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Greetings from the Editor

It's funny how sometimes things don't go as planned, but I guess that is life isn't it? Back when my TB Gav passed away I imagined myself in a *much different* place than I am now. First, I had planned to save up money and buy an upper level dressage horse - preferably a warmblood gelding that could show me the ropes. I have always had big TB greenies off the track and at my age I really wanted a horse I could just get on and go - one that was already trained and could teach me. If any of you have seen my horse well you know she isn't a TB, a warmblood, or an upper level dressage horse and she is barley even horse size (that came with a surprise bun in the oven). Never thought in a million years I'd own a 14.3-15h mare, I'm 5'8", but she has the BEST temperament, will go anywhere and do anything even though she is green and young. I just LOVE her!!! So once again I found myself going back to start (too bad I don't get to collect \$200 every time I pass GO).



Niki on Raina

Last year I had hopes of maybe showing TL at the NODA recognized show at Grand Haven this year, but the discovery last Christmas of Raina being in foal blew that plan. Coco Chanel is now here and not only do I have one non-traditional dressage horse but Coco is a Mule. Yes, again not what I planned, and I'm not sure which of the previous owner's studs is responsible but I think it was her Mammoth Jack because Coco is huge for two and a half months old - pushing 13 hands. I guess I can never travel the traditional path but that is one thing I like about dressage, it is for all types of horses (and Mules) and they can all benefit from dressage training. Just like all shapes, sizes and aged dressage riders.

This year I will be again announcing at the NODA recognized show and last year I really found it interesting to see how many different breeds and level riders were there. I also panicked for about a week that I would say someone's name or horse's name wrong. There really are some interesting horse names out there! One favorite name that stuck with me was Captain Chaos - with a name like that I could

just imagine him being the life of the party out in the pasture (but he needs a cape and maybe a cool mask).

If you're at the show stop by and say hi and if your have a hard name to pronounce give me a heads up so I don't totally embarrass myself! Also many volunteers are needed to help run this wonderful event. My daughter Skye will be with me for the weekend so I'm putting her to work volunteering for the entire weekend. As many of you know she just loved selling 50/50 raffle tickets at all the schooling shows last year and at the year end banquet. Maybe the silent auction tent will be her niche - watch out for the cute little persistent blonde kid hitting you up for bids! If you have time to spare please contact the recognized show volunteer coordinator Karen Eisenhower at rs-vol-coord@nodarider.org or the silent auction chair Rose Rufo at 330-527-7836 or silentauction@nodarider.org. We really need volunteers to make this year's event another huge success!

Niki Sackman, Editor
editor@nodarider.org

Here are some of the fun duties that volunteers can be of assistance with for the Silent Auction:

1. Saturday and Sunday morning set up.
2. Saturday morning: helping obtain donations from those that bring them to the event.
3. Assisting with registration both days - morning and afternoon.
4. Helping with the used book sale both days; collecting the money and making change.
5. Assisting with bids on the items both days
6. Set up of the Saturday Social Hour - after all rides and helping clean up.
7. Putting items securely away after all rides on Saturday.

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June- F.I.T.S. Breeches

F.I.T.S breeches sales have skyrocketed in the last year, being sold through major suppliers such as Dover Saddlery. The revolutionary new breeches are claimed by some to be the best they have ever worn. I purchased the All Season Original Full Seat breech in the espresso (brown) color, size small. As a comparison to sizing, I wear a size 26/28 breech, and the smalls fit me very well. The sizes sold run from XS-XL The full seat is constructed

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loops. The first time I rode in the F.I.T.S. breeches, I immediately noticed how comfortable they were. No bunching or pinching. They move with you while you ride, and the segmented leather reduces the bulk of a typical full seat. F.I.T.S. breeches also wash easily, and hold their shape and color. I highly recommend them to those who spend hours in the saddle, and who want a pair of breeches that will withstand the rigors of daily riding while looking, wearing and feeling great. Retail averages \$200 a pair

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Cassandra Hummert-Johnson

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May 31, 2009 NODA Schooling Show, Rocky River

Junior High Point Ride:

Stephanie Kiroff on Blue Joko, 69.000%

Adult Amateur High Point Ride:

Amy Pajcic on Mary Rose, 72.774%

Winner of the complete-correct-entry drawing:

Hannah Palumbo

Q = Qualifying ride

Class: 1.1Introductory Test A Amateur Rider, Judge: Dorothy Mueller L

- 1 - Kelly McCoy, Amat, Member, Billy, 64.000% Q
- 2T - Sharon Gates, Amat, Member, Mary Rose, 54.000%
- 2T - Tamara Alibeckoff, Amat, Beau Gosse, 54.000%

Class: 1.2Introductory Test A Junior Rider, Judge: Dorothy Mueller L

- 1 - Alex Stergios, Jr, Member, Ghost, 66.000% Q
- 2 - Stephanie Kiroff, Jr, Member, Blue Joko, 60.500% Q
- 3 - Grace Boccia, Jr, Cruise Control, 59.500%

Class: 2.1Introductory Test B Amateur Rider, Judge: Jackie Smith r

- 1 - Kelly McCoy, Amat, Member, Billy, 61.000% Q
- 2 - Tamara Alibeckoff, Amat, Beau Gosse, 60.000%
- 3 - Sharon Gates, Amat, Member, Mary Rose, 57.000%

Class: 2.2Introductory Test B Junior Rider, Judge: Jackie Smith r

- 1 - Stephanie Kiroff, Jr, Member, Blue Joko, 69.000% Q, Jr HiPt
- 2 - Alex Stergios, Jr, Member, Ghost, 68.500% Q
- 3 - Grace Boccia, Jr, Cruise Control, 63.000%
- 4 - Evelyn Tyner, Jr, Member, Tenacious D, 60.000% Q

Class: 4Introductory Test B (Horse), Judge: Jackie Smith r

- 1 - Janeen Langowski, Prof, Member, FlyingW Farms Princess Sarah, 62.000%

Class: 5.1Training Level Test 1 Novice Junior, Judge: Dorothy Mueller L

- 1 - Kalle Nelson, Jr, Member, Private Perks, 63.479% Q
- 2 - Katherine DeLorean, Jr, Member, Favorite Desire, 60.870% Q
- 3 - Nikka Hronis, Jr, Member, Cinco de Mayo, 57.826%
- 4 - Molly Donahue, Jr, Giaconda, 56.087%
- 5 - Amanda Buchs, Jr, Member, Tabitha Be Wtched, 49.566%

Class: 5.2Training Level Test 1 Novice Amateur, Judge: Dorothy Mueller L

- 1 - Susan Desimpel, Amat, Member, Currituck, 63.478+% Q
- 2 - Deb Winkler, Amat, Member, Morante', 63.478% Q
- 3 - Kathryn Kroszkewicz, Amat, Little Aladdin, 63.044%
- 4 - Laura Wolf, Amat, Member, Levi's Tinman, 58.696%
- 5 - Cindy Gazley, Amat, Member, Half Moon, 54.348%
- 6 - Tom Gazley, Amat, Member, Tiger Lilly, 53.913+%
- Lora Szloh, Amat, Member, Charlie Chaplin, 53.913%

Class: 6.1Training Level Test 2 Novice Junior, Judge: Jackie Smith r

- 1 - Brianna Cavett, Jr, Member, Splash of Blue Gin, 65.358% Q
- 2 - Molly Donahue, Jr, Giaconda, 63.215%
- 3 - Nikka Hronis, Jr, Member, Cinco de Mayo, 61.786% Q
- 4 - Kalle Nelson, Jr, Member, Private Perks, 60.000% Q
- 5 - Katherine DeLorean, Jr, Member, Favorite Desire, 59.286%
- 6 - Amanda Buchs, Jr, Member, Tabitha Be Wtched, 54.286%

Class: 6.2Training Level Test 2 Novice Amateur, Judge: Jackie Smith r

- 1 - Kathryn Kroszkewicz, Amat, Little Aladdin, 63.215%
- 2 - Deb Winkler, Amat, Member, Morante', 59.286%
- 3 - Lauren Van Lehn, Amat, Member, Timmy, 58.572%
- 4 - Laura Wolf, Amat, Member, Levi's Tinman, 58.215%
- 5 - Lora Szloh, Amat, Member, Charlie Chaplin, 53.572%

Class: 6.3Training Level Test 2 Novice Amateur, Judge: Jackie Smith r

- 1 - Susan Desimpel, Amat, Member, Currituck, 65.357% Q
- 2 - Hannah Palumbo, Amat, Member, Double-Steal, 60.357%
- 3 - Cindy Gazley, Amat, Member, Half Moon, 58.571%
- 4 - Abigail Weigele, Amat, Member, Reflection PE (Tula), 58.214%
- 5 - Tom Gazley, Amat, Member, Tiger Lilly, 55.357%

Class: 7Training Level Test 3 Novice, Judge: Dorothy Mueller L

- 1 - Caitlin Milford, Amat, Member, Moonlight Chaser, 64.400% Q
- 2T - Megan Miller, Jr, Austintacious, 58.000%
- 2T - Hannah Palumbo, Amat, Member, Double-Steal, 58.000%
- 4 - Abigail Weigele, Amat, Member, Reflection PE (Tula), 56.000%
- 5 - Jennifer Sozio, Amat, Member, Paint By Numbers, 55.600%
- 6 - Athena Tarulli, Jr, Member, Kodakhrome, 52.000%

Class: 8Training Level Test 4 Novice, Judge: Jackie Smith r

- 1 - Caitlin Milford, Amat, Member, Moonlight Chaser, 65.600% Q
- 2 - Megan Miller, Jr, Austintacious, 60.400%
- 3 - Athena Tarulli, Jr, Member, Kodakhrome, 57.600%
- 4 - Jennifer Sozio, Amat, Member, Paint By Numbers, 56.000%

Class: 9Training Level Test 1 Open, Judge: Dorothy Mueller L

- 1 - Amy Pajcic, Amat, Member, Mary Rose, 72.174% Q, Amat HiPt
- 2 - Janeen Langowski, Prof, Member, FlyingW Farms Princess Sarah, 68.261%
- 3 - Sarah Hall, Prof, Member, FF Chavo, 67.826%

Class: 10Training Level Test 2 Open, Judge: Jackie Smith r

- 1 - Heidi Kohl, Prof, Member, Duncan, 66.071%
- 2 - Sarah Hall, Prof, Member, FF Chavo, 63.929%
- 3 - Amy Pajcic, Amat, Member, Mary Rose, 59.643%

Class: 11 Training Level Test 3 Open, Judge: Dorothy Mueller L

- 1 - Margie Hirsh, Prof, Member, Verina PE, 68.400%
- 2T - Patti Valencic, Amat, Member, Carson, 62.400% Q
- 2T - Ellen Super, Amat, Member, Duncan, 62.400% Q
- 4 - Anya Hurley, Jr, Member, Murphy-Something Different, 62.000% Q
- 5 - Heidi Kohl, Prof, Member, Duncan, 58.800%
- 6 - Judy Cageao-Catania, Amat, Member, Dipped In Gold, 56.800%
- Linda O'Keefe, Amat, Member, Illuminated Magic, 54.800%

Class: 12.1 Training Level Test 4 Open, Judge: Jackie Smith r

- 1 - Margie Hirsh, Prof, Member, Verina PE, 68.000%
- 2 - Patti Valencic, Amat, Member, Carson, 66.400% Q
- 3 - Ellen Super, Amat, Member, Duncan, 63.600% Q
- 4 - Anya Hurley, Jr, Member, Murphy-Something Different, 61.600% Q
- 5 - Linda O'Keefe, Amat, Member, Illuminated Magic, 56.000%
- 6 - Judy Cageao-Catania, Amat, Member, Dipped In Gold, 52.000%

Class: 12.2 Training Level Test 4 Open, Judge: Jackie Smith r

- 1 - Jana Tuckerman, Amat, Member, Taconite Mike, 66.400% Q
- 2T - Sarah Barry, Jr, Member, Good Will, 66.000% Q
- 2T - Kimberly Moody, Amat, Member, Rock Island Line, 66.000% Q
- 4 - Jennifer Pompeani, Amat, Ms. First Impression, 60.400%
- 5 - Amanda Baus, Prof, Granduer, 53.200%

Class: 13.1 First Level Test 1, Judge: Dorothy Mueller L

- 1 - Betsy Kahl, Amat, Member, Stuart, 67.000% Q
- 2 - Jennifer Krajcer, Prof, Silken, 60.333%
- 3 - Rachel Jelen, Prof, Member, Round-A-Bouts Legacy, 57.333%
- 4 - Erinn Arbezni, Jr, Member, Smile N Chuckle, 53.000%
- 5 - Julie Weitzel, Amat, Member, Fauntleroy, 49.000%

Class: 13.2 First Level Test 1, Judge: Dorothy Mueller L

- 1 - Kimberly Moody, Amat, Member, Rock Island Line, 64.000% Q
- 2 - Jana Tuckerman, Amat, Member, Taconite Mike, 60.333% Q
- 3 - Sarah Barry, Jr, Member, Good Will, 57.000%
- 4 - Jennifer Pompeani, Amat, Ms. First Impression, 56.667%
- 5 - Amanda Baus, Prof, Granduer, 56.000%

Class: 13.3 First Level Test 1, Judge: Dorothy Mueller L

- 1 - Cindy Scherry, Prof, Member, Footloose, 66.000%
- 2 - Jill Hazen, Amat, Member, Dancer (Beau-Regard), 63.667% Q
- 3 - Peggy Ignagni, Amat, Member, Zips Fleur de Lys, 62.667% Q
- 4 - Krista Zaharewicz, Amat, Member, Fancy Little Rascal, 53.667%
- 5 - Holly Zewalk, Amat, Member, Patsy's Gem, 53.333%

Class: 14 First Level Test 2, Judge: Jackie Smith r

- 1 - Betsy Kahl, Amat, Member, Stuart, 64.444% Q
- 2 - Krista Zaharewicz, Amat, Member, Fancy Little Rascal, 62.222% Q
- 3 - Rachel Jelen, Prof, Member, Round-A-Bouts Legacy, 58.333%
- 4 - Peggy Ignagni, Amat, Member, Zips Fleur de Lys, 57.500%

- 5 - Jennifer Krajcer, Prof, Silken, 56.944%
- 6 - Erinn Arbezni, Jr, Member, Smile N Chuckle, 56.667%
- Julie Weitzel, Amat, Member, Fauntleroy, 55.000%
- Holly Zewalk, Amat, Member, Patsy's Gem, 52.500%

Class: 15 First Level Test 3, Judge: Dorothy Mueller L

- 1 - Michelle Tyner, Prof, Member, Artax, 54.857%

Class: 16 First Level Test 4, Judge: Jackie Smith r

- 1 - Sharon Warner, Amat, Member, Welt Hailo, 66.053% Q
- 2 - Rachel Jelen, Prof, Member, Phantom Jet Jink, 60.000%
- 3 - Cindy Scherry, Prof, Member, Footloose, 58.421%
- 4 - Rachel Jelen, Prof, Member, EH Pegasus, 49.737%

Class: 17.1 Second Level Test 1, Judge: Dorothy Mueller L

- 1 - Sabine Walker, Prof, Member, CA Hudson Bey, 59.737%
- 2 - Michelle Tyner, Prof, Member, Harmony, 45.263%

Class: 17.2 Second Level Tests 2 & 4, Judge: Jackie Smith r

- 1 - Ashley Warner, Amat, Member, At Last, Test 4, 65.000% Q
- 2 - Sabine Walker, Prof, Member, CA Hudson Bey, Test 2, 60.811%
- 3 - Rachel Jelen, Prof, Member, Phantom Jet Jink, Test 4, 54.762%
- 4 - Rachel Jelen, Prof, Member, EH Pegasus, Test 4, 45.476%

Class: 17.3 Third Level Test 1, Judge: Jackie Smith r

- 1 - Ashley Warner, Amat, Member, At Last, 59.744% Q

Class: 17.4 Fourth Level Test 2, Judge: Jackie Smith r

- 1 - Susan Horst, Amat, Member, Picasso, 55.227%

Class: 20.1 Dressage Seat Equitation Junior Judge: Dorothy Mueller L

- 1 - Kalle Nelson, Jr, Member, Private Perks, 65% Q

Class: 20.2 Dressage Seat Equitation Amateur Judge: Dorothy Mueller L

- 1 - Kimberly Moody, Amat, Member, Rock Island Line, 70% Q
- 2 - Deb Winkler, Amat, Member, Morante', 59%

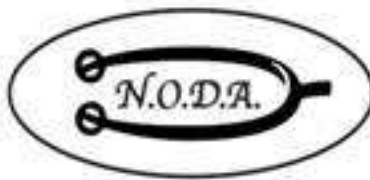
Class: 21 Prix Caprilli Test A Judge: Dorothy Mueller L

- 1 - Jana Tuckerman, Amat, Member, Taconite Mike, 64.783%
- 2 - Hannah Palumbo, Amat, Member, Double-Steal, 57.826%

The Championship show (Oct. 11) is open only to non-professional Junior and Adult NODA members. Riders must be members of NODA before their qualifying ride. Riders must earn two qualifying scores of 60% or higher (Intro – First Level) or 58% and higher (Second and above), from 2 different judges.

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Free Spirit Farm

By Patrick O'Donnell

"Allow the canter!" Kris Ropp calls out as a student rides around Free Spirit Farm's arena. "Exhale and allow it...Go ahead!"

She continues the coaxing as student Lisa Richey, 17, guides Pocket Pager, known affectionately around the barn as "Beeper," toward a small jump. "Less with your torso. Don't do anything with your hip....There you go. There!"

The American Paint clears several of the verticals easily, though not always perfectly, as Ropp's instructions continue almost non-stop.

"Good...you're allowing that forwardness in a long elastic step," Ropp calls as the horse approaches another jump, then clears it. "Good Lisa! Look at you. I've never seen you this soft."

"Do you feel it?"

"Yeah," Lisa says.

"Do you like it?"

"Yeah," she responds with a slight smile.

Lisa and Beeper's lesson this crisp and clear April night was specifically about Lisa pushing Beeper forward into the bridle. But a crucial part of it - and every other lesson at Free Spirit Farm - fits Ropp's larger goal: teaching students to ride with a form that not only wins points at shows, but also prevents the rider from interfering with the horse's natural movement, allowing horse and rider to move with balance and ease.

"Get out of his way" is a common message at Free Spirit Farm, the 23-stall barn Ropp opened in Newbury Township in the fall. Trained as both a dancer and a rider at Lake Erie College, Ropp has long believed that tensions and imbalances in the rider's body disrupt the horse and create problems just as

much as imbalances and issues with the horse itself do.

So Ropp, who hopes to eventually teach Equilates at her barn, stresses issues like correct rider alignment and relaxation. Addressing these issues in the rider allows the horse to move without becoming defensive or compensating for a person's errors in a way that affects the horse's own balance.

"The rider is probably part of the problem," she says, if a horse drifts to one side or has an uneven tempo. "If the rider is learning good alignment from the start, they actually move along more quickly than riders that are not."



Kris Ropp with Brenda Trautman's horse Gomez the Red (Red)

"It takes more effort on the part of the instructor to figure out what's unbalanced with the rider," she says. "And it takes a lot of effort on the rider's part to improve themselves."

That focus is just one aspect of the unusual mix Ropp has created at Free Spirit Farm after 17 years teaching at barns across Geauga, Lake, Portage and Summit counties. One day, she can take form so seriously she is tracking posture and movements of horse and rider

with a new computer program. The next, she shifts from a formal lesson to ones focused on tasks, creating an environment where the rider's right brain takes over from the left brain and the rider develops feel.

She sometimes has student play jousting games on horseback trying to catch hanging rings with a lance. Other days will be spent on nuisance training - throwing students and horses new curves by having them walk over tarps and mattresses or amid the distraction of road flares and a smoke machine.

The cross-training often includes conditioning event horses on trails, including the Geauga Park System's West Woods, which are close to Free Spirit.



Stacey Vulkmanic riding Kris's retired eventer Cher (Ricochet) while weaving poles and knocking milk jugs off of standards

But most days, part of the lesson is psychological – coaxing the student or the horse out their mental and physical comfort zones.

Ropp's approach is having results. Lisa, receiving her lesson on this day, won the junior walk-trot championship of the Northern Ohio Dressage Association in 2008. And an adult student, Brenda Trautman of Chagrin Falls, just missed her goal of riding in a dressage show before turning 40. But she was the Dressage Association's end of year champion in the adult Walk/Trot division in 2008 at 41.

Another student, Layla Roberts, 16, of Aurora, was Reserve Champion of her division in the Northeastern Ohio Mini-Trials Association.

But her pupil making the most waves is Katie Hanneman, who took instruction from Ropp for 10 years before starting to ride at Lake Erie College this past school year. Hanneman, 19, of Twinsburg, not only held her own competing as a collegian – she excelled.

As a freshman, she not only made the school's varsity team but qualified for the national finals for the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association. In the final round in Tennessee in April, Hanneman finished 5th out of 18 competitors in the novice division.

"A lot of it was from the base learning I had with her," Hanneman said just days after the competition. "When I got to college, we had trainers who fine-tuned a lot of it. But every day in my lessons at school I pull

something out of the back of my mind that she told me."

Ropp, she said, teaches her students "how to be a horseman, instead of just a rider."

"I would recommend her to anyone who really wants to learn about the horse and the management of the horse," she said, saying lessons ranged from feeding and treating minor injuries to learning how to ride many horses and handle unusual situations. "Some trainers, they just teach you how to sit on one horse and look nice on that horse. Kris likes to put you on anything, so you can ride them all."

Ropp, 40, of Hiram, has a long history as an instructor in the region since graduating with a triple degree – Teaching/Training, Equestrian Facilities Management and Dance - from Lake Erie College in 1992.

While in college, she spent a semester in Australia in the Equine Studies program of the University of New South Wales. There she competed in three recognized horse trials and discovered that true Aussie Foster's beer is far better than the watered-down American version.

She has taught or trained horses at Caromere Arabians in Madison, Weathered Storm Stables in Eastlake, Nottoway Farm in Bainbridge, Post Hill Farm in Twinsburg and the Bainbridge Equestrian Center.

Since 2000, she has been a member of the Lake MetroParks Volunteer Mounted Posse, participating in the honor guard and search and rescue team. She once



Taylor working on core strength training

coached a mounted drill team – and plans to again – and has been a marshall (safety officer) of equestrian activities for the medieval enthusiasts group, the Society for Creative Anachronism.

In between attending campouts in medieval costume, adding Middle Eastern dance to her classical dance training and planning to grow her own hops for brewing beer, Ropp can jump behind the wheel of earth-moving equipment to grade parts of the 13-acre barn property herself.

This past fall, she created the cozy Free Spirit Farm on Watt Road in Newbury and is accepting both new students with their own horses that need lessons and training and students needing school horses. She also travels to other barns to instruct and train.

In addition, she takes horses on consignment to train and sell. Currently she has two American Sport Ponies and a Georgian Grande gelding for sale. All have been recently successful at shows varying from A circuit hunters, eventing and dressage. I like to find out what each horse is a natural at and train for that discipline.

Her core group of students followed her to the new barn and they and their families even helped clean out the barn and clear brush from the pastures to make it ready.

“My students are like my family,” she said. “The students, their parents and everyone involved in the barn--we're all a family.”

The result is an easy-going and cooperative atmosphere that is more personalized and flexible than larger barns. When people join the barn, they are

encouraged to relax and not be too serious – even when the inevitable happens and someone falls off a horse. She has actually marked body outlines in flour on the arena floor where the fall occurred. And if you are the unfortunate person who “makes a dirt angel,” you owe all onlookers cookies the next day.

Students all help and watch out for each other at shows, often taking trips to events as a group with or without Ropp. This spring, five students and their parents traveled to Equine Affair in Columbus as a group for the clinics there. The group also supports each other at shows.

“We do that kind of stuff a lot,” said student Courtney Previte, a Solon High School student. “Even if just one or two of us are showing, we’ll all go and hang out and watch.”

Courtney came to Ropp after three other trainers couldn’t resolve issues with her Halflinger. Now, she says as she brushes Normandy, her new Halflinger, in the Free Spirit barn, “I spend more time here than at home.”

“Here is so much more relaxed,” she said. “Everybody’s friends. They understand if you’re having a bad day or your horse is acting stupid. Here everybody just takes everything in stride.”

Students will routinely be at the barn late in the evening to help Ropp close the barn for the night.

Even if another student is taking a private lesson, other riders in the arena better mind their form. The vigilant Ropp will spot their errors and yell out corrections across the arena. Students don't mind - they can ask questions or get that same reinforcement and reminders during others' lessons.

"That's just the way my barn works," Ropp said with a big smile. “They’ll get yelled at too when its someone else’s lesson.”

Ropp believes in a holistic approach to the care and training of the horses. To get the optimum performance of the horse-rider combination, Ropp has gathered a team of experts to support the health of the horses. Along with vets and farriers, sometimes the team has included an equine massotherapist/chiropractor, an acupuncturist and a homeopath.



Kris mixing grain with the assistance of Mugsy the barn mascot

Feedings are also customized for individual horses at Free Spirit Farm. Ropp feeds a mix of Progressive and Nutrena grains and timothy grass mix hay for each horse designed to optimize its health and weight. She noted that two horses just checked by a veterinarian had ideal body composition.

Trautman, who boarded at several barns before coming to Ropp's, said she sometimes had to sneak her horse supplements to the standardized feedings.

"At some barns that'd a big hassle," she said. "They don't want to be bothered and feed supplements and whatnot. That's not a problem here."

Free Spirit Farm has no extra charges for booting or changing blankets. Stalls are cleaned and the horses turned out six times a week, usually seven.

These services are just the icing on the cake at Free Spirit Farm, students say the main features that attract them are Ropp's ability to push them without going too far, and her ability to understand the separate biomechanics of both horse and rider, and how they interact, but also to explain it in clear terms.

Trautman, a materials engineer for Moen, said she needs to have such things explained and broken down in detail.

"There are lots of teachers who can't explain what you're supposed to do – they just say do it," Trautman said. Ropp, however, can discuss issues with posture and position and break down what muscles are being affected on the horse.

"She's been able to explain the details behind what your body needs to be doing in order to get it right," Trautman said. "For a lot of people, that might come naturally, but for me, it doesn't."

Even Ropp's high school students are able to

understand the message.

Samantha Connell, 16, of Solon, went through several instructors before settling on Ropp.

"A lot of the instructors I've been to will tell you what to do but they never fully explain it," she said. "I've sat on a horse for 20 minutes while Kris has told me why I have to do things. She makes sure you understand exactly why you have to do something."

The biggest difference, Samantha says, is that Ropp teaches the students how to train the horse. Other trainers, she said, train the horses so that the students have an easier time. Ropp won't – other than to give students a chance to experience what the ultimate goal feels like.

"She trains you to make the horse move better," Samantha said. "While she's focusing on you, she's re-enforcing you training the horse."

Hanneman said that Ropp teaching her to ride many horses and to better understand their movement paid off at the national competition. For the equitation competition, horses' names were pulled from a hat and she was matched with a horse she had never ridden before. She had to read the horse quickly, so she did

"shoulder in" to check the obedience and suppleness of the horse.

That, she said, gained her bonus points with judges because it showed she was thinking about how the horse moves. She saw only one other rider in a higher division do that.

Ropp takes biomechanics so seriously she and farrier Jeff Brown have experimented with ONTRACK EQUINE, a computer program designed to

show lameness, but which is also effective at showing the correlation between rider imbalances and unevenness in horses movement. The horse and rider are videotaped and put through the program, which marks points on the horse and rider to track the levelness and consistency of their movements.



Jeannie Carlson grooming a school horse, Z, before a lesson

“A lot of lamenesses are due to uneven riding done over long periods of time,” Ropp said. “Horses compensate and stress things that shouldn’t be stressed.”

She taped both herself and Trautman riding the same horse and it immediately showed imbalances in the student.

“The horse moved completely different with me riding than with her,” Ropp said.

Ropp hopes to eventually become a biomechanics consultant that other instructors can hire to supplement their own lessons.

Beyond the technical, students say Ropp helps both them and their horses overcome emotional issues. Several recounted how other instructors considered their horses to be bad ones that should be sold, while Ropp takes the time to correct behaviors.

Remember Courtney Previte, the Solon high school student whose Halflinger was considered incorrigible? She needed a boost in their courage to take the next step. Other instructor's had given up on Courtney's Halflinger named Navy, but Ropp pushed both of them to where they were competitive at shows.

Courtney says she often worried about controlling Navy outside of an enclosed arena.

“Kris made me do things I did not like to do, like riding out in the field,” Courtney said. “It was more my issues, than his issues. I would lose confidence and then he would lose confidence.”

“Inevitably, he would have a tantrum and I’d want to quit. She said there was no quitting, get back on the horse.”

Ropp, she said, was hard on her, pushing her and others beyond their comfort. At that moment, she says, she can be mad at Ropp but she usually isn’t at the end of the lesson when Ropp’s instructions work.

“It’s a good thing she is hard on me,” Courtney says. “Otherwise I wouldn’t have done anything. If she didn’t push me, I’d still be trotting in circles in an arena and that would be it. If we hadn’t found Kris, I’d still be stuck with a pony I couldn’t ride.”

Even Hanneman, now competing at high levels in college, needed the right psychological push from Ropp. Three years ago both she and her horse were injured in a bad crash while jumping at a show.



This spring schooling cross country at Bath

“I was afraid to ride after that,” she admits.

Ropp, figuring that Hanneman would be fine after she got back on a horse, cajoled her into riding a horse so it could be taped for a sales video.

“She knew I wasn’t going to say no to that,” Hanneman remembers. “While I was on him, I remembered that this is what I’ve always done and what I like to do.”

Ropp said that goals are usually similar for all students – they want the blue ribbon from a show or a high dressage score – but each horse and rider combination may require a different approach. “Even if a desired end result is the same, the path chosen to get there varies from rider to rider,” Ropp said. “I try to take into account the physical, mental and emotional histories of both horse and rider.

She said the words of Charlotte Bailey-Schindelholz, one of Ropp’s instructors at Lake Erie, stuck with her. Ropp was learning to teach younger students at the time and Bailey reminded her several times that “There’s more than one road to Rome.”



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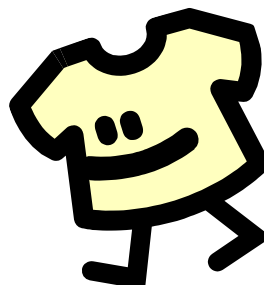
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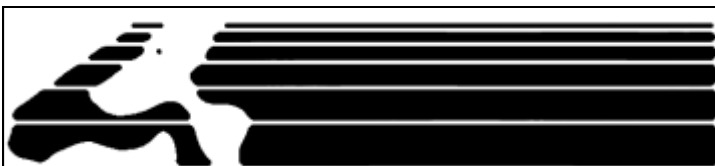
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For Lease: Selle Francais, G, 16H, 15y, Super opportunity for the right individual to lease Noble, a lower level dressage gelding. He had a very successful career as a h/j & has transitioned very well to his new job in dressage. To be leased and kept at D and G Farm (corner of Fairmount Blvd & Countyline) & to be taught Kate Poulin. 386-624-3968 4/09

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For sale: Anglo-Arab 2002 M, bay, 15'2" by Allemar. Sound, in training and ready for a job. Very talented, likes to jump. \$2750, Contact Charma 440-992-7319 or clfargo2003@yahoo.com 4/09m

For Sale: Appendix, G, 3 yrs, 16+H. Quiet and willing with a big, bold stride. Going well under saddle-ready to start a career. Would make super adult/children's horse in any discipline. Call or email for more info. 216-210-2023 or faosborn@shadowfaxfarms.com 4/09

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Price Reduced to sell \$25,000 – Fabulous Foenix, 16 yrs, PSG/I Schoolmaster will teach you FEI riding and you can easily earn your silver medal! Coming off a successful year with Jr. rider. Foenix is always in the ribbons and they are usually blue. Serious inquires to Regina at 216.390.3702 or regina.sacha@sbcglobal.net 4/09

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For Sale: Friesian Sporthorse M, 6 yrs, 16HH, Original Kodak, lovely black/white Pinto with outgoing & inquisitive personality. Quiet & fun to jump (stadium or XC) Ideal confidence builder. Ties, clips, bathes, loads, hauls & is sound, no maintenance requirements. Excellent on trail rides, alone or in groups. Info & video at www.meandercreek.com, Contact Rachel 330-533-2058 pr 330-397-9607, asking \$10,000 neg. to the right home only 4/09

For Sale: Georgian Grande G, 15.3h, 8 yrs, bay with lots of chrome. Uphill conformation. Expressive mover with a great personality. Has been to two schooling shows. Everyone stops to watch Farley. He has the charisma to shine in the ring. Very smooth ride. \$10,000, contact Kris Ropp 440-834-1285 or krisropp@martintel.net 7/09

For Sale: Holsteiner, G, 13 yrs, 16.3hh; Very competitive in the show ring, extensive show record, very uphill movement with expressive gaits, currently schooling 2nd/3rd Level. Owner off to college, price reduced: \$19,500, Interested? Contact Janeen 1-440-666-6182 or JaneenGrava@earthlink.net 4/09

For Sale: Lipizzaner, S, 12yr 14.2h, No vices, easy to handle and ride. Schooling third level and piaffe. Approved home only. 386-624-3968 4/09nm

For Sale: Oldenburg/TB G, 13 yr, 16.2h. Potential for upper level, needs good rider with light hand and quiet leg. Huge gaits, excellent temperament, really sweet horse. Good home very important, kgwtia@yahoo.com or 216-849-5847. 4/09

For Sale: QH G 16h, 10yr. bay, very flashy, schooling 1L dressage with potential to go higher. Fantastic mover, long stride, supple. He loves to jump and has excellent form. Would make a great lower level dressage or eventing horse, very friendly, sweet, and outgoing. 13,000, Jessica (440)317-0058 or bobalo09@yahoo.com 4/09

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For Sale: QH, g, 10 y, 16h, very handsome, flashy bay, schooling 1st level with potential to go higher. Beautiful mover, loves to jump, very forward, excellent form, great on cross-country. Potential to make an excellent event horse! Wonderful outside; very sweet and quiet. No vices, great loading, clipping, ect. Asking \$12,000 neg., Jessica bobalo09@yahoo.com or (440)317-0058 4/09

For Sale: RPSI Gelding: Beautiful 4 year old black and white paint, 16.1. Skyliner is green broke. Sky has 3 wonderful gaits and shows potential for FEI. For more information and to see pictures of this flashy young horse go to www.sendonway.com or email

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Working Student Position: Cloverfield needs a working student to exchange board and lessons for working a couple of horses, learning proper lunging techniques and correct classical training methods, plus doing other chores at farm when needed. Mary Dana Prescott 440-256-8858 4/09

Earn Extra Income! Small, conscientious group seeks to lease a facility in Hinckley/Richfield. We've been "co-oping" for 3 yrs and offer superb care to 6-8 horses, while maintaining a professional barn. Our leased barn has been for sale and a possible sale is pending. References available. Will consider adding the right person and horse(s.) Irene Bray 330-606-7321 4/09

Position available: Fieldstone Farm, in Chagrin Falls, OH, is seeking a therapeutic riding instructor for 15 hours / week. Successful candidates demonstrate excellent horsemanship skills, a professional presence and a confident teaching demeanor. Working with the Fieldstone Farm team, this instructor will teach all levels of

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Arthur Kottas Imperial Deluxe Dressage saddle, black, 17", MN, exc. cond., #3 tree, excellent condition, PRICE REDUCTION! \$1,500 Leslie Henry, 440-476-5176 lesliehenry@yahoo.com 7/09

Arthur Kottas Imperial dressage saddle w/short flap, Black, 17", MW, lightly used, \$1600 obo. Getting out of horses so my loss is your gain. Best dressage saddle ever made! Lisa at 440-570-7099 or email lisai@zoominternet.net. Pictures available at www.digitalhorses.com 7/09

Barnsby N-Gage Dressage Saddle. 17.5", medium tree, black. Used for 2 years, unfortunately it no longer fits this horse. \$2,000 Firm, www.schwungfarm.com 4/09

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Bates Isabell Saddle w/Cair: Exc. cond. black, 17" w/ ALL adjustable gullets and measuring tool for Easy Change system. Removable thigh blocks. Great saddle, doesn't fit my horse anymore. Pic. avail., asking \$1900. Call Susan at (440) 338-6087 or email susan.slotnick@gmail.com 6/09

County Competitor dressage saddle, black, 17", great overall cond., med. spring tree, knee blocks to help keep leg in optimal position, both leather keepers need to be stitched, Some cosmetic surface cracking on seat, very minimal. \$500, Linda 440-564-8118 or webmaster@nodarider.org 4/09

County Competitor WB 2000 dressage saddle, 17.5" med/wide tree (4), black, like new, \$1,000, mbrogan07@gmail.com or 330-562-9753 Cathy 4/09

Courbette Vision Extra Eventing saddle 18", narrow tree, exc. cond., used for 2 years, cleaned after every ride. \$1,300, Jackie dressagegirl088 @yahoo.com or 440-582-0210 4/09

Crosby Prix Des Nations, 17", close contact saddle with plain flap, pencil knee rolls, med. tree, narrow twist seat, leather is in exc. cond. One condition issue: right side under panel needs to be re-stitched, but is good. Linda 440-564-8118 or webmaster@nodarider.org 4/09

Crosby Prix St George dressage saddle, 17", med tree, brown leather, good cond., \$300 Charlene, jillyjr@msn.com 4/09

German hand made Fur Felt Top Hat. Black, brim 1 1/2", crown 4", size 22 1/2, German 56, like new, worn less than 10 times, \$150 firm, USH@windstream.net or 440-320-1442 06/09

Jaguar Dressage saddle 18", wide tree, exc. cond., cleaned after every ride, \$2,000, Jackie, dressagegirl088@yahoo.com or 440-582-0210 4/09

Legacy Dressage Saddle, Grippy & durable black buffalo leather, 18.5", narrow tree, wide gullet, exe. cond. wonderful saddle, unfortunately it no longer fits my horse \$1,000, Charlene, jillyjr@msn.com 4/09

Prestige Optimax dressage saddle, 18" excellent condition, 34cm (W) tree/adjustable, deep seat & generous knee rolls, \$2,700, photo avail., mbrogan07@gmail.com or 330-562-9753 Cathy 4/09

Steubben Avalon Dressage 17.5" Med. tree, 2 years old, \$850, Debbie Parker 330-421-1653 4/09

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Stubben Siegfried 17", med. width (31 cm), very good condition, made in Germany, suede knee flaps, well cond. leather, solid tree, well cared for & stored indoors. \$490 obo, Suzanne 440-729-7331 4/09

Warwick dressage saddle, 17", brown, exc. cond., very gently used, quality construction. comfortable, \$249. Pics available at glenellen@roadrunner.com 440-338-6875 06/09nm

Wintec 250 All Purpose saddle, almost new, ridden in less than a dozen times, comes with extra wide gullet; tree sound and life time guarantee on Wintec tree. Very comfortable, saddle too small for me so must sell. \$200, Linda 440-564-8118 or webmaster@nodarider.org 4/09

Wintec All Purpose saddle, black, 16.5", M flexible tree (not adjustable), hard to find this style wintec, does not hurt your horses withers like the newer adjustable ones do. It will stretch to fit your horse and is flexible. \$200 firm. Lisa at 440-570-7099 or email lisai@zoominternet.net 4/09

Winrec Isabelle w/Cair panels: 17 1/2" M tree & extra wide gullets, girth & equisuede leathers included. This is a great saddle for a young developing horse, it is in very good condition, \$850, Sharon 440-423-1771 6/09

BOARDING, TRAINING AND CLINICS

Cloverfield: opening for board, training, and/or lessons in the Kirtland area. We do dressage and some jumping. Opportunities to go to clinics and shows. Provide lots of grass turnouts. Will also travel to your farm for lessons. I am also looking for a working student to exchange board and lessons to help with training of and working a couple of horses. You can learn proper lunging techniques and correct classical training methods, plus doing other chores at farm when needed. Call Mary Dana Prescott at 440-256-8858, leave message & phone number 6/09

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Xhalt Equestrian Center: We are an adult boarding and training facility for the dressage enthusiast. Located in Lorain county close to I-480 and the western Cuyahoga county area. We have indoor and outdoor arenas, large stalls, tack room, viewing room, wash racks and pastures. Phyllis 216-299-3096 or www.Xhalteqcenter.com 4/09

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2009 Membership Form

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