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Coteau Grove Farm set to compete with the best

BY GARY McMILLEN

Keith Myers is tired of talk that comes to nothing. Myers is one of those rare individuals who insists on getting ahead of the curve and doesn't waste any time getting there. Along with his wife, Ginger, the 52-year-old Myers is about to thrust Coteau Grove Farm to the top of Louisiana's pecking order of Thoroughbred breeding operations. Be advised that if you tell Keith Myers that he can't do something, it will just happen faster.

Think of a bulldog off its leash. With an emphasis on quality and breeding to race, Coteau Grove Farm has produced 11 stakes winners in the span of only three years.

"You can't just say the words. There are certain disciplines that have to be maintained," Myers said. "We really understand what it takes to set the bar high and keep it there. Our goals are to raise horses that can compete in open company on a national level."

The first step was self-education. With an inquisitive mind that sees patterns others overlook, Myers began a research project in the spring of 2008. He began by getting his hands on everything he could that



Keith and Ginger Myers; inset, the office at Coteau Grove Farm

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1-5-12 Gentlemen's Bet (6f 1:10-1 by 7 1/4 GP)

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1-10-12 Pretty Much Mine (5.5f 1:06-3 by 8 BP)

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LOUISIANA BREDS
BY EARNINGS**

**THREE 2011
STAKES HORSES**

2011 runners include

Southern Dude, placed in the Louisiana Champions Day Sprint, earned triple digit Beyers in his first start.

Heavy On The Mister, stakes placed winner

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BREDS by
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2011 Leading Sires in Louisiana

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1	CLOSING ARGUMENT (02, Successful Appeal), Louisiana Stallion Station	\$5,000	155/88	5/5	2/5	(Close It Out, \$118,649)	\$3,128,356	*256	8	1.19	1.35
2	YANKEE GENTLEMAN (99, Storm Cat), Le Mesa Stallions	\$5,000	129/66	6/9	0/6	(Speedacious, \$249,850)	\$2,789,700	*288	16	1.46	1.34
3	LEESTOWN (94, Seattle Slew)	Died, 2008	177/75	2/4	2/2	(Skipping Town, \$153,452)	\$2,361,147	573	18	0.88	0.99
4	TENPINS (98, Smart Strike), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$3,500	127/69	2/2	2/2	(Coco's Sweetie, \$181,618)	\$2,065,581	*242	7	1.10	1.17
5	BRAHMS (97, Danzig), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$3,500	107/57	1/1	0/1	(Muffin Top, \$158,700)	\$1,671,519	*533	14	1.12	1.10
6	GOOD AND TOUGH (95, Carson City), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$3,000	81/35	3/3	2/3	(Loranger Native, \$181,850)	\$1,423,408	*362	16	1.25	1.18
7	CANADIAN FRONTIER (99, Gone West), Le Mesa Stallions	\$3,500	50/31	1/4	0/1	(Hilda's Passion, \$509,237)	\$1,317,891	130	7	1.49	1.53
8	IDE (93, Forty Niner), Clear Creek Stud	\$2,500	89/43	2/3	2/2	(Idefromthebayou, \$114,660)	\$1,307,621	459	16	1.22	1.11
9	GOLD TRIBUTE (94, Mr. Prospector), Red River Farms	\$2,000	92/32	1/1	1/1	(Kissimmee Kyle, \$98,540)	\$1,240,929	*413	9	1.01	1.13
10	TETON FOREST (01, Forestry), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	83/34	2/4	0/2	(Forest Mouse, \$123,072)	\$1,079,844	*176	3	0.86	1.06
11	SNUCK IN (97, Montbrook), Matthews Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,500	68/37	2/3	2/2	(Sneak a Cold Treat, \$96,575)	\$1,015,648	*263	5	0.91	0.98
12	RUN PRODUCTION (00, Saint Ballado), Louisiana Stallion Station	\$3,500	33/19	3/5	3/3	(My Star Runner, \$192,392)	\$958,997	69	6	1.73	1.17
13	AFTERNOON DEELITES (92, Private Terms), Clear Creek Stud	N/A	79/27	2/3	2/2	(Amanecer de Oro, \$190,183)	\$933,698	*556	25	1.16	1.42
14	MY FRIEND MAX (92, Danzig), Kraft Farm	\$1,000	47/31	0/0	0/0	(Tonto Too, \$91,647)	\$898,321	169	10	1.13	0.99
15	K ONE KING (96, Apalachee), Louisiana Stallion Station	\$1,250	53/25	3/4	3/3	(Broadway King, \$122,714)	\$814,387	139	4	0.81	0.95
16	SEFAPIANO (89, Fappiano)	Died, 2010	49/22	0/0	0/0	(Expressiano, \$85,339)	\$704,646	331	22	1.34	0.95
17	RICHTER SCALE (94, Habitony), Chad & Pat White Farms	N/A	62/35	0/0	0/0	(Uptown Babe, \$75,143)	\$693,023	324	7	0.80	1.31
18	TASTE OF PARADISE (99, Conquistador Cielo), Fanlew Farms	\$2,500	48/25	1/1	1/1	(Joy's Paradise, \$86,759)	\$652,594	92	1	0.67	0.98
19	MR. LIVINGSTON (97, El Prado), Fanlew Farms	Died, 2011	51/17	0/0	0/0	(Pearlicious, \$87,542)	\$609,642	129	1	0.62	0.90
20	WILDCAT SHOES (01, Forest Wildcat)	Died, 2009	44/22	2/3	1/2	(Why Wear Shoes, \$109,630)	\$608,319	90	2	0.96	0.99
21	OSIDY (02, Storm Cat), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	39/23	0/0	0/0	(Cavalero, \$114,764)	\$604,727	72	0	0.83	0.84
22	EASYFROMTHEGITGO (99, Dehere), Ryder River Ridge Farm	\$2,000	51/22	1/1	1/1	(Validfromthegitgo, \$106,522)	\$589,615	118	2	0.75	0.98
23	HIGH CASCADE (98, Woodman)	N/A	53/18	1/1	1/1	(Classic Cascade, \$64,265)	\$559,978	*119	1	0.55	0.65
24	LION TAMER (00, Will's Way), Clear Creek Stud	\$2,500	28/17	0/0	0/0	(Southern Dude, \$82,363)	\$547,922	42	0	1.01	1.15
25	ROSSINI (97, Miswaki), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	69/31	1/1	1/1	(Sakakawea, \$74,497)	\$537,339	*430	9	0.67	0.87

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2011 Louisiana Sires By 2-Year-Old Winners

Sires	2yos	2yo Rnrs	2yo Wnrs
Closing Argument.....	72	34	18
Half Ours.....	70	39	17
Yankee Gentleman.....	51	21	12
Tenpins.....	50	17	8
Leestown.....	66	33	7
Osidy.....	38	13	6
Sorcerer's Stone.....	28	16	5
Teton Forest.....	35	11	4
Big Top Cat.....	25	9	4
K One King.....	23	8	3
Rainmaker.....	51	13	3
Taste of Paradise.....	22	7	3
Run Production.....	12	5	2
Lion Tamer.....	17	9	2
Wildcat Shoes.....	27	6	2
Shermanesque.....	7	4	2
Afternoon Deelites.....	26	9	2
Ide.....	33	11	2
Richter Scale.....	15	7	2
Reformer Rally.....	5	2	2
Porto Foricos.....	36	15	2
A. P. Delta.....	27	6	2
Alyzig.....	12	2	2
High Cascade.....	26	11	2
Ford Every Stream.....	30	15	2

was related to Thoroughbred racing and breeding. Journals, magazines, manuals, and publications from Internet searches piled up on the coffee table. He put a database company in California on annual retainer to commission custom filters and queries on Dosage profiles, performance ratings in graded races, turf influences, and a host of other criteria to identify Myers' definition of the perfect match.

"Once I had the base knowledge to ask enough questions, then I couldn't stop asking," Myers recalled. "They told me I asked questions that had never been asked before. I was looking for shifts and trends over a 10-year period. You have to remember that in any business nothing ever stays the same."

With a budget to purchase two broodmares, Myers attended his first breeding stock sale at Keeneland in November 2008. The experience would prove to be both educational and motivational.

"I had a bloodstock agent with me who told me that a certain mare was being culled but that she would be a standout in Louisiana," Myers recalled. "He thought that he had impressed me but it had the complete opposite effect. I resented what

he said. It was a slap in the face." His pride inflamed, Myers came home to Sunset, La., with eight mares in foal and more determined than ever to reshape the perception that the horsemen of Louisiana were catfish bottom-feeders.

Sit up and take notice. The visual presentation of Coteau Grove Farm is breathtaking. The first thought is you made a wrong turn into a country club golf course. One-hundred-eighty acres of lush paddocks, turn-out space the size of soccer fields, and a freestyle fence design that turns and bends with the contour of the rolling hills. No cookie-cutter square blocks here. The office gives the touch and feel of a resort lodge. At every juncture the farm boasts the finest material and craftsmanship money can buy.

"When we came here with back-hoes and bulldozers to clear the land and put in the roads, you couldn't see five feet in front of you," recalled farm manager Brand Richardson. "This was all thick brush and timber. Look at the spaciousness now. We try to pay attention to the mental aspects of the horses and give them plenty of room to run and play."

Pinch yourself, because it gets better

2011 Leading Sires in Arkansas

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1	STORM AND A HALF (97, Storm Cat), McDowell Farm	\$1,500	119/58	1/2	1/1	(All About Allie, \$114,747)	\$1,579,901	371	17	0.83	0.99
2	THE DADDY (02, Valid Expectations), Trophy Club Training Center	\$1,500	46/29	1/1	0/1	(Uniquely, \$75,950)	\$827,382	74	1	1.00	1.29
3	MIDWAY ROAD (00, Jade Hunter), Trophy Club Training Center	\$750	42/26	0/0	0/0	(Proudroad to Glory, \$50,600)	\$522,701	67	0	0.72	1.12
4	FATHER STEVE (99, Pulpit), Lake Hamilton Equine Associates	\$1,000	47/23	0/0	0/0	(Kiahuna Beach, \$40,989)	\$444,112	101	0	0.61	0.77
5	ILE ST. LOUIS (CH1) (97, Hussonet), Bello Vita Thoroughbreds	\$1,000	8/4	1/1	1/1	(Chief Jay, \$114,224)	\$209,813	42	1	0.79	0.91
6	PRODEST ROMEO (90, Proud Truth)	Died, 2009	21/8	0/0	0/0	(One Proud Cat, \$38,700)	\$203,211	173	7	0.97	1.14
7	DOVE HUNT (91, Danzig), Trophy Club Training Center	\$500	20/5	0/0	0/0	(Ranger Danger, \$77,665)	\$200,151	308	10	0.90	1.07
8	SHARKEY (87, Sharpen Up), Against the Wind Farm	\$1,500	11/6	0/0	0/0	(Sunny Shark, \$48,522)	\$190,311	166	5	0.87	0.72
9	JOY'S REPORT (93, Corporate Report)	Died, 2007	11/7	0/0	0/0	(Black Ida's Jo Jo, \$61,089)	\$179,081	52	0	0.84	0.98
10	MORLUC (96, Housebuster), Trophy Club Training Center	N/A	18/8	1/1	0/1	(Princeville Condo, \$60,801)	\$175,009	54	1	0.65	0.82

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1	OLIVER'S TWIST (92, Horatius), Menoken Farms	\$1,000	38/21	3/4	2/3	(E F Five, \$49,270)	\$286,014	224	12	0.57	0.78
2	MAJORBIGTIMESHEET (95, Carson City), Wafer Thoroughbred Ranch	Died, 2009	17/9	2/2	2/2	(Major Billy, \$59,620)	\$198,008	42	3	0.58	0.56
3	CRYSTAL CLASS (00, Mr. Prospector), Winner Maker Farm	N/A	18/4	0/0	0/0	(Illusive Crystals, \$19,922)	\$85,093	36	2	0.33	0.53
4	COVERALLBASES (89, Capote), Menoken Farms	\$750	11/4	1/1	1/1	(Mile High Honey, \$20,701)	\$65,660	123	5	0.39	0.40
5	SILVER SAINT (96, Silver Deputy), Owl Canyon Thoroughbreds	\$1,000	8/5	0/0	0/0	(Silvers T Bar, \$17,482)	\$59,328	24	1	0.43	0.38

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when you hear the roll call of pedigrees. In the yearling paddock are a Giant's Causeway colt, a Lemon Drop Kid colt, a colt by Tale of the Cat, and a filly by Empire Maker. The band of broodmares set to foal ignites the imagination. Character Builder is in foal to Yankee Gentleman; Clear Sailing is in foal to Awesome Again; Jasmine Gardens is in foal to Unbridled's Song; Match of the Day (a half sister to Pleasant Stage) is in foal to Eskendereya; and Ten Carats is in foal to Medaglia d'Oro. No breeding farm in Louisiana has ever come close to producing such a roster of top pedigrees. As far as the trophy case in the office is concerned—they are going to need a bigger boat.

The starting lineup of veteran runners in training includes Harlie's Dream, winner of the Dec. 10 \$100,000 Louisiana Champions Day Ladies Stakes; Bella Madaglia, winner of the \$125,000 Treasure Chest Stakes at Delta Downs Nov. 19; and Little Miss Protocol, winner of the Nov. 19 \$150,000 Louisiana Jewel at Delta Downs.

Like a cannon with a short fuse, 2-year-olds recently sent to the Evangeline Downs training center include a handsome son of Curlin named Coteau Curlin and a Smart Strike colt named Coteau Strike.

Pat Devereux, a longtime assistant to Steve Asmussen, is Coteau Grove Farm's

private trainer, and he and Myers blend together like red beans and rice. Myers had never met Devereux, and the interview process fell far short of human resources industry standards.

"I was told by my closest adviser (vet-

erinarian Dr. Ed Baronne) that Pat would be a marriage made in heaven. Coming from the Steve Asmussen barn, he has the knowledge but without the pressure now. Pat once had 140 horses under his care, so all he had to do was come over with us and



Coteau Grove Farm consists of 180 acres near Sunset, La.

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1	ORATORY (02, Pulpit), Eureka Thoroughbred Farm	\$3,500	70/40	0/0	0/0	(Miz Maggie Mae, \$129,720)	\$1,704,107	*127	0	1.33	1.18
2	VALID EXPECTATIONS (93, Valid Appeal), Lane's End Texas	\$7,500	102/56	3/3	3/3	(Miss Lederhosen, \$72,001)	\$1,443,279	548	42	1.30	1.22
3	EARLY FLYER (98, Gilded Time), Valor Farm	\$2,500	65/34	2/3	2/2	(Sword Trick, \$136,800)	\$1,007,078	141	8	0.95	0.91
4	SCRIMSHAW (00, Gulch), Stoneview Farm	\$1,500	52/28	1/1	1/1	(Single Scoop, \$132,278)	\$969,763	*139	2	1.07	0.94
5	TOO MUCH BLING (03, Rubiano), Lane's End Texas	\$4,000	27/16	2/2	1/2	(Sam Sparkle, \$129,092)	\$679,153	47	2	1.47	1.40
6	LITTLEEXPECTATIONS (97, Valid Appeal), Asmussen Horse Center	\$1,500	41/24	0/0	0/0	(Expecting Cash, \$96,766)	\$501,681	154	4	0.84	1.08
7	WIMBLEDON (01, Wild Rush), Valor Farm	\$1,750	34/22	1/1	1/1	(Chicks a Flyin, \$64,427)	\$475,182	77	2	0.81	0.79
8	PINE BLUFF (89, Danzig), Duncan 21 and Change Farm	N/A	33/16	0/0	0/0	(Up and Out of Site, \$107,632)	\$458,664	*577	35	1.53	1.64
9	CITY STREET (99, Carson City), Bullard Farms	\$1,500	43/21	0/0	0/0	(Last Wager, \$50,606)	\$426,345	121	3	0.56	0.88
10	SEEKING A HOME (98, Seeking the Gold)	N/A	25/18	2/2	1/2	(Statler, \$57,375)	\$395,472	94	3	0.85	0.78
11	INTIMIDATOR (01, Gone West), Asmussen Horse Center	\$1,500	25/19	0/0	0/0	(Intimidating Woman, \$58,198)	\$390,346	44	2	1.04	0.99
12	TRULUCK (95, Conquistador Cielo), Lane's End Texas	\$2,000	34/21	1/1	1/1	(Truly Lucky, \$59,900)	\$368,933	169	3	0.74	0.72
13	TOUCH TONE (98, Pick Up the Phone), JEH Stallion Station-Texas Division	\$1,000	25/16	2/2	1/2	(Hidden Recipe, \$74,866)	\$360,285	85	2	0.71	0.71
14	SUPREME CAT (00, Hennessy), Lane's End Texas	\$1,000	28/15	1/3	0/1	(Tin Top Cat, \$106,450)	\$351,872	53	2	1.24	0.91
15	SPECIAL RATE (00, Pulpit), Key Ranch	\$3,000	26/12	0/0	0/0	(Patty's Pride, \$59,244)	\$302,858	60	0	0.59	0.52
16	MARKED TREE (90, Forty Niner)	Died, 2006	19/6	0/0	0/0	(Lac Valentine, \$107,960)	\$263,943	395	8	0.67	0.67
17	UNCLE ABBIE (97, Kingmambo), Key Ranch	\$3,000	36/16	0/0	0/0	(Part of My Family, \$28,695)	\$239,432	158	5	0.72	0.64
18	RARE BRICK (83, Rare Performer), Phoenix Farms	\$2,000	30/9	0/0	0/0	(Ginger Brick Road, \$43,829)	\$233,142	486	30	0.96	1.00
19	DIXIELAND HEAT (90, Dixieland Band), Richland Ranch	\$1,500	23/9	0/0	0/0	(Dixie Dust, \$65,444)	\$214,527	*267	9	1.10	0.99
20	LIL'S LAD (95, Pine Bluff), Key Ranch	\$2,000	23/6	0/0	0/0	(Two Taverns, \$56,602)	\$199,013	*210	7	0.86	1.16

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1	TOO MUCH BLING (03, Rubiano), Lane's End Texas	\$4,000	27/16	2/2	1/2	(Sam Sparkle, \$129,092)	\$679,153	47	2	1.47	1.40
2	PRIMAL STORM (02, Storm Boot), Asmussen Horse Center	\$1,500	15/3	0/0	0/0	(Primal Touch, \$13,900)	\$72,496	30	1	0.46	0.96
3	ZAP (02, A.P. Indy), Center Ranch	\$500	8/5	0/0	0/0	(Zap a Prince, \$13,630)	\$50,489	13	0	0.30	0.67
4	SEÑOR AMIGO (00, Distorted Humor), Q6 Ranch	N/A	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Tupelo Honey, \$10,138)	\$20,160	13	0	0.20	0.90
5	JUSTICE MINISTER (97, Deputy Minister), Ahr Farms	\$750	2/0	0/0	0/0	(John Louisminister, \$11,795)	\$11,795	5	0	0.24	0.45

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Lush paddocks have a 'freestyle fence design' that bends with the rolling hills

put that same effort into 20 horses."

The relief and separation from the daily grind of the racetrack are evident on Devereux's face. He acts like a happy camper that just came off a three-week Caribbean cruise.

"Coming here has been life-changing," Devereux said. "It's a dream job, not only for me but for my crew. Our team has been together for quite a while at the track, and we trust each other. The work ethic is no less here at the farm and training center, but the best part is the low stress level and the communication. You don't have to sleep on any problems."

Myers keeps it low-key, but his success as an entrepreneur (CEO of a publicly-owned health care enterprise that provides long-term care for the elderly) has much to do with his style of communication. There is no structural communication tree at Co-teau Grove Farm, but information flows with immediate effectiveness.

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1	TOCCT (00, Awesome Again), Mighty Acres	\$2,500	125/80	7/8	1/7	(She Be Classy, \$140,870)	\$2,535,793	*246	11	1.22	1.29
2	READ THE FOOTNOTES (01, Smoke Glacken), River Oaks Farm	\$3,500	74/47	2/3	2/2	(Socialsaul, \$227,040)	\$1,764,463	*166	8	1.47	1.22
3	OMEGA CODE (00, Elusive Quality), Rockin Z Ranch	\$2,000	115/58	2/2	1/2	(Quick Code, \$224,377)	\$1,545,461	246	6	0.76	1.26
4	EVANSVILLE SLEW (92, Slew City Slew), Diamond G Ranch	\$1,000	85/48	3/3	3/3	(Evansville Storm, \$91,707)	\$1,376,641	*465	33	1.15	0.93
5	TACTICAL CAT (96, Storm Cat), Diamond G Ranch	\$1,000	73/37	2/2	1/2	(Wishful Tomcat, \$133,170)	\$957,199	450	24	1.12	1.30
6	DON'T GET MAD (02, Stephen Got Even), Rockin Z Ranch	\$2,000	46/24	2/3	2/2	(Populist Politics, \$210,300)	\$933,817	*86	2	1.16	0.96
7	WESTERN EXPRESSION (96, Gone West), Kirton Farms	\$1,500	48/25	0/0	0/0	(Take a Walk, \$118,090)	\$834,077	*285	4	1.17	1.31
8	SERVICE STRIPE (91, Deputy Minister), Caines Stallion Station	\$1,000	58/27	0/0	0/0	(Okie Blonde, \$85,448)	\$711,756	337	17	1.21	1.07
9	DANCE MASTER (97, Gone West), JEH Stallion Station-Oklahoma Division	\$1,500	67/30	1/1	1/1	(Look At Me Dance, \$76,716)	\$708,233	212	8	0.88	1.11
10	MALABAR GOLD (97, Unbridled), Winner's Circle Farms	N/A	56/28	1/1	0/1	(Gallant Son, \$93,128)	\$646,312	*237	4	0.69	1.12
11	LUCKY LIONEL (93, Mt. Livermore), Diamond G Ranch	\$1,000	43/24	1/1	1/1	(Lucky Daz, \$74,299)	\$638,814	310	13	1.22	1.27
12	DIAMOND (95, Mr. Prospector), Oklahoma Equine	\$2,500	41/18	1/1	0/1	(Movin' Out, \$112,550)	\$499,147	266	6	1.13	1.08
13	¶ WILD TALE (01, Tale of the Cat)	Died, 2009	5/3	2/4	1/2	(Ted's Folly, \$335,491)	\$398,998	17	2	4.70	0.88
14	BURBANK (93, Wild Again), Boyd Caster	\$1,000	34/11	0/0	0/0	(Scrappy Coco, \$45,968)	\$351,539	111	3	0.89	0.72
15	KING OF SCAT (96, Eastern Echo), Raywood Farm	\$1,000	40/17	1/3	1/1	(Buddy George, \$53,103)	\$321,585	176	11	0.73	0.76
16	FREEFOURINTERNET (98, Tabasco Cat), Equi-Center Veterinary Clinic	\$2,000	30/12	0/0	0/0	(Princess Freebie, \$92,939)	\$293,929	72	1	0.81	1.01
17	MONSIEUR CAT (98, Tabasco Cat), Legend Farm	\$1,500	11/4	1/1	0/1	(El Churruca, \$175,000)	\$251,744	52	1	0.88	1.83

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"We start talking to each other at 4:30 in the morning here at the farm, and it goes from there," Myers said with a laugh directed to his staff. "It's not just a punch-the-clock employee-employer relationship. Whatever is on our mind gets out on the table. There are no secrets here. If someone pauses and doesn't tell us that one essential thing, we could end up making the wrong decision and then everybody pays for it."



Coteau Grove Farm yearling manager Leroy Cyprian

Showing up seven days a week, broodmare manager Annie Bourque has so much passion for her job at Coteau Grove that she can barely get the words out. Her sense of ownership and commitment to the job were what Myers was looking for to complete his team. Forget theory and concept, Bourque's satisfaction comes from just taking care of the horses

"My biggest reward is watching horses that you foal get to the racetrack and win," said Bourque, who can speak fluent Spanish and cuss in French. Bourque got her wish early when Coteau Kitten (the first horse ever foaled at Coteau Grove Farm) won the filly division of the \$127,000 D.S. Shine Young Memorial Futurity at Evangeline Downs July 2. You can't hide love. Annie Bourque broke down in tears in the winner's circle.

The soft-spoken Leroy Cyprian is another on the staff who is content to hang around in the background.

"My job is to get the horses prepared for the next level," said Cyprian, who is the yearling manager. "Get them into the stalls and start grooming them and get them used to being around people. We hang them on the wall, introduce them to wash racks and the walking wheel. Take them through a gradual progression of what they will see when they move to racing. When they leave me, they have experience with everything but weight on their backs."

After being born, the babies at Coteau Grove Farm are not led into the pasture with only pedigree info. Each of Ginger and Keith's five children is part of a naming committee that receives e-mails with photo attachments.

"The names start rolling in, and we edit down and then vote," Ginger said of the democratic process. "Sometimes we have to stop them with some of the names."

Family participation swells to the breaking point on race days. Children, grandchildren, church members, and friends are alerted to race entries. It has got to the point where track photographers wince when a Coteau Grove Farm horse wins a race.

"I'm pretty sure we have the biggest winner's circle celebration in the state," Keith said with a smile. "I've noticed that track photographers are always telling us to back up so they can get us all in the frame."

Breaking ranks from the Cajun stereotype, the Myers family, from March to October, is 100% involved in triathlon races from Florida to Texas. There is a training track behind the house, and they run distance laps on the farm.

"Swim, bike, run," Keith explained. "The whole family goes out and competes in their different age classifications."

After October they compete in marathons and 100-mile bike races.

More in line with the tradition of south-



Broodmare manager Annie Bourque tidies up the trophy case

west Louisiana horsemen is the fact that both Keith and Ginger grew up on rural farms in North St. Landry Parish.

"You sat on the porch and counted the trees," Ginger recalled of a life less complicated.


Animals and horse racing are in their blood. Keith's grandfather was Alphonse Fontenot, who bred and raced Quarter Horses in the 1950s and 1960s. The barn was in the backyard where Keith mucked stalls, fed and watered the horses. Not al-

lowed to enter the track as a 10-year-old, Keith remembers watching the night racing at Evangeline Downs through a fence in the parking lot.

Like a honey bee buzzing around a sweet potato pie, Keith remembers the moment he first met Ginger. He was 14, and Ginger was with her mother, who was getting her hair curled.

"I was done in pretty quick," Keith said. "You don't see many pretty girls in Palmetto."

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2	GHOSTLY MOVES (92, Silver Ghost), Callaway Farm	\$4,000	59/28	3/3	3/3	(Ghostly Beach, \$133,465)	\$1,015,309	200	21	1.18	1.05
3	DEVON LANE (93, Storm Cat), TNL Farm	\$2,500	78/33	3/3	3/3	(Chuchuluco, \$157,700)	\$962,321	380	18	0.83	0.83
4	DOUBLE HONOR (95, Gone West), McCallum View Farm	\$3,500	88/30	0/0	0/0	(Double Holiday, \$58,167)	\$959,668	*516	18	1.12	1.21
5	GOLD CASE (94, Forty Niner), Mesa Vista Stud	\$5,000	73/29	1/2	0/1	(Itzacoldcase, \$105,637)	\$789,818	*522	21	1.11	1.13
6	QUINTON'S GOLD (97, Carson City), Doubletree Farm	\$3,500	20/13	2/3	2/2	(That's Who, \$220,770)	\$741,049	33	4	2.45	0.82
7	SUAVE PROSPECT (92, Fortunate Prospect), Doubletree Farm	\$2,500	60/29	2/2	1/2	(I've Got Speed, \$81,755)	\$738,765	378	17	1.14	1.04
8	ROLL HENNESSY ROLL (00, Hennessy), A & A Ranch	\$2,500	45/27	2/3	2/2	(Roll Bloomers Roll, \$119,860)	\$705,385	77	3	0.84	1.10
9	FAVORITE TRICK (95, Phone Trick)	Died, 2006	33/19	1/1	1/1	(Tricky R., \$67,480)	\$526,421	*481	24	1.04	1.62
10	YOUR EMINENCE (01, Saint Ballado), Weatherly Horse Farms	\$2,500	41/18	0/0	0/0	(Blameshifter, \$54,320)	\$524,114	93	3	0.81	0.80
11	THATSUSINTHEOLBEAN (94, El Prado)	Died, 2006	25/15	0/0	0/0	(Cali Baby, \$88,630)	\$511,636	60	4	1.07	0.74
12	PREMEDITATION (99, Afternoon Deelites), A & A Ranch	\$3,000	25/10	2/2	2/2	(Double Smart, \$93,744)	\$485,336	51	4	1.43	0.81
13	LESTERS BOY (96, Cee's Tizzy), Gallegos del Norte	\$3,000	14/10	1/1	1/1	(Lesters Secret, \$113,100)	\$466,773	47	4	1.27	0.61
14	DOMINIQUE'S CAT (97, Storm Cat), McKenna Thoroughbreds	N/A	18/14	1/1	1/1	(Mi Domscat, \$76,580)	\$448,796	74	3	0.87	0.65
15	COMIC GENIUS (98, Unbridled), McCarthy	\$2,000	31/10	2/4	2/2	(Comicsperfectstorm, \$158,500)	\$408,908	95	3	0.76	0.71
16	WEATHER WARNING (04, Storm Cat), Brunacini Farms	\$2,000	10/7	1/1	1/1	(Notacloudinthesky, \$127,535)	\$399,064	*35	1	1.77	1.22
17	PRECOCITY (94, Aferd), Mesa Vista Stud	\$4,000	40/19	0/0	0/0	(Admiral's Crown, \$48,173)	\$398,846	172	6	0.92	0.92
18	AVENUE OF FLAGS (88, Seattle Slew)	Died, 2010	24/12	2/2	1/2	(California Flag, \$62,321)	\$351,964	479	26	1.43	1.26
19	ABAJO (96, Robyn Dancer), Double LL Farm	\$2,000	32/12	2/3	1/2	(Our Flying Angel, \$171,446)	\$329,790	156	2	0.50	0.91
20	THE WAY HOME (04, Giant's Causeway), Doubletree Farm	\$2,500	9/4	2/3	2/2	(My Homey, \$141,491)	\$320,202	15	2	2.09	0.94
21	PROSPECTOR JONES (92, Mr. Prospector)	Died, 2007	29/10	0/0	0/0	(Nuggets Please, \$82,510)	\$296,079	212	18	0.94	0.78
22	PROUD IRISH (86, Irish River), Tricar Stables	\$4,000	36/13	0/0	0/0	(Manes, \$42,701)	\$291,694	274	10	0.93	0.82
23	DOME (98, Storm Cat), Double LL Farm	\$2,000	42/12	0/0	0/0	(Capitol Guy, \$31,100)	\$276,592	174	5	0.79	0.77
24	HALORY HUNTER (95, Jade Hunter)	Died, 2007	28/14	1/1	0/1	(Hunting Dixie, \$37,867)	\$263,215	187	7	0.76	0.86
25	SILVER SEASON (96, Silver Ghost), Brunacini Farms	\$2,000	19/9	1/1	1/1	(Chrome Boy, \$67,424)	\$262,931	63	5	1.15	0.97

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2	RA RA SUPERSTAR (00, Deputy Minister), Mighty Acres	\$1,500	12/3	0/0	0/0	(Blue Ra Ra, \$15,451)	\$60,302	29	0	0.27	0.97
3	PRIZE CAT (03, Storm Cat), Charlton Ranch	\$1,500	12/3	0/0	0/0	(Misguidedobsession, \$25,876)	\$59,559	28	0	0.27	0.64
4	MR. TRIESTE (01, Old Trieste)	N/A	6/1	0/0	0/0	(Numberoneson, \$18,956)	\$40,379	11	0	0.47	1.03
5	DIVINE SPIRIT (98, Devil His Due), Matlock Ranch	Died, 2009	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Divine One, \$6,227)	\$6,227	2	0	0.37	0.74

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Marriage in the chapel came years later.

Small doors can open into big rooms. The best illustration of Keith Myers' trait of putting a narrow focus on one thing and then defending it with pride turns out to be a crawfish pond. Among other means of livelihood, Keith's father had a crawfish pond on the farm and sold bags of live crawfish to local residents. Still in college, Keith saw a bigger opportunity and dove into his typical research mode. They put in a processing plant. Louisi-

ana Premium Seafood began exporting to major suppliers in the United States and Sweden. Promoting Cajun recipes and mission-sensitive to delivery of high quality seafood, the business gained international recognition and topped the market in Sweden within 10 years. Sound familiar? Better prepared, better educated but still clinging to the pride and passion of living in Louisiana, Keith and Ginger Myers represent a new generation of Thoroughbred breeders that will not settle for

anything less than top quality.

"My dad put that into me," Keith said with finality. "My dad had to produce more and better bushels of soy beans per acre than our neighbors. The fields and farm had to look better than the ones down the road. You had to be the best of class within your grouping, and you worked long hours to get there. It was something you just accepted and eventually appreciated. I think all of that transferred into everything that we do here at Coteau Grove." ☐

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