

Hometown Hawkeye

Madison County Thoroughbred finds its niche in Iowa

BY EVAN HAMMONDS



Mike Connolly and Pam Schutz at their 500-acre Madison County Thoroughbred farm in Iowa

JACK COADY

WHILE PAM SCHUTZ isn't the first person to fall in love with horses and want to turn her passion into her livelihood, she's one of the few to make it work in her native Iowa. Schutz, along with her husband, Mike Connolly, run Madison County Thoroughbred in the Hawkeye State, offering a full-service breeding, boarding, and lay-up operation on the farm that has been in Schutz' family for more than 100 years.

Schutz has also taken a leadership role in the development of the breed in Iowa, currently serving as vice president of the Iowa Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Association.

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"I always had a fascination with horses ever since I was a little kid," Schutz said. "My parents couldn't keep me away from them and they bought me a couple of riding horses and then I got into 4-H and started showing horses and doing some barrel racing."

While that kept her down on the farm through grade school, upon graduation from high school she was ready to leave behind the county more famous for its covered bridges than its horses.

"I always had a fascination with racing horses, too," she said. "As soon as I graduated from high school, I immediately went to the first racetrack I could find."

While live racing at Prairie Meadows, just north of Madison County in Altoona, Iowa, had been suspended following the young track's bankruptcy in the early 1990s, Schutz headed west to Nebraska, where she worked the circuit at the old Ak-Sar-Ben track, along with Fonner Park and Lincoln Park.

"I wanted nothing else to do with anything else other than racehorses; I had no other aspirations," she said.

Schutz did have the travel bug, as by her count she worked for a lot of different people at a lot of different racetracks, such as Turf Paradise in Phoenix; Canterbury Park in Minnesota; the Woodlands in Kansas; and Arkansas' Oaklawn Park.

Racing returned to Prairie Meadows following a May 1994 referendum of Polk County residents that allowed the track to operate slot machines, and when it came time to settle down, she made her way back to Iowa.

2015 IOWA SIRES BY WINNERS

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Added Edge	56	25
Shore Breeze	38	25
Storm and a Half	40	19
Heart of the Storm	27	12
Woke Up Dreamin	24	12
Wild Gold	19	11
Winter Glitter	13	7
Bravo Bull	11	6
Colorful Tour	11	6
Kirkendahl	7	2
Native Ruler	6	2
Nob Hill Deelite	5	2
Autonomy (IRE)	2	2

“This is where I grew up and we have a farm that has been in the family for more than 100 years,” she said. “When we decided to settle down and have a family (Schutz and Connolly have a son who is a senior in high school), I wanted them to grow up in the same place I did.

“I was determined that if I was going to stay in Iowa, there were going to be horses here,” she said. “We started by section-

ing off some of the farm and fenced it and built some shelters and stuff. We started to get some turnout horses from the race-track and some broodmares to foal out for people. We began to look into stallions and that’s how we got into the stallion business.”

The farm is around 500 acres with about a fifth of it dedicated to Thoroughbreds.

The farm will foal out about 30 mares in 2016, with eight of them belonging to Schutz and Connolly. The majority of their mares will go to their stallion Woke Up Dreamin, and a few will be sent to Kentucky to be bred and then return to Madison County Thoroughbred. They must be in the state by Dec. 31 of the year bred to deliver Iowa-bred foals.

As a full-service operation, Madison

2015 INDIANA SIRES BY WINNERS

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Chief Seattle	33	22
Pass Rush	31	17
Sweet Return (GB)	34	15
Strong Contender	39	14
Desert Warrior	38	12
Deputy Storm	24	12
Star Cat	20	12
Monba	34	11
Strong Hope	34	11
Elite Squadron	25	11
Major Success	13	10
Unbridled Express	12	10
Lantana Mob	25	9
Gold Case	29	8
Irish Road	26	8
Mancini	26	7
Vibank	21	7
Wild Zone	15	7
Goods	15	6
Domestic Dispute	32	5
Drinkwiththediabol	17	5
Arromanches	14	5
Colonial Colony	21	4
Inamorato	12	4
Mustanfar	10	4
Bye Bye Crafty	8	4
Saintly Look	8	4
Moro Oro	16	3
Century City (IRE)	7	3
Mondavi	5	3
Bluesnclues	4	3
Ocean Indy	18	2
Act of War	6	2
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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2016 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	Cumulative				
							2015 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	STRONG CONTENDER (03, Maria's Mon), R Star Stallions	\$3,000	39/14	0/0	0/0	(Miss Da Point, \$116,800)	\$642,722	*145	5	1.03	1.16
2	CHIEF SEATTLE (97, Seattle Slew)	Died, 2011	33/22	0/0	0/0	(Seattle Lights, \$47,985)	\$581,159	*431	9	1.12	1.29
3	UNBRIDLED EXPRESS (04, Unbridled's Song), Swifty Farms	\$2,000	12/10	1/2	1/1	(Derby Express, \$172,289)	\$550,026	16	3	1.93	1.38
4	LANTANA MOB (05, Posse), Southern Indiana Equine	\$5,000	25/9	2/3	2/2	(Daddy Justice, \$192,130)	\$547,980	34	3	1.10	1.04
5	DESERT WARRIOR (00, Deputy Minister)	Died, 2015	38/12	1/1	1/1	(Frisky Warrior, \$107,255)	\$513,839	*267	1	0.85	0.98
6	PASS RUSH (99, Crown Ambassador), Swifty Farms	\$2,500	31/17	0/0	0/0	(I Like Beer, \$100,705)	\$512,590	83	5	1.16	1.06
7	MONBA (05, Maria's Mon), Nicks Farm	\$2,000	34/11	0/0	0/0	(Bright Monba, \$56,894)	\$422,143	57	0	0.58	1.40
8	DEPUTY STORM (01, Forestry), R Star Stallions	\$1,500	24/12	0/0	0/0	(Jrock, \$42,085)	\$390,727	83	2	0.98	1.25
9	STRONG HOPE (00, Grand Slam), Midwest Equine & Veterinary Hospital	\$1,800	34/11	0/0	0/0	(Hattaash, \$54,943)	\$345,585	320	4	0.94	1.69
10	STAR CAT (07, Storm Cat), Breakway Farm	\$2,500	20/12	0/0	0/0	(Angel Choir, \$80,911)	\$334,691	34	0	0.82	0.94
11	SWEET RETURN (GB) (00, Elmaamul), Nicks Farm	\$2,000	34/15	0/0	0/0	(Sweet Miri, \$33,590)	\$291,280	91	0	0.62	0.86
12	IRISH ROAD (00, Unbridled's Song), Breakway Farm	Private	26/8	0/0	0/0	(Irish Nuggets, \$76,267)	\$289,088	72	0	0.87	0.84
13	MANCINI (98, Mr. Prospector)	Died, 2012	26/7	0/0	0/0	(Tiz Orchestral, \$45,965)	\$279,418	*160	3	0.68	0.93
14	ELITE SQUADRON (04, Officer), Swifty Farms	\$2,500	25/11	0/0	0/0	(Draw Nigh, \$38,675)	\$267,199	54	0	0.62	1.09
15	VIBANK (03, Silver Deputy), Hidden Springs	\$1,000	21/7	0/0	0/0	(Garafraza, \$50,616)	\$259,193	92	0	0.90	1.29
16	MAJOR SUCCESS (01, Mazel Trick)	N/A	13/10	0/0	0/0	(Success Is Racing, \$87,450)	\$222,412	23	1	0.78	0.27
17	LOST VICTORY (07, Victory Gallop)	N/A	3/2	1/2	1/1	(Easy Victory, \$123,236)	\$194,501	6	1	3.12	0.91
18	DOMESTIC DISPUTE (00, Unbridled's Song), Indiana Stallion Station	\$2,000	32/5	0/0	0/0	(Love That Kelly, \$46,222)	\$186,816	*323	2	0.86	1.18
19	DRINKWITHTHEDEVIL (04, Smart Strike), R Star Stallions	\$1,000	17/5	0/0	0/0	(Crabby Frank, \$54,788)	\$183,137	49	1	0.47	0.80
20	GOODS (03, Tale of the Cat), Hidden Springs	\$1,000	15/6	0/0	0/0	(Cat Can Do Good, \$43,600)	\$156,025	50	0	0.66	0.67
21	WILD ZONE (90, Wild Again)	Pnsd	15/7	0/0	0/0	(Zoned In, \$39,065)	\$137,802	*485	10	0.79	1.05
22	SAINTLY LOOK (00, Saint Ballado)	Died, 2014	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Needmore Cash, \$90,297)	\$137,176	22	3	1.27	0.90
23	GOLD CASE (94, Forty Niner)	Died, 2014	29/8	0/0	0/0	(Itzacoldcase, \$23,554)	\$133,827	*597	19	1.00	1.10
24	OCEAN INDY (03, A.P. Indy)	N/A	18/2	0/0	0/0	(Show Me Indy, \$50,580)	\$113,064	60	1	0.50	0.95
25	ARROMANCHES (93, Relaunch)	Died, 2013	14/5	0/0	0/0	(Zero Visability, \$26,945)	\$110,647	101	1	1.22	0.60
26	MUSTANFAR (01, Unbridled), Indiana Stallion Station	\$2,000	10/4	0/0	0/0	(Anmaat, \$74,130)	\$108,692	31	0	0.66	0.99
27	COLONIAL COLONY (98, Pleasant Colony), Holden Farm	Private	21/4	0/0	0/0	(Just Get Dancy, \$24,940)	\$103,387	64	0	0.26	0.52
28	ORIENT (93, Forty Niner)	Died, 2014	11/1	0/0	0/0	(Avie Niner, \$31,842)	\$95,372	26	0	0.36	0.81
29	INAMORATO (00, Tale of the Cat)	N/A	12/4	0/0	0/0	(Personalsweetheart, \$26,474)	\$90,752	76	0	0.28	0.41
30	SKYLORD (08, Sky Mesa), Breakway Farm	Private	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Double Tuff, \$43,987)	\$83,784	7	0	0.81	0.77

County Thoroughbred also stands stallions, although for 2016 Woke Up Dreamin is the only one. Earlier this month the farm lost pensioned stallion Wild Gold, 25, who died of natural causes.

The son of Wild Again—Pass of Gold, by Pass the Glass, was raced later in his career by Frank Stronach and trained by Jerry Hollendorfer. A six-time stakes win-

ner, Wild Gold stood in Florida and California before moving to Madison County Thoroughbred for the 2004 breeding season. Pensioned following the 2013 breeding season, he has sired six stakes winners.

"I saw him in the *Stallion Register* and I called the farm to see if he was for sale," Schutz said. "He came with an excellent

racing background, breeding background, and pedigree. I thought if I could get him here to the Midwest, he could really be a hit for our breeders and he was. I wish I could find 10 more like him."

Woke Up Dreamin, a 15-year-old son of Holy Bull—Dreamlike, by Storm Cat, was bred in Kentucky by Harbor View Farm. A \$130,000 Keeneland September sale

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Top Five Indiana 3rd Crop Sire in 2015



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About 100 of the 500 acres of Madison County Thoroughbred is devoted to horses

yearling, the bay, whose second dam is two-time champion turf female Flawlessly, won six of 16 starts and earned \$578,475 for owner Mike Pegram and trainer Bob Baffert.

While Woke Up Dreamin broke his maiden at 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles, he won a pair of grade II sprint stakes at 5: Belmont Park's True North Breeder' Cup Handicap and Calder Race Course's Smile Sprint Handicap.

Retired to stud, he served four seasons (2006-09) at Millennium Farms in Kentucky before moving to Millennium Farms at



COADY PHOTOGRAPHY PHOTOS

Two-year-olds from the first Iowa crop of Woke Up Dreamin won stakes Aug. 8 at Prairie Meadows: Dreamin, top, and One Fine Dream, above

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							2015 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	ROAD RULER (02, Unbridled's Song), JB Stables	\$2,000	36/22	0/0	0/0	(Armando's Star, \$88,566)	\$658,639	75	0	0.96	0.83
2	CHEROKEE RAP (01, Cherokee Run)	Died, 2012	37/25	1/1	1/1	(Rocket Professor, \$75,927)	\$595,555	79	3	0.98	1.08
3	CASHEL CASTLE (99, Silver Ghost), Hill 'N Dale Farm	\$1,000	21/12	1/1	1/1	(Puntsville, \$107,160)	\$520,469	101	2	0.91	1.01
4	STRAIGHT LINE (02, Boundary), Fairberry Farm	Private	21/13	0/0	0/0	(Streamline, \$85,276)	\$437,083	43	0	0.72	1.22
5	INDY SNOW (GB) (01, A.P. Indy), Hondo Ranch	Private	15/12	0/0	0/0	(Gyp Rope, \$38,965)	\$296,085	36	1	1.20	0.84
6	ALLUVIAL (02, Forestry), Casey Thoroughbred Farm	Private	31/16	0/0	0/0	(Smoke Em Charlie, \$42,119)	\$286,927	128	0	0.50	0.90
7	THREE HOUR NAP (02, Afternoon Deelites), Oak Tree Farm	\$1,000	13/11	0/0	0/0	(Runningfromthefeds, \$51,486)	\$274,592	21	0	0.87	1.18
8	EL MEDWAR (04, Elusive Quality), Hondo Ranch	Private	9/7	0/0	0/0	(Enchanted Facts, \$48,263)	\$189,055	13	0	0.76	1.25
9	BEN BULBEN (02, Pioneering), Ben Bulben Farm	\$1,000	12/4	0/0	0/0	(Ballyjamesduff, \$42,941)	\$141,231	38	0	0.74	0.86
10	COUNTRY BE GOLD (97, Summer Squall), Cutsinger's Stallion Station	\$500	9/5	0/0	0/0	(Right Squall, \$41,510)	\$114,291	58	0	0.58	1.12
11	LEELANAU (99, Carson City), Indian Hills Thoroughbred Farm	Private	10/3	0/0	0/0	(Showersofblessings, \$38,325)	\$112,087	135	0	0.41	0.81
12	BRAVE 'N AWAY (00, Skip Away)	N/A	16/6	0/0	0/0	(Mightylee, \$23,622)	\$106,275	38	0	0.44	0.59
13	POWERFUL GOER (94, Easy Goer)	N/A	3/1	0/0	0/0	(So Good to Go, \$68,408)	\$96,322	58	1	0.72	0.93
14	WILD GAMBLER (93, Wild Again)	N/A	4/3	0/0	0/0	(Gambler Five, \$56,157)	\$92,697	30	0	0.98	0.86
15	CHOSEN DEPUTY (05, Deputy Minister), Hondo Ranch	Private	5/3	0/0	0/0	(Chosen Facts, \$36,722)	\$92,584	11	0	0.69	1.01
16	IRON DEPUTY (99, Silver Deputy)	N/A	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Zig Zag, \$52,860)	\$91,300	38	2	1.35	1.38
17	SIR LOREN (05, Yonagaska)	N/A	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Leisurely Renny, \$47,171)	\$87,158	9	0	0.48	0.44
18	BATTLE STAR (02, Seeking the Gold), Hondo Ranch	Private	6/5	0/0	0/0	(Distant Mesa, \$46,544)	\$86,487	27	0	0.87	1.24
19	ELHAYQ (IRE) (95, Nashwan)	N/A	7/4	0/0	0/0	(Hayq's Fable, \$35,717)	\$78,538	54	0	0.39	1.15
20	THE BOLD BRUISER (96, Star of the Crop), Patti Macari	\$500	10/4	1/1	1/1	(Lady Kelia, \$43,599)	\$70,722	26	1	0.25	0.86

2015 LEADING SIRES IN MICHIGAN

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2016 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	Cumulative				
							2015 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	UNBRIDLED ENERGY (02, Unbridled's Song), Hubel Farms	Private	75/40	1/1	0/1	(Geothermal, \$180,061)	\$1,034,218	*225	5	0.88	1.16
2	EQUALITY (99, Mt. Livermore), Dickinson Farms	Private	35/16	0/0	0/0	(Comeflywithanangel, \$71,432)	\$460,946	156	7	0.67	0.78
3	FIRE BLITZ (99, Storm Cat)	Died, 2012	23/11	0/0	0/0	(Dorthys Blitz, \$27,011)	\$182,930	56	3	0.56	0.69
4	ELUSIVE HOUR (00, Elusive Quality), Campbell Stable	\$1,000	10/4	0/0	0/0	(Hour by Hour, \$40,964)	\$142,825	70	3	0.78	0.70
5	WAR IMAGE (01, Halo's Image)	Died, 2012	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Kiki's War, \$39,800)	\$106,125	14	1	0.65	0.45
6	VALID TREFAIRE (96, Valid Appeal)	Died, 2012	9/6	0/0	0/0	(Valid Offer, \$26,040)	\$85,043	53	0	0.57	0.80
7	GUN POWER (97, Unbridled), Campbell Stable	\$1,000	5/3	0/0	0/0	(Gun Powder, \$34,134)	\$80,195	39	0	0.56	0.77
8	BAPTISTRY (01, Deputy Minister), Sprintland Training Center	\$1,000	9/4	0/0	0/0	(Joy of Baptistry, \$28,006)	\$80,002	20	0	0.47	0.73
9	SYNCLINE (97, Danzig), McMaster Farm	\$1,000	9/4	0/0	0/0	(Synfull Tale, \$24,391)	\$77,906	107	2	0.90	0.90
10	BEAU CLASSIC (00, Beau Genius)	N/A	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Glorious Sunset, \$45,025)	\$74,340	11	0	0.65	1.07

2015 LEADING SIRES IN IOWA

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2016 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	Cumulative				
							2014 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	SHORE BREEZE (98, Danzig), Iowa State University Horse Farm	\$1,000	38/25	1/1	1/1	(Creative Art, \$104,354)	\$612,755	173	2	0.82	0.74
2	ADDED EDGE (00, Smart Strike), Special K Stables	\$2,000	56/25	0/0	0/0	(Sweetedge, \$46,091)	\$539,546	146	6	0.74	0.79
3	STORM AND A HALF (97, Storm Cat)	N/A	40/19	2/2	2/2	(We Be Stormin, \$88,800)	\$462,758	442	19	0.78	0.95
4	WOKE UP DREAMIN (00, Holy Bull), Madison County Thoroughbred	\$2,000	24/12	2/2	2/2	(Dreamin, \$69,816)	\$383,483	138	4	0.77	0.92
5	HEART OF THE STORM (04, Storm Cat), McClintock Equine Station	Private	27/12	0/0	0/0	(Franky and Jane, \$45,007)	\$332,386	55	0	0.67	0.88
6	COLORFUL TOUR (99, Tour d'Or)	N/A	11/6	0/0	0/0	(I Tour, \$67,444)	\$212,222	20	0	0.76	1.02
7	WILD GOLD (90, Wild Again)	N/A	19/11	0/0	0/0	(Do It, \$35,056)	\$211,291	247	3	0.76	0.85
8	AUTONOMY (IRE) (97, Doyoun)	N/A	2/2	0/0	0/0	(Kims Star, \$116,143)	\$144,466	9	0	1.02	0.02
9	WINTER GLITTER (97, A.P. Indy)	N/A	13/7	0/0	0/0	(Lively's Last Ride, \$39,065)	\$108,085	110	0	0.48	0.82
10	BRAVO BULL (97, Holy Bull)	Died, 2012	11/6	0/0	0/0	(Zack's Billie, \$20,807)	\$91,871	58	3	0.58	0.66
11	¶ NATIVE RULER (04, Elusive Quality), Abraham's Equine Clinic	\$2,000	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Native Princess, \$45,288)	\$90,408	17	0	0.72	0.95
12	FLIGHT WEST (03, Gone West), Green Mountain Farm	\$1,000	7/1	0/0	0/0	(King Jimmy, \$62,889)	\$79,435	17	0	0.35	0.74

Moon Lake in Louisiana where he stood for four seasons. He moved to Madison County Thoroughbred in 2012 with an announced fee of \$2,000.

"I had my eye on him," Schutz said. "I'm always looking for stallions in different states. In the fall I make phone calls to see if any of these stallions are looking to move or be sold.

"He's well bred, his race record was fantastic, and I thought he was a horse that

could bring something to the breeders up here in the Midwest. I called Brian Lyle, who worked at Millennium Farms for a while, and he got the deal done."

The sire of eight stakes winners, Woke Up Dreamin had a big day Aug. 8 when two from his first crop of Iowa-breds won both stakes for juveniles at Prairie Meadows.

In the fourth race, Donald Downing's homebred Dreamin, a filly out of the

Golden Missile mare Speedy Gladys Jam, won the \$75,000 Iowa Sorority Stakes by 1½ lengths for trainer Tim Martin. Two races later Umbrella Stables II's One Fine Dream, a dark bay or brown gelding out of One Fine Shweetie, by Shuailaan, won the \$73,500 Iowa Cradle Stakes.

"Woke Up Dreamin dominated Iowa Classic night," Schutz said. "He had a very small crop—with just six starters, but had three winners and those two stakes win-

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								Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	KELA (98, Numerous), Stillwater Equine Clinic	Private	52/30	0/0	0/0	(Joyous Lady, \$107,553)	\$908,728	*232	3	0.96	0.96
2	GHAZI (89, Polish Navy)	Died, 2011	15/7	0/0	0/0	(Dear Fay, \$45,175)	\$145,473	468	19	0.88	1.22
3	FORD EVERY STREAM (99, Seeking the Gold), Nightmare Stables	\$1,000	14/8	0/0	0/0	(See the Stream, \$22,620)	\$144,212	135	1	0.55	0.82
4	MAGIC CAT (95, Storm Cat), Benz Lake Farm	\$1,250	12/6	0/0	0/0	(Kitty Blonde, \$38,737)	\$131,284	234	10	0.67	0.91
5	DEMIDOFF (90, Mr. Prospector)	Died, 2012	16/6	0/0	0/0	(Hoist Her Demi, \$33,800)	\$129,794	280	17	0.86	0.80
6	MATT'S BROKEN VOW (05, Broken Vow), Dove Hill Farm	\$2,500	15/5	0/0	0/0	(Matchlock, \$35,982)	\$121,266	33	0	0.32	0.93
7	STORMY BUSINESS (02, Storm Creek), Osborne Farm	\$1,500	11/4	0/0	0/0	(P J's Angel, \$28,590)	\$93,240	31	1	0.57	0.68
8	SUPREMO (92, Gone West)	Died	10/3	0/0	0/0	(Docs Miss Victory, \$15,690)	\$70,605	*465	5	0.72	1.09
9	SHOT OF GOLD (95, Jolie's Halo), Dove Hill Farm	\$1,500	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Starlet Stella, \$43,430)	\$54,239	94	0	0.43	0.72
10	TIMBER LEGEND (99, Storm Cat)	N/A	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Jen's Jag, \$34,604)	\$50,747	32	1	0.55	0.56

ners. People are calling me this year about breeding to him next year.”

That would provide a boost to the breeding business at Madison County Thoroughbred, which also has a few horses in training. Schutz and Connolly plan on racing two in 2016, and the youngsters are currently training in New Mexico with trainer Ray Ashford. The plan is for them to be ready for the meet at Prairie Meadows.

“Prairie Meadows is such a clean, nice facility,” Schutz said. “Some of the tracks you go to are getting run down, but Prairie Meadows is a fantastic place to go. The horse people there are good people.

“You are definitely seeing better horses there every year,” she said. “If you look back at what our breeders were breeding 15 years ago, we were generally taking any kind of mare and breeding it to any kind of stallion. People have educated themselves and have gotten a lot smarter about the business. Our numbers might be down from back then, but the quality has gotten so much better.”

With the downturn in the foal crop numbers since the Great Recession struck in 2008, numbers across the country are down, but just like the horse population in Iowa, the quality at the top end of the breeding and racing markets is better than it was a decade ago. However, the smaller horse population numbers and a struggling pari-mutuel market nationwide make for an industry in transition, according to Schutz.

“I think we’re pretty solid in Iowa; we have legislation that guarantees racing, and we have strong support from our rural legislators in the state,” she said. “Nationally, I think that we may see some of the smaller tracks not being able to compete anymore. It’s a different age these days. We live such fast-paced lives



The quality of the Iowa-bred Thoroughbred is improving, according to Schutz

that in order to appeal to a younger generation we find ourselves having to change the way we do things and try to get them interested in the sport.

“It will take some creative thinking. There is a delicate balance. You want to keep some of it the same way for the people who like it—the old-school people—and yet you need to find different ways for it to appeal to a younger crowd.”

A perfect example is her son.

“He’s just a typical member of the younger generation,” Schutz said. “He’s interested in computers and electronics and all that. That’s perfectly fine with us if that’s what interests him. He does like horses, and he likes to go to the races.”

That’s a start for the next generation of making a go of it in Iowa. **BH**

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