana. Jon has been taking this annual trip for over 30 years! Michael unearthed the femur of an Edmontosaurus in the Hell Creek Formation in eastern Montana. They recorded the site location so the Regional Museum could collect it. Great job, Michael, to experience your Dad's unusual annual trip!

Nancy Giacchetti traveled to Coronado Island, CA to enjoy her family and celebrate the wedding of her niece, Megan. In the mid-90's Megan, also a rider, groomed for Nancy and her first Hunter, Touche', at the Mid States Summer Show. Nancy ended her summer travels with a week at a resort bordering the BWCA. Normally, a vacation of this sort would be calming...but with 6 couples??!

In spite of a busy show schedule, Nick worked away on three additional gardens and readied another one for planting this fall. Best of all, his beautiful home makeover was completed in September just in time to spend a cozy winter in new confines! Looking back on the past year, we are amazed at the changes in our beautiful farm, making it a true pleasure to celebrate our one year anniversary with Nick, Sue and Greg.

Pegasus Riding School

It's been another busy, yet fun summer at Pegasus Riding School and we can't believe it's almost over. The summer has absolutely flown by with a jam-packed season of both hunter/ jumper and dressage shows.

Talia, Peyton, Aida, Jessica, Emily, Ouinn, Maddie, Ellie, Lauren, Isabella, Christina, Tara, Aspen, Alex and Suzanne had a great time at Mason City Summer and Encore Shows and both Carriage House H/I Shows. Many ribbons and Championships were won in Short & Long Stirrup, TB Hunters, Mini Medals and low Jumpers. Suzanne and Alex took a few horses to the first week of Maffit Lake and competed in Hi/Lo Hunters, TB Hunters and low jumpers. They had a ton of fun with Arbor Hill and were sad to leave such a fun show at the end of the week. The kids are super excited for the State Fair. The adults have been dieting to make room for fair food and mentally preparing for the mayhem, as we're bringing 15 horses! We're also looking forward to Fall Mason City and Harvest.

Great things have been happening in dressage-land too! Bianca Schmidt and her horse O'Neil traveled to Colorado in July to compete at the NAJYRC. Congratulations to Bianca's Region 4 team on winning a Silver Medal! Maeve and her new horse Lord Locksley competed at her first show, winning several classes! Our working student, Fiona, was 2nd level Champion at her first horse show! Suzanne's young horse "Hans" has been cleaning up at training level and we're all looking forward to Regional Championships in September (Mason City again!)

We hosted a Red Pines Schooling Show in early August. We had beautiful weather and a great turnout! It's so much fun to see young riders experience showing for the first time. Thank you to everybody who came and supported our show!

We have another new addition...
Sayuri, a pony foal by Katie
McCarthy's welsh stallion out of a
small TB mare. Sayuri was delivered
by Alex at 9am as Bianca was
cantering down centerline in her first
PSG test at a dressage show. Anne was
doing double duty: coaching Bianca at
the dressage show while coaching Alex
through the delivery via phone!

Enjoy the rest of summer, have fun in school and good luck at the Fall shows coming up from all of us at Pegasus!

Renaissance Farm

Laura and I have had a very exciting summer. Starting off with heading to Devon. Devon had always been on my bucket list. Laura had been there before many years ago but for me it was first time.



Good Heavens! I had no idea how big Devon is! The best of the best come from all over the country to compete. Those of of you that have been there before might find this trite and silly but I was in awe.

We were fortunate to find ourselves in the main barn. Woohoo.

What fun. Thanks to Laura Rohlfing and Matt Davis who showed my mare Chozen to the Best Young Two Year Old Filly.

I was also blessed to have my yearling, Reflection honored as Best Yearling Filly.

Wow oh wow!

Then Upperville, we were second in the two-year-old Phillies and we won



the yearling Filly class.

Beyond my wildest dreams.

Here we go to the Virginia young horse festival and sally B wheeler and Warrenton. Wish us luck!

Again, I would like to express a major thanks to Laura Rohlfing and Matt Davis!

Spring Meadow Farm

It's hard to believe another busy summer has flown by. Spring Meadow has had a lot going on and this summer welcomed new friends and old. Welcome to Katie Engler and her horse Smoke. Katie and Smoke experienced their first show together as they camped out at Maffitt with us. Even though he's young, Smoke was a rock star and loved the show environment. We hope to see these two in the show ring soon. We are also excited to have Morgan Brown at the farm. She recently moved here from Madison and is now leasing Marchetti.

It was great to have Jayde home for the summer from Colgate. Her vivacious personality will be missed when she goes back to school. Audrey was back all summer as well and had a great show season with Ollie. She plans to keep riding at UW Madison throughout the school year. Ben Bailey will be starting his freshman year at North Park University and playing on their soccer team. Good luck on your new adventure! I'm sure between horse shows Thea will find plenty of time to visit.

Tyne is moving to California and we wish her safe travels and have loved having her sweet horse Nick at the barn again. Jesse Lehman was a fantastic help over the summer and we will miss her when she goes back to Madison.

Back at the farm John had his first batch of strawberries this year as well as plenty of radishes, onions, carrots, and other assorted vegetables. He never hesitates to share! Jan and Dave also have some seriously impressive pumpkins growing in John's garden.

Lexi has returned from her summer at cowboy camp and we're all excited to see everything she's learned. Kate is horse shopping and we hope to have more news soon! Soren and his family recently returned from a three-week trip to Japan! We can't wait to hear all about it.

Kendahl sold her house and moved to the other side of the river. Her pilates classes come highly recommended by the Spring Meadow team and are a great way to stay in riding shape!

After graduating from Bethel University, Alyssa has her first "adult" job as Account Manager in Plymouth! She and Elton have continued showing throughout the summer and were champions at Maffitt. To round off the summer Alyssa and Elton headed to the MN State Fair to take on the chaos. She is the bravest of us

In other horse show updates, Courtney moved up to the Adults with Canelo this summer. Woohoo!

Our favorite go-to girl for any horse health question, aka Laura has finished her summer veterinary internship and has started working with the Standardbreds at Running Aces. She really enjoys it and works with great people. Congrats Laura!

Libby got married on August 13th. Congratulations to the new Mr. and Mrs. Schmitt! The wedding was so beautiful and many familiar faces were in town for the festivities including Jillian, Kelly, and Alison.

Heather is hard at work keeping everything running smoothly. On her free time she loves being an auntie and enjoyed some family time for some 4th of July celebrations. Back to back horseshows have kept her plenty busy and we're so appreciative of everything she and Mary Jo do for us and our horses.

The Spring Meadow Team can't wait to see you all at Harvest!

Wild Oak Farm

As much fun as Traverse City, KY Summer and Pony Finals were, it's nice to be home.

Traverse City was a great success for Catherine DeMane and her new horse Seuss. As well as Sarah DeMane and Rocco. What a fun pair to watch. Rocco is truly loving being back in the game with his new partner. Sarah also made a successful debut in the Eq division with Carlos. Jock and Terri Bourgeois were winners, again. Lily and Honeybee made their debut in the small ponies. It was fun to watch the transformation in Lily's riding in just a few weeks! Amelia Sawalich and Basha were consistently in the ribbons in the Childrens jumper. Mackenzie and Starbuck were great!! Katie Lenkart and her new horse Cupid started to put everything together in the 3'3" Junior Hunters bringing home some really good ribbons. Donovan, Muffy's new jumper is growing up fast. Reepicheep improved by leaps and bounds with good ribbons. Cayman and Delia were unfortunately sidelined... I'm trying not to pout.

The hardest part of Pony Finals was trying to keep track of Lily... Bounce houses, shops and lots of friends kept us on out toes. Fun was had by all of us too, including Honeybee. She was truly fabulous for Lily's first pony finals. All of Lily's hard work paid off and she had a great first pony finals. We are very proud of her.

We all are sad that Gail has ventured off from Wild Oak and wish her all the best.

But we are looking forward to Dee Maki's arrival in October as our assistant trainer.





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