

# The Lakefield Lead Line

News from Lakefield Farm



## Barnside



Happy New Year!

Sometimes I think that time goes by so quickly and then

when I look back on all the things that took place over the year, it is amazing to me. It has been an incredible year for us and Lakefield Farm. We should have known it was going to be an amazing year when it started out with Leanne announcing her engagement to Shane, but Paula sure wasn't going to let her have ALL the big news for the year. Nope, when Paula and Jack announced that they were buying the farm down the road, it changed a lot of our focus, at least for the summer. Not only did we have to start thinking about wedding plans but we were all busy trying to get an entire farm moved from Two Rivers to Grafton and get everyone's hay baled at the same time. Don was just hoping to finish the addition, wash stall and heated tack room then maybe slow down a bit. Well we all know that would never happen. Thankfully between moving, with teamwork, our barn as well as Paula and Jack's is filled with beautiful hay. How wonderful to have all our children within a mile of us! Now if we could just get Leanne and Shane to start firming up some of their wedding plans!

Horse events were many. We attended excellent clinics by Deb Bennett and Jean Luc Cornille. Brent Graef had a terrific clinic here. Our mini clinics and Back to the Basics

classes have been a lot of fun and a wonderful exchange of ideas, as well as learning for all. Leanne's equestrian team was a success with a lot of interest for this coming year. Knightwind has found a new career, thanks to Lisa, as a driving horse which suits her perfectly. Leanne purchased Dove who is a wonderful addition to the lesson program and Don and I are excited to have two beautiful babies, Cashmere and Dreamer, to work with. Drifter was saddled for the first time and will start his riding career this spring.

For myself, this year has been a wonderful journey. Thinking that I would never enjoy riding a horse as much as I enjoyed Hoss, as difficult as he could be at times, I am having the time of my life with Joe. He is turning out to be a horse with a ton of try and a heart of gold. He will be 5 this summer and I can tell that he is making that transition into maturity. His balance is bet-

ter, he can stay more focused, and he just has a confidence about himself. We still have many things to work on but I feel that his fundamentals are very solid.

As for 2012, we are looking forward to the wedding, great clinics and classes, and a lot of horseback riding. We can't wait to see how Drifter does under saddle. We wish all of you health and happiness. We feel very fortunate and blessed to be a part of your lives, even if it is only in a small way.

*Rosanne*

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Also check out our facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Lakefield-Farm->

## Star out of the Box



So, I am glad to be leaving 2011 behind. I heard a radio broadcast on New Year's Eve that discussed New Year's Resolutions. The health expert claimed that resolutions were actually good to make because they gave you provided hope. She also discussed the quantity and quality of the resolutions and the expectations. I can't remember the expert's name, but she said that if you kept your resolutions to a small number and expected that there would be some backsliding, the change in one area could help you to make a change in even more areas. Therefore, I am making a resolution: I am resolved to be a better horse while I am being saddled. I will try not to bite at the cats, the saddler, other horses or humans who have the misfortune of passing by me during the process. You have my permission to remind me if I am have a retro moment. Stop pinning my ears?! Forget it. The radio expert said to make reasonable resolutions and have reasonable expectations for success. What were you thinking? Happy New Year!

*Star*

## Cashmere and Dreamer

We haven't worked with them much recently, just letting them be horses. However, during the holidays, Rosanne and I went for a walk with them. We came upon a water puddle and thought it was a chance to work on stepping across some water. Well I had Dreamer and Rosanne had Cashmere (because she's cute). So we both went to the other side of the puddle and started asking each foal to step across. Dreamer put his nose to the ground and kept getting closer until he felt it was safe to bound across. Cashmere on the other hand picked her head up and threw a front foot forward and then looked down to see if she was in the water. She saw she wasn't, so she picked up her head and threw a foot out, and again, looking down to see if she was in the water. She repeated this until she decided it was better to just jump it. We took them through the woods making sure branches were hitting them on the sides and underneath to get used to that feel. We walked them on the road and across those scary white and yellow lines, which I don't think they even noticed. Only one car went by, which didn't seem to faze them. Their last challenge was going across the ditch which had water in it and they took that in stride. The walk was very enjoyable, but an extremely valuable lesson for the two. It was fun to see how they handled things differently. Cashmere seems to have the most personality and is the sweetest around Rosanne and I. Dreamer's personality shines in the pasture where he and Drifter play while Cashmere is happy to just watch .



Cashmere



Don working with Dreamer to get him through the water



Dreamer

## Holiday Party Photos



## What's in a Failure?—Don Korinek



If you ever had the opportunity to watch a foal stand and walk for the first

time, you would see failure at its finest. Here is a being that in its first hour of life spends 70% of its time trying and failing, achieving its goal only 10% of the time. The other 20% is spent adjusting (these are not scientific number only my observations). Within a few hours, it is capable of keeping up with its mother at any gait. Their instinct forces them to keep trying and adjusting until their muscles become strong enough to balance and hold them up. They don't know failure, only to keep trying. The next thing they learn is to nurse, instinct tells them to nurse but not where. I've seen them try between the mare's front legs, the

hocks, even the tail. The mare rarely helps but the foal keeps trying and adjusting until its instinct can check that off its list. Instinct keeps forcing it to think but soon thinking takes the larger role. Instinct doesn't teach failure, only to try and adjust.

Only humans perceive failure. Let me first clear up the definition of the "failure" I want to talk about; lack of success, what causes it, is our perception. Let me give you an example; for some anything less than an "A" is a failure, for me a "C" was a huge success you could measure the distance of me and an "A" in light years. We value success which makes us goal orientated that's why we give ourselves awards, bonuses any assortment things to show we've achieved. Horses have no such need. They're just looking for the next flake of hay. We have to understand this when we enter the horse world. Horses are hard wired to try and adjust to a situation, we are hard wired to achieve. If we don't get what we want, we feel that we've failed

in some way. A horse is just fitting a situation.

Let me give you an example. One of the most repeated mistakes I see in ground work is someone asking their horse to move to the left. In preparation they step back to swing the lead rope at the horses shoulder and the horse step toward them, this process is repeated until the person throws up their arms in failure. The horse isn't trying to irritate you or even trying to control the moment. He's just doing what he feel is right at that moment and each time we back up we are confirming his thoughts. What will change this is swing the rope at the horses shoulder driving him back and to left, he will adjust and make a change when he's shown that he must. So the answer to the question "What's in a failure?" An opportunity to adjust and try again. It's that simple.

### "Back to the Basics" Classes

#### **"Back to the Basics" Classes:**

We are offering a excellent opportunity to learn more about horsemanship in the warmth of the barn lounge. Each class will be about 2 hours. The last half hour may be with a horse or horses depending on the topic and group.

#### **Leadership—Saturday, January 7, 9am-11am**

What does that mean?

How do you become a leader?

What does it mean to the horse?

This should be a very interactive and interesting class with a lot of excerpts from different trainers & clinicians

#### **Building Trust—Saturday, January 14, 9am-11am**

Does your horse trust you?

What things do we do that could break that trust

What can be done to gain trust back or to just improve what you already have

#### **Open Question Forum—Saturday, January 21, 9am-11am**

Bring your questions, problems, observations etc.

Discussion on everyday situations that affect everyone at some point in their horse journey

Find ways to help you through situations - what is the common thread?

This will be an excellent opportunity to learn from us as well as others who may have been through similar situations.

#### **Habits—Saturday, February 4, 9am-11am**

What are some of your habits? Are they good or ????

What are some of your Horse's Habits?

What little habits can we change that will go a long way in improving your relationship with your horse?

You may have habits you are not even aware of, but your horse is!

#### **Register by e-mailing: [Classes@lakefieldfarm.com](mailto:Classes@lakefieldfarm.com)**

\$25.00 per class, everyone is welcome!

## Congratulations to Our New Leasers!

Kim Hafeman and Dawn Myers have been friends through their kids going to school. The kids are now out of the house and they have time to enjoy something for themselves. Kim rode in the past & wanted to get back into it and Dawn felt it would be fun as well. They have been enjoying lessons and now will enjoy leasing as it will allow them to ride together. Kim will be leasing Dove. I could tell the first time I saw Kim look at her friend riding Dove that she was in love with her. Dove is a lovely thoroughbred mare and Kim is looking forward to having a lot of riding time with her. Dawn will be leasing Husky who is a paint gelding.



Kim and Dawn with  
Dove and Husky

We are excited for both of them, knowing that they are going to have a great time riding together as well as getting to know others at the barn.

### Welcome to the Wonderful World of Horses

I will again be offering the 4 part class which has always been well received and is the perfect introduction into horses whether you are an adult interested in getting into horses yourself or you have a child that is interested and you would like to learn more about what the horse world has to offer. This is a very interactive class and covers a broad range of horse topics. We will cover things such as breeds, styles of riding, stables in the area, cost of ownership, care, opportunities in the horse industry, as well as resources to further your knowledge. Our first offering will be on Tuesday evenings starting in January from 6p-8p. The dates will be January 10, 17, 24, and 31st. Let your friends know that this will be available if you think they may have an interest. Call 262-375-4451 for more information.

Check out our new *Journeys* page on our web site!

This month features Bobbie Abendroth and Whinny. We would love to have people share their horse journey as it is always interesting to read about how someone got into horses and what paths they took to get where they are now.

<http://www.lakefieldfarm.com/bobbie-and-whinny.html>

#### Still looking for more photos!

We will be putting the Lakefield Farm 2011 Photo



Album together soon and there are still quite a few of you who we don't have pictures. Make sure you send them to me so we can add them. It is so cool to go back through the years and see everyone. Please make sure you are represented!

### Welcome Sam and Beauty!



Beauty is a 15 year old Morgan horse. I started riding when I was around 8 years old and we bought Beauty around 6 years ago.

We've been in the Ozaukee County Horse and Pony Project for 5 years and have been showing that long as well. We've done one Morgan breed show and did pretty well. We have also been doing the Morgan breed demo at the Midwest Horse Fair for the past 3 years.

Beauty had a filly three years ago this April, named Jazz. This year I will be going to UW-Eau Claire and will be joining the Equestrian team there and would like to keep riding and competing all throughout college.

We love trail riding with friends and also found that she loves swimming. Overall, I just enjoy time in the saddle.

-Sam Bartnik

We are so happy to have Sam and Beauty join us.

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Lakefield Farm is more than just a boarding stable. Lakefield Farm is a place where horse enthusiasts not only ride, but also take advantage of the beautiful property and river to snow shoe, hike, cross country ski and just enjoy being out in the country. We provide quality, dependable, knowledgeable care for horses while providing a friendly, relaxed atmosphere for horse enthusiasts to learn and enjoy their horse. We believe in educating our customers in all aspects of horsemanship, including care, safety, groundwork as well as riding skills. Our five trainers have over 140 years of combined horse experience. We have a passion for what we do and it shows. Our services include boarding, training, lessons, horsemanship weeks and as well as self improvement courses.

Have a horse question? Ask one of our trainers and we will answer in the news-

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## Calendar

### January

7th Back to Basics—Leadership, 9am-11am  
14th Back to Basics—Building Trust, 9am-11am  
17th Wonderful World of Horses, 6pm-8pm  
21st Back to Basics—Open Question Forum, 9am-11am  
24th Wonderful World of Horses, 6pm-8pm  
31st Wonderful World of Horses, 6pm-8pm

### February

4th Back to Basics—Habits, 9am-11am

