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AROUND THE ARENA

Congratulations...to Wolin Studios (Drs. Preston and Morgan Wolin) of Chicago, Ill., on the sale of Morgan's pleasure equitation horse Linus Van Pelt. Chuck Herbert at Cedarwood Farm in Evansville, Ind., represented Wolin Studios. Patty Dozier, new owner, selected this horse for her granddaughter Hallie Sansbury and Linus will now be trained by Cape Cod Farm in Kettering, Ohio.

...to Bob and Nancy Anderson's Brown-Anderson Farm in Plainfield, Ill., on their selection of the nice gelding CH First Class Heir, and he will join their string trained by Andy and Lynda Freseth's Hollow Haven Farm in Oconomowoc, Wisc. First Class Heir, ("Stanley"), was a winner for Glenn and Michelle Werry's Glenmore Farm in Edwards, Ill., as shown by Glenn T. Werry and Faye Wuesthofen. Michelle Werry also recently selected the champion equitation horse, Kiss Of The Zodiac, for Faye's new equitation mount and he will be trained by DeLovely Farm. Shively and Miles acted as agents in this transaction. Former owner Jacqueline Beck was a big winner on this nice horse under the direction of Zubrod Stables in Prospect, Ky.

...to Lisa Antalek of Glenview, Ill., on her selection of the nice black pleasure driving horse Supreme Platinum from former owner Jane Mueller. Bret Day was the agent for Ms. Mueller and the Durants' Bell View Acres represented Ms. Antalek.

...to Rick Hossfield and Jane Archer, first time Saddlebred owners, who have come to the breed from the Arabian Horse world, on their selection of the up-and-coming four-year-old western pleasure horse, Winsdown Fifth Avenue, ("Casper"), from Dede Disbrow of Edina, Minn. Centre Pointe Stables acted as agent for all parties. Casper will now be



Mr. and Mrs. Eric Larson.

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prepared for this new role by Winstead Kirkpatrick.

...to Kate Baumann of Roscoe, Ill., on the exciting purchase of five-year-old three-gaited Callaway's Campaign Manager. Former owners were Mark Hulse and Jane Binkus. Marlene and Neva LaFleur acted as agents for Kate from their LaFleur Stables in Verona, Wisc. Mark and Kelly Hulse acted as agents in this sale. Neva LaFleur also sold Inviting, a longtime resident at LaFleur Stables, who had much success for Ellen Smithback, her daughter, Solveig, Brian Harrison, as well as many other LaFleur Stables riders. She was selected by Tod Roettiger for a customer of his in the Huntington Beach, Calif., area.

Bulletin Board...Congratulations to everyone at MBA Equestrians in Willowbrook, Ill., on word that the nice gaited horse CF Night At The Castle has achieved enough points to obtain his "CH" through the eyes of the American Saddlebred Horse Association. "Castle" is trained by Pat McConnell and has been shown primarily by Brittany Baird during his years at MBA Equestrians.

...Congratulations to new parents Jeffrey and Kelly (Theis) Williamson on their first child, a baby girl named Kendra Grace Williamson, who arrived on January 7, 2009 at 21 inches long and weighed 7 lbs, 1 oz. Proud grandparents are Gordie and Kitty Theis, and Lynda and Andy Freseth.

...A "Cabin Fever Reliever" or wintry escape was held at Sleepy Hollow Farm owned by Margaret Easton and Randy Grant along with trainer Marie Bouvet on Sunday, January 25 from noon until 5

p.m. Sleepy Hollow Farm is located in Roberts, Wisc., which is just over the border a bit from Stillwater, Minn.

...A nice Party on Saturday, January 10, celebrating the end of another holiday season was held by Katherine Meints and James Natoli at their gorgeous and completely refurbished historic home on Chicago's northwest side. Many from the horse community were there despite the wintry weather that was plaguing the region. The couple owns the really nice show pleasure horse Sapphire On Ice, who was a winner for Katherine at the 2008 Mane Event show and prior to that a top park pleasure horse shown by Toni Knight-Utoft.

...Saturday, January 17 was the day and the First Congregational Church in Glen Ellyn, Ill., was the setting for the wedding of Brittany Becker and Eric Larson. Brittany is the daughter of Glenn and Janel Becker. Walter Payton's Roundhouse in Aurora, Ill., was the scene for the couple's reception. Brittany found much success in the pleasure equitation division in her juvenile years with Winter Possum and also enjoyed success with the three-gaited mare Santana's Pocketful Of Posies, both under the direction of the Bell View Acres. Brittany started riding with Bob Lanners' High Style Stables in Wheaton and then began showing with Marcia Everett at Bridleway Stables. When she went off to college, the primary focus of the family's showing was with mom Janel, who had some fun years with the grand old campaigner CH Star Track CHF, who is now retired at Bell View Acres.

...Congratulations to Hollow Haven

Farm owners Andy and Lynda Freseth on being named UPHA's Horsemen of the Year at the 2009 Convention in Hilton Head Island, S.C., in early January 2009. A speech was prepared and read by Nancy-Leigh Fisher in their honor.

Condolences... to everyone at Centre Pointe Stables on the loss of Girl Fizz, a valued school horse, at the stable located in Delano, Minn. "Fizz" was the first show horse of many of their young riders. Death was attributed to "advanced years". Reportedly, she was in her late 20s.

...to Mimi and Bruce Bahcall of Chicago, Ill., on word that they lost their female Weimaraner, Whitney. Others who lost beloved pooches recently were the Pettry family of New Lenox, Ill., on the loss of Oscar a beloved Pug; and Jayne and Morris Tillman also had to say good-bye to Gus.

...to Sharon Vuinovich's Sophisticated Ladies LLC on the loss of the grand stallion, Attache's Liquid Asset (Attache x Mona Denmark) just before Christmas 2008. Asset was 27 years of age at the time. Asset had lived for many years under the care and direction of Gareth Selwood's Selwood Park Stables in Walworth, Wisc., and the list of this grand stallions get is too long to list.

...to the family and friends of Maria Bristow, the owner of the mare Fleeting Romance, who succumbed to breast cancer at the young age of 44. Maria purchased this Union Town daughter via Carmella Menolasino at Daybreak Farm in Princeton, Ill., and she showed her in the country pleasure driving division under the Daybreak banner.

...to Mary Beth Rebedeau (husband, Mark Warden) and daughter Dallas Warden-Collins, on the passing of Mary Beth's father, Francis "Bud" Rebedeau in early January 2009. Bud and his wife, Fern, were frequent horse show visitors during Dallas' showing days with Martha Thompson-Hoyt's Palos Hills Riding Stables and Bell View Acres. Bud was the founder of The Rebedeau Group, a promotion company for the trade show industry, where he worked with his daughter Mary Beth.

...to Eileen Byrne, instructor at Krussell Stables in Richmond, Ill., on the loss of her beloved 25-year-old gelding, Johnny Luck (Lucky Commander x The Rose Symbol) who was put down on Sunday, January 11, 2009. He taught many lessons for Eileen at the stable, and prior to that he had been her own personal show ring mount after she purchased him from Glenn and Janel

Becker as their daughter Brittany showed the horse for a couple of seasons under the direction of Bridleway Stables.

Here Come Da Judges... Well, it's that time of the year! Horse show managers are starting to announce their hired officials for the 2009 competitions slated to begin before we know it! Some that have done so are as follows: Liv Moyer (manager of Madison Classic Horse Show) has hired Melinda Moore to officiate at their 2009 show; Peter Fenton (new manager at Indianapolis Charity Horse Show) tells via show co-chairwoman Phyllis Harris of the hiring of Nelson Green of Nicholasville, Ky., for their 2009 event; and Gary Garone of Richmond, N.H., has been hired to officiate at the 2009 Great River Charity Show in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, per show

manager Mark Weber.

Things That Make Me Say Hmm...(submitted by Brenda Pulis) Things Learned While In Georgia:

1. A possum is a flat animal that sleeps in the middle of the road.
2. It's not a shopping cart, it's a buggy.
3. "Jaw-P" means, "Did y'all go to the bathroom?"
4. 'Onced' and 'Twiced' are words.
5. Iced tea is appropriate for all meals. You start drinking it when you are two.
6. Backwards and forwards means "I know everything about you."
7. The word "jeet" is actually a phrase meaning "Did you eat?"
8. You know all four seasons: Almost summer, summer, still summer and Christmas.
9. Fried catfish is the other white meat.
10. We don't need no dang driver's ed. If our mama says we can drive, we can drive, dag-nabbit.

Guy Warner — 2008 Horse Person of the Year



The Minnesota Horse Council announced the selection of Guy Warner as 2008 Horse Person of the Year at their Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet on Saturday, January 17, 2009.

The award is presented each year to someone who shows long-term service and commitment to the equine industry in the Midwest. Numerous letters were submitted to the committee regarding Warner's professionalism, history of many hours of volunteering, generosity, kindness, knowledge, talents, leadership and dedication to the horse world. Warner is the 39th recipient of this award.

Warner has put in over 40 years of service – both equine related and community related. He served 10 years in the Minnesota National Guard with final rank of Sergeant First Class, specializing in the Field of Artillery. He has served as past President of North Central Morgan Horse Association (NCMA), and as a horse show committee member for three years. He has served as past President of Tri-State Horsemen's Association, and is still actively involved with them today. Guy Warner has been both a board member and officer of American Horse Shows Association (AHSA) – serving as chairman of the Relocation Task Force of the AHSA offices move from New York City to Lexington, Ky. He has also served as chairman and member of the National Nominating Committee of the United States Equestrian Foundation (USEF). Most recently, he served on the Audit Committee of the United States Equestrian Foundation (USEF). Currently, he is a member of the Minnesota State Fair Foundation, serving as Vice-Chair and Chairman of the Audit Committee. In non-horse related activities, he is Chairman of the Board of Directors for Warner Manufacturing Company as well as President of the American Cutlery Manufacturers Association. He is also co-founder and President of the St. Bonifacius/Minnetrista Crime Fund.

Warner is best known as the announcer at the Minnesota State Fair as well as other Midwest shows, including the prestigious St. Louis National Charity Show. Warner has served as ringmaster/horse show announcer for performance horse classes including Hunters, Jumpers, Draft Horse "Hitch Classes", Morgans, Arabians, American Saddlebreds, Tennessee Walking Horses, National Show Horses, Hackney and Harness Ponies, Miniature Horses as well as others when necessary. He always tries to educate the audience as to the inner workings of the mysterious world of horse shows with tidbits of information. He has also served as emcee for many award banquets as well, and always entertains with his spontaneous humor.

Warner has been an owner, an exhibitor, and an enthusiastic supporter of family training, showing and winning on a national basis. Warner has been married to wife Pauline for 44 years and has helped raise three wonderful children – Carrie (husband Barry), Cathy (husband Mike) and Craig (wife Cindy). He currently has five precious grandchildren.