



# NEWSLETTER

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## Horse Slaughter Bill

The Oklahoma Dressage Society has NOT taken any position on the horse slaughter bill but encourages its members to make up their own minds.

Members should not use the ODS private mailing list for political ends, no matter how passionate their view. In the alternative, we encourage members to contact their legislators and make their feelings known.

## Albers Award Winner Announced

The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) is pleased to announce that The Albers Award perpetual trophy was awarded to Region 9 Chef d'Equipe, **Ed Lavallee**, at this year's USDF/Platinum Performance North American Junior & Young Rider Dressage Championships at the Adequan/FEI North American Junior & Young Rider Championships presented by Gotham North (NAJYRC). Ed Lavallee of Wylie, Texas, has volunteered as the Region 9 Chef d'Equipe for both the Region 9 junior and young rider teams for the past three years.

The *Albers Award* is named in honor of long time USDF Region 1 Chef d'Equipe, supporter, and good friend, Patsy Albers. The award is presented annually at the USDF/Platinum Performance North American Junior & Young Rider Dressage Championships to the dressage chef d'equipe who best demonstrates the same level of dedication, enthusiasm, and team spirit shown by Patsy throughout the years. The award is open to all of the dressage chefs d'equipe. Any competitor or chef d'equipe can nominate a candidate by submitting a written explanation as to why that chef deserves to win the Albers Award.

The NAJYRC is the premier equestrian competition in North America for junior and young riders ages 14-21. Young equestrians come from the United States, Bermuda, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and the Caribbean Islands to vie for team and individual FEI medals in the three Olympic equestrian disciplines of show jumping, dressage, and eventing, as well as the FEI World Equestrian Games disciplines of reining and endurance.

## USDF Education Membership

Want to learn about dressage, but competing isn't your main thing? USDF's education membership includes full access to the extensive USDF online database e-TRAK, as well as a subscription to the digital edition of USDF's award-winning magazine, *USDF Connection*. Plus, you will receive discounts in the USDF Store and other dressage education sources. Best of all, it's just \$35/year for adults and \$10/year for youth. Go to [www.usdf.org/join](http://www.usdf.org/join) and sign up today!

## From Our President

ODS Membership Chair **Beth Circle** reports that our ODS membership is up! When compared with this time last year, ODS membership is up from 212 in June 2012 to 221 in June 2013. We are excited to be growing again.

The ODS membership year runs from December 1 through November 30. ODS will conduct a drawing including all members who renew their ODS membership on or before November 15. The winner of the drawing will receive a refund of their 2014 membership fee! Don't wait—renew your membership today!

Volunteers are the lifeblood of a non-profit organization. We are going to be asking many of you to donate a bit of your time to benefit the organization. At this past show, we learned that fundraising is definitely the way to bring in money to subsidize the activities our organization would like to offer. We are going to be recruiting fundraisers for the ODS general budget, as well as administrative support for some of the record keeping this will entail. Let me know if you would like to be included in this endeavor.

**Rainee Boyd** is assembling a Nominating Committee that will work together to compile a slate of officers to run for the ODS Board.

ODS has raised approximately \$2,000 through our Tornado Relief Fund. A show at **Patty Couch's** brought in well over \$1000; the Alamo Dressage Society sent a check for \$100; and Central Texas Dressage Society sent \$500! At the ODS Summer Meeting, the membership present voted to send the money to the Equi-Center Veterinary Clinic, which is closest to the damage. They were not sure of how much money they had invested so far, but in the tornadoes that swept the area in 1997, their expenses were approximately \$40,000.

Are you enjoying having the ODS Newsletter delivered to your computer? Our new editor, **Carol Miller**, sends it directly to you each month. Keep checking the newsletter and our website ([www.dressageoklahoma.org](http://www.dressageoklahoma.org)) for regular updates of activities, shows, and opportunities. Did you know that you could win a FREE County Saddle??

We are looking for suggestions for our 2014 educational event. **Sharon O'Banion** is following up on one idea, but we would like to have ideas for more options.

If you have any ideas, suggestions, or want to volunteer for any of the various ODS needs, please contact any ODS Board member. We need YOU!!

Sherry Guess

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## Volunteer of the Year Awards

Nominations are now open for the Regional GMO Volunteer of the Year Award and the USDF Volunteer of the Year Award.

The **Regional GMO Volunteer of the Year Award** is designed to recognize outstanding volunteer efforts at the local level. One GMO volunteer is recognized in each of the nine USDF regions. Nomination forms must be completed and submitted by the president or designee of the president of the GMO for consideration. Download the nomination form at [www.usdf.org/docs/GMOFlash/web/Forms%5CRegionalGMO\\_VOYAward.pdf](http://www.usdf.org/docs/GMOFlash/web/Forms%5CRegionalGMO_VOYAward.pdf).

The **USDF Volunteer of the Year Award** is a prestigious award of national scope that annually recognizes USDF's most outstanding volunteer who has demonstrated exceptional commitment toward carrying out USDF's mission: "dedicated to education, the recognition of achievement, and the promotion of dressage." The nomination form can be found at [www.usdf.org/docs/awards/service/VOYApplication.pdf](http://www.usdf.org/docs/awards/service/VOYApplication.pdf).

Nominations for both awards are due by August 31.

# ODS Summer Meeting Features

## Presentation by Therapeutic Farrier

Approximately 40 people attended the ODS Summer Meeting at the Edmond Public Library on July 27, 2013, to hear a presentation by therapeutic farrier John Muldoon.

Muldoon's unique perspective is fueled not only by his many years of experience shoeing horses, but also by his educational background which includes a B.S. with an emphasis on veterinary medicine, and a B.S. in mechanical engineering. Currently, he focuses on therapeutic shoeing and collaborates on difficult cases with 18 different veterinarian clinics in a variety of states.

Muldoon gave many useful tips, including:

- Use a string to make sure toes are the same length
- Use a ruler held sideways down the front of the hoof to notice any deviation from a straight line
- Good communication with your farrier is important. You need to be able to discuss the issues you notice so both of you are aware of changes needed
- The horse should land, load, and take off down the middle of his hoof, but need not have his feet facing straight forward (depending on his conformation)
- Front shoes don't get ripped off because the shoes are too long, but because the rear feet are out of balance
- Sound horse dragging one or more toes? Trying using a loose cat collar with a bell around the ankle. The horse will notice this small addition and pay more attention to that foot
- Pledge Future 100% Acrylic Floor Polish is an inexpensive way to protect your horse's hooves. Pour in a spray bottle and apply for a week; then, whenever they seem to lose their shine
- With a horse that has feet of different sizes, the large foot usually isn't the problem. The smaller foot isn't taking as much weight, and there may be a soundness issue to explore with your veterinarian. Get above the horse and look down onto his shoulders. The more developed shoulder is probably the one with the larger foot. If it's only a training issue, you need to work more frequently in the direction of the smaller foot.
- When looking at the underside of the foot, there should be a smooth bowl with no lumps, bumps, or holes. The frog should have an even line along both sides and come to a 'V' no more than 1-1/4" to 1-3/4" from the end of the toe. There should be no distortion of the frog or bars.
- Contrary to what used to be taught, the bars should not carry weight.
- Compaction on one side will cause a flare on the other side. This is not resolved by removing the flare, but by looking for the compressed heel opposite it and relieving it.

Muldoon was generous with his time and knowledge, answering everyone's questions about their own horse's issues. We were shown numerous slides of the undersides of hooves with problems and subsequent slides showing how to resolve the issue.

This was an excellent opportunity to be taught and enlightened by someone with information and knowledge of the cutting edge of the farrier industry.

**Editor's Note:** *Many thanks to Sherry Guess for providing a recap of the ODS Summer Meeting.*

# Green Country Dressage Classic I & II

## High Score and Breed Winners

### Claremore Expo Center June 15-16, 2013

Level	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Introductory</b>	Sarah Scott/Valley Boy 64.062	Stacey Gerling/Phenix 72.000
<b>Training-1<sup>st</sup> Jr/YR</b>	Clare Krska/D'Amore 72.200	Clare Krska/D'Amore 71.207
<b>Training-1<sup>st</sup> AA</b>	Emily Bartel/Dragonfire Shogun 67.586	Carol Krska/Big Bears Ashleigh 73.036
<b>Training-1<sup>st</sup> Open</b>	Claudia Springer-Misner/Bonnie 67.400	Claudia Springer-Misner/Bonnie 65.625
<b>2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Jr/YR</b>	McKenna Mathewson/All Night Casino 58.929	McKenna Mathewson/All Night Casino 61.786
<b>2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> AA</b>	Tammy Porter/LL Kargards Star 69.881	Lynn Vandenberg/Zuni Sunrise 65.476
<b>2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Open</b>	Kristin Knutson/Casaro 73.462	Jonni Adams/FWF Baron Von Bella 68.690
<b>FEI</b>	Clare Krska/Romincka 69.737	Clare Krska/Romincka 71.207
<b>AA Dover Medal</b>	Tammy Porter 69.881	Ashley Martin 62.857
<b>Arabian</b>	Ruthie Korver/MI Ddreamweaver 66.600	Kathy Pittman/First Class Image 69.857
<b>Caspian</b>	Clarisse Delacourt/Kriskros Applesauce 63.438	

The Green Country Board offers a warm heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who made the Green Country Dressage Classic a successful show in its 14<sup>th</sup> year. The show would truly not go on without your dedicated support. If you did not receive your turquoise shirt, please contact a board member. If we missed your name, please accept our apology- it was unintentional!

Olaf Batt	Laura Eddy	Nate Mauzerall
Kathy Burrows	Richal Flannery	Audrey McKenna
Megan Casad	Susan Fraley-Mohler	Carol Miller
Jan Cibula	Katrina Geren	Veronica Moody
Connie Coker	Rita Glen	Alaina Orban
Patty Couch	Sherry Guess	Cathy Orban
Larry Couch	Christina Harmon	Ivy Orban
Megan Crabaugh	Sami Harp	Meredith Reeder
Marsha Cullen	Annie Houchin	Melissa Thibodeau
Clarisse Delacourt	Lisa Jewell	Miranda Thibodeau
Lindsey Durbin	Marta Koenig	Sandy Thompson
Elizabeth Eaton	Jean Korver	Christiana Vogel
Jeanie Eaton	Ruthie Korver	

## Intent to Participate - US Dressage Finals

Reminder: To be eligible for the US Dressage Finals, all horse/rider combinations must declare their intention to participate by midnight of the closing date of their Regional Championship. There is no fee to declare. Go to [www.usdressagefinals.org](http://www.usdressagefinals.org) to declare.

## Win a FREE County Saddle!

Thanks to the generosity of County Saddlery, Inc., The Dressage Foundation is excited to announce that a County Perfection Saddle will be given away in a free drawing!

Gene Freeze, President of County Saddlery, has been described as the world's leading saddle designer and has designed saddles for many of the world's top riders from all three Olympic disciplines. Edward Gal rode in a County Perfection saddle when he and Totalis achieved a new world record of 92.3% in 2009.

"I have always felt, both as an individual and as the owner of County, that it is important to give back to the industry that has given so much to me," said Mr. Freeze. "People like Judith Noone and all the dedicated people at The Dressage Foundation inspire me to continue doing so."

The free contest will run from July 15 through December 5, 2013. The drawing will be held at the USDF Convention in Lexington, Kentucky, in December.

U.S. residents 19 years of age and older are eligible to enter the contest. **To enter, visit [www.dressagefoundation.org](http://www.dressagefoundation.org).** Full contest rules and additional information are also available on TDF's website.

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## Adequan is Back

Look for Adequan (polysulfated glycosaminoglycan) products to be back on shelves beginning in late August 2013. Luitpold Animal Health, the manufacturers of Adequan, has also established a dedicated webpage at [www.adequan.com](http://www.adequan.com) where you may register to receive future Adequan product updates and information.

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## Instructor Funding Available

The Dressage Foundation has several grant opportunities for instructors who are seeking Instructor Certification. For more information, please visit [www.dressagefoundation.org/Help\\_For\\_Dressage\\_Instructors.htm](http://www.dressagefoundation.org/Help_For_Dressage_Instructors.htm).



## Participate in the Region 9 Nutrena/USDF Adult Clinic Series featuring Hilda Gurney

Don't miss the opportunity to participate in the Region 9 Nutrena/USDF Adult Clinic Series featuring **Hilda Gurney**. Two-time Olympian and 2007 Roemer Foundation/USDF Hall of Fame Inductee, Hilda Gurney, has had an enormous positive impact on US dressage over the past several decades. She is a dedicated teacher, instructing a generation of students from the grass roots to international levels. The names of her many students could fill a book, including Debbie McDonald, Charlotte Bredahl-Baker, Kathleen Raine, and David Wightman.

The Region 9 clinic will be held November 2-3, 2013, at Willow Draw in Weatherford, Texas. For more information about the clinic, please visit [www.usdf.org/docs/education/clinics/adult/Region9GeneralInformation.pdf](http://www.usdf.org/docs/education/clinics/adult/Region9GeneralInformation.pdf).

To pre-register as an auditor, please visit [www.usdf.org/docs/education/clinics/adult/Pre-RegistrationForm.pdf](http://www.usdf.org/docs/education/clinics/adult/Pre-RegistrationForm.pdf) for a hardcopy of the registration form. To register on-line, please visit [www.usdf.org/education/clinics/adult/dates-locations.asp](http://www.usdf.org/education/clinics/adult/dates-locations.asp) and select "register now" under auditor registration for Region 9. Auditor registration ends on October 18, 2013.

If you are interested in riding, please visit [www.usdf.org/docs/education/clinics/adult/RiderApplication.pdf](http://www.usdf.org/docs/education/clinics/adult/RiderApplication.pdf) for the rider application. Rider applications due on or before September 6, 2013.

## Western Dressage Becomes USEF Discipline

At the Mid-Year meeting of the United States Equestrian Federation, the Board of Directors approved a rule change proposal, effective December 1, 2013, which recognizes Western Dressage as an individual discipline that will have its own chapter in the USEF Rule Book beginning with the 2014 competition season.

The Western Dressage Association of America (WDAA) is honored to have been named the USEF Recognized Affiliate for the exciting new discipline of Western Dressage. WDAA is thrilled to bring its focus and mission of "Honoring the Horse" to the USEF's horse welfare initiatives. WDAA will work closely with USEF coordinating rule processes and other recognized affiliate functions.

About the Western Dressage Association of America: The Western Dressage Association of America is a 501(c)(3) educational non-profit organization focused on providing a model of horsemanship which optimizes the partnership of horse and rider for their mutual benefit. The mission of the Western Dressage Association is "to honor the horse, to value the partnership between horse and rider and to celebrate the legacy of the American West" which it focuses on thorough its offerings of educational opportunities and events to the equestrian community. To discover more about the WDAA, please visit [www.westerndressageassociation.org](http://www.westerndressageassociation.org).

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### Scholarships for Adult Amateur Riders

Are you an adult amateur who leases a horse? Would you like to be able to apply for one of the **Carol Lavell Gifted Memorial Fund** scholarships? Now you can!

The Carol Lavell Gifted Fund provides up to eleven \$1,000 scholarships each year (one for each region with two wildcards that can go to any region) to enable adult amateurs to set aside quality time, in concentrated training, away from the daily pressures of job and family. Scholarships are available to riders at any level to be used for a training program consisting of 5-7 consecutive days with the same trainer with a horse that is owned or leased.

To apply for the scholarship, you must be a USDF GMO member with a strong volunteer history within your GMO/region. Applications are available at [www.dressagefoundation.org](http://www.dressagefoundation.org) and must be received by The Dressage Foundation office no later than September 15. For more information, please visit [www.dressagefoundation.org](http://www.dressagefoundation.org) or contact Jenny Johnson at 402.434.8585 or e-mail Jenny at [jenny@dressagefoundation.org](mailto:jenny@dressagefoundation.org).

The 2012 recipient of the Gifted Fund scholarship for Region 9 is our own **Lindsey Hankins** who is training with **Sherry Guess** in 2013.

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### Region 9 Horse Person of the Year Nominations Due

Deadline for nominations for Region 9 Horse Person of the Year is September 17. The committee will consider persons who have influenced the development, growth, quality, and popularity of dressage in a meaningful and positive measure. The honor should be awarded to the horseperson who has demonstrated superior sportsmanship, dedication, and the pursuit of excellence in the Region 9 dressage community.

Any member of Region 9 may make a nomination via mail, fax or e-mail. Only one nomination per member is allowed. Multiple nominations for the same person will not influence the final selection. When formulating your nomination, please include the name and a brief bio of your candidate, candidate's current position/activity, and a description of the candidate's most significant contributions and/or services to dressage in the region.

Please direct your nomination, together with your name, USDF membership number, and supporting reasons for the nomination to Carolyn Vandenberg at 112 Eden Ranch Drive, Canyon Lake, Texas 78133. In lieu of mailing, you may e-mail the information to Carolyn at [vandenberg@gtvc.com](mailto:vandenberg@gtvc.com).



## Events and Opportunities

### August 24

West Equestrian Schooling Show  
Sand Springs, Oklahoma  
Contact: westequestrian@gmail.com

### August 31

Great Plains Chapter of ODS Fall Show/Clinic  
Stillwater, Oklahoma  
Contact: gtgray@aol.com

### September 1-2

Great Plains Dressage Clinic with Melissa Creswick  
Stillwater, Oklahoma  
Contact: hesselra@gmail.com

### September 7

Great Plains Schooling Show  
Stillwater, Oklahoma  
Contact: gtgray@aol.com

### September 17

ODS State Fair Dressage Show  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Contact: gtgray@aol.com

### September 21-22

Laurie Hedlund Clinic  
Ada, Oklahoma  
Contact: ladw23@yahoo.com

### September 28

Rocking C Stables Schooling Show  
Inola, Oklahoma  
Contact: psychorse@aol.com

### September 29

West Equestrian Schooling Show  
Sand Springs, Oklahoma  
Contact: westequestrian@gmail.com

### October 6

Gallery Farm Schooling Show  
Noble, Oklahoma  
Contact: pamela@galleryfarm.us

## World Champion Dressage Mount, Rusty 47, Euthanized

World champion dressage mount Rusty 47, long-time equine partner to Germany's Ulla Salzgeber, was humanely euthanized last week after he laid down in his field and was unable to rise, according to Salzgeber's professional website.

The 25-year-old gelding had been retired since the pair took home the team gold and the individual silver at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece. The culminating victory followed a string of team and individual international dressage medals starting in 1997.

Rusty was pastured for the past seven years along with his companion pony Motte in Hungary, where Salzgeber's "beloved" horse was "allowed to fall asleep very peacefully."

Rusty's genetic legacy lives on, however, through two young clones of the gelding. Earlier this year, French equine cloning company Cryozotech announced the one-year birthdays of "Rusty Clone 1" and "Rusty Clone 2." The yearling stallions were respectively foaled and raised at the Cryozotech facilities in France and at Puntaci Farm in Gainesville, Texas. Rusty's young clones could therefore provide a way for breeders to soon benefit from the deceased gelding's genes through breeding—in both the U.S. and Europe.

But for Salzgeber, the clones could never replace Rusty himself. "It's good to know that he has seen such beautiful years after having been for me the best and most faithful friend and partner in the dressage ring that one can ever imagine," she said on her website. "I still often think of our most beautiful victory ... at the German Championships in 2000 in Balve. And even more I think about this unique feeling that Rusty has given me in so many competitions. He will always be special to me. Thank you, Rusty."

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## Share Your Experience

If you have had a unique equine experience, we encourage you to share your story with your fellow ODS riders/competitors. We can all be enriched by each others' stories but we can't know if you don't share. Please send your account to newsletter editor, Carol Miller, at carol\_lee\_miller@yahoo.com.

## Scholarship Available to USDF Annual Convention

One deserving group member will receive the Ruth Arvanette Memorial Fund Grant to attend the 2013 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention, presented by SmarkPak, in Lexington, Kentucky from Wednesday, December 4 through Saturday, December 7. The grant includes full convention registration and partial reimbursement for travel expenses. Applications due by August 31. To access the application, please visit [www.usdf.org/docs/clubs/gmos/RAGrantApplication.pdf](http://www.usdf.org/docs/clubs/gmos/RAGrantApplication.pdf).

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## USDF Region 9 Jr/YR Clinic

The Platinum Performance/USDF Region 9 Jr/YR Clinic featuring Jeremy Steinberg will be held February 1-2, 2014 at Twinwood Equestrian Center in Simonton, TX. USDF is currently seeking riders age 14 to 21 at all levels to participate in the clinic. Applications to ride are being accepted now through December 20th. For more information or to apply to ride in the clinic, go to [www.usdf.org/education/clinics/jryr/R2GeneralInformation.pdf](http://www.usdf.org/education/clinics/jryr/R2GeneralInformation.pdf). Auditors of all ages are welcome and pre-registration can be completed online.

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## The Thoughtful Rider

### The Walk: A Clear Indicator of Your Training Progress

In training, we must strive that we are finishing our rides with a content and fresh horse. Which means we need to allow the free walk during breaks be a clear indicator of how the training is progressing. Straightness, and long, relaxed, full ground covering strides become a byproduct of quality training that can be influenced with minimal effort from the rider. If this is lacking, it is vitally important that the training is conducted with those ideals as a goal. Until this becomes clearer, I find it best and more suitable to hand walk as a cool down after the ride instead of either a plodding or rider-involved walk. Ultimately, it leads to horse who is pleased in his effort with the rider on his back during the cool down phase.

Hector Carmona, Jr., FEI Trainer

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## Dressage Today Magazine to Launch My Dressage Light Bulb Moment Contest

*Dressage Today* celebrates those moments of clarity during dressage training with a new monthly contest sponsored by Markel. Tell us about a "light bulb" moment you had while doing dressage and you could be featured in *Dressage Today* magazine and win a great prize.

To enter, write an essay describing a time when you had an "aha!" moment in dressage. Essays must be 500 words or less. Simply submit the essay with a photo of you and your horse to be entered for a chance to win an EquiMedic Economy First Aid Kit, courtesy of Markel.

"We all have our challenges during our dressage journey," says Managing Editor Jennifer Mellace. "That's what makes those moments where everything clicks that much sweeter. We're excited to celebrate those moments with this new contest thanks to Markel."

Each month, a winner will be chosen to be featured in the magazine and to receive an EquiMedic Economy First Aid Kit. The kit, which features 29 different products and 86 items, can meet most of your emergency needs with your equine companion.

Entries will be accepted through December 18, 2013. To enter, go to [www.DressageToday.com/MarkelContest](http://www.DressageToday.com/MarkelContest).

## ODS ADVERTISING RATES

### Newsletter Advertising

Basic Ad Rates:

Full Page - \$40

Half Page - \$20

Quarter Page - \$10

Business Card - \$7.50

Schooling Show or  
Clinic Announcements:

First Insertion - \$20

Additional Months - \$15

*Advertising Deadline:*

*Copy and payment submitted  
by 7th of month*

*(Newsletter publishes mid-month)*

### Website Advertising

Banner Ads:

3 Months - \$30

6 Months - \$60

1 Year - \$120.00

*Placement at the discretion of  
webmaster; includes site link*

Schooling Show or Clinic  
Announcements:

\$20 - First Insertion

Additional Months - \$15

Calendar Listing:

Free (as space allows)

Non-Commercial Classified Ads:

Members - Free

Non-Members - \$5

*May be modified if space is limited*

AVIATOR - 4-year-old bay Hanoverian Gelding by the Elite Hanoverian stallion, Arrian; out of Hanoverian mare, Vi Dora Tia.

LANDOLET- 2-year-old bay filly by the Elite Hanoverian stallion, Lankonig; out of Hanoverian mare, SO-LEI.

Please call Joanne Eberstein at 918.633.1023 for more information.

PEPPY SUE ZAN (Goldie) is available to raise your next sport/dressage horse. She is a 15-year-old registered QH/Palomino and is a wonderful broodmare and 'mom'. She has raised four big foals sired by Belgian and Percheron stallions. \$1,800

JUNO is a beautiful buckskin QH/Percheron mare. She stands 16 hands and will turn four-years-old in May. She was imprinted as a foal and has some basic ground work. \$3,200

Photographs of both horses are on my Facebook page at Lonesome Dog Photography. For more information, contact Debbie Fimple at 918-244-6627 or lonesomedogstudio@hotmail.com.

Whispering Willow Stables in Mounds, Oklahoma, currently has **openings for boarding**. Whispering Willow Stables is a private, gated equestrian facility located on 80 lush acres. Amenities include 12 x 12 stalls with mats, indoor wash racks with hot water, tacking stalls, security code tack rooms, fly spray system, day turnout paddocks and free flow exerciser. We offer three arenas: a 100 x 200 covered lighted arena; a 120 x 240 all-weather outdoor arena; and a 280 x 150 outdoor arena. Full board or pasture board (limited availability). Please call Milli Kliewer at (918) 364-5009 or (580) 660-0823 for further details.

EYORE - 14.2hh bay gelding, approximately 16 years old. This first level horse has an extensive show career in three-day eventing. Owner no longer has time to show. \$2,500 to approved home. Call Lora Shipley at 918.760.6750 for more details.

## Don't Forget to Renew Your ODS Membership

Your ODS membership provides the following benefits:

- A group membership (GMO) in the USDF that includes the USDF monthly magazine *USDF Connection*
- Region 9 Annual Omnibus that provides detailed information on recognized shows throughout Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana
- The on-line ODS newsletter that includes upcoming events statewide, dressage-related articles, show results, news, information, and advertisements, as well as news from the ODS board activities and meetings
- A web site that provides late breaking news, forms, etc., at [www.dressageoklahoma.org](http://www.dressageoklahoma.org)
- Optional membership in the local dressage chapter of your choice
- Statewide annual membership directory
- ODS supported USEF/USDF recognized shows, ODS recognized schooling shows, clinics, and other educational events and programs
- The Junior/Young Rider Program that includes special activities for riders aged 21 or younger. (Age as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.)
- You have the opportunity to participate in shows, share your insights, and make new friends!

The Oklahoma Dressage Society's Board of Directors is comprised of volunteer leaders who truly care about the future of dressage in Oklahoma and Region 9. We are planning activities for this year, hoping that we meet the majority of our members' educational and competitive needs, including yours! To renew—or join—please see the membership application elsewhere in this newsletter.

## OKLAHOMA DRESSAGE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**ODS is a Group Member Organization (GMO) of the United States Dressage Federation (USDF) and belongs to Region 9**  
See also [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org) and [www.usdfregion9.org](http://www.usdfregion9.org) and [www.dressageoklahoma.org](http://www.dressageoklahoma.org)

New Membership     Renewing Membership     Information Change Only

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ USDF ID No \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name (for Invitation Use) \_\_\_\_\_

USDF membership year is December 1 through November 30. Apply this membership to year 20 \_\_\_\_

ODS Membership – Select One Category. *For family memberships consisting of more than two family members, please check both Family and Add third family member.*

\$45 Senior / Adult / Vintage     Open     Amateur     Vintage

\$20 Charter / Life (for ODS founding members and members with lifetime memberships)

\$35 Junior - Under 18 as of December 1 of current membership year \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date  
*For example, for 2013 membership, must be under 18 on December 1, 2013, even though membership year begins in 2012*

\$55 Family (for two family members) - Name of second family member \_\_\_\_\_

\$10 Add third family member - Name of third family member \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please include birthdates for junior family members*

Chapter Membership – Check the chapter you would like to join. *Chapter membership is not required for ODS membership, but is required to participate in the chapter awards programs. Chapter membership cost is the same for an individual or family.*

\$10 Green Country Chapter (GCC)

\$10 North Central Chapter (NCC)

\$10 Great Plains Chapter (GPC)

\_\_\_\_\_ OPTIONAL donation to ODS. ODS is a tax exempt 501(c) organization

\_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED**

ODS membership is an opportunity to promote dressage in your community. The club is ONLY as good as it's most ACTIVE members. We need your help! What are your skill sets?

Scribing     Scoring     Organization/Management     Accounting     Spreadsheets     Website

Photography     Fund Raising     Other \_\_\_\_\_

*I hereby release the Oklahoma Dressage Society, its officers, members, employees and agents from any liability and all claims of every kind, including costs, expenses, or attorney fees that might result from damages, injuries, or losses resulting directly or indirectly from the negligent act or omissions of the officers, members, employees or agents of the Oklahoma Dressage Society Club. I agree and sign below:*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*(If Junior Rider, this form must be signed by parent or guardian)*

Mail this form with appropriate check payable to "Oklahoma Dressage Society" to  
Beth Circle, 19705 So 43rd W Place,, Mounds, OK 74047 - [bcircle@rentechboilers.com](mailto:bcircle@rentechboilers.com)

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