

## SOUTHWEST

# Chillin' at Channon

*Gillian and Roy Taylor give horses top care at Channon Farm*

BY GARY McMILLEN | PHOTOS BY ANN SWITALSKI



Roy and Gillian Taylor at their Channon Farm near Doyline

**THE REAL ESTATE MAXIM** that says location is everything might be accurate for gas stations, restaurants, and grocery stores, but for Thoroughbred breeding farms, Gillian Taylor is proving that reputation is the main factor for attracting clients.

One of the best kept secrets in Louisiana, Channon Farm is where top connections have been sending their quality horses for rest and recuperation for years.

The 86-acre farm is near Doyline, which is located in the far northwest corner of the state. Advanced GPS is a required tool for navigation. More of a village than a town, Doyline is a place where strangers wave at you. The last stop for fresh biscuits, ham, grits, and gravy is Tina's Kitchen and Country Store. Absent of a skyline higher than a scrub oak, there is a post office, a dozen churches, and a Dollar General to serve as land-

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## CUSTOM FOR CARLOS

More Than Ready-Meadow Oaks, by Meadowlake  
Sire of G1 LaTroienne Winner & '16 Louisiana Bred Champion 3YO filly BIG WORLD (13-7-0-5, \$629,190) At two, she won the \$200K G3 Tempted Stakes.

TOP 2015 Louisiana 1ST CROP SIRE

TOP 2016 Louisiana 2ND-CROP SIRE\*

TOP 2016 Louisiana 2YO SIRE Among Stallions Standing in Louisiana for 2016

TOP 2017 Louisiana 3RD CROP SIRE of Louisiana-breds

#3 2017 Louisiana 2YO SIRE

Sire of '18 SW MONTE MAN, Won Louisiana Premier Night Sprint 2-10-18!

Sire of '17 Juveniles SW READY PROSPECTOR, Now stakes placed in 2018! placed in Louisiana Premier Night Prince (2-10); Spl Bionic Butterfly, MSW 1st out; Cool Kitty, MSW 1st out; Exigent, MSW 1st out; Gracida, MSW 1st out; Tonnerre, MSW 1st out. as well as stakes horses CROSSCHECK CARLOS (8-2-4-0, \$136,453), IVANA'S WISH, Run Away Ralph, etc.

2YO Full Brother to GSW BIG WORLD sold for \$400,000 at FTFEB17

2yos have sold for \$160K, \$125K, \$80K, \$75K, \$55K, \$50K, etc.

Yearlings have sold for \$98K, \$80K, \$70K, \$55K, \$44K, etc.

Fee: \$3,000 Live Foal, 9-1 or \$3,500 LFSN • Nominated to Breeders' Cup Enrolled in eNicks, G1 Goldmine Stallion Match and TrueNicks



1st Louisiana Stallion to sire a G1SW since 1991. Leading '17 3rd crop sire of LA-breds.



## HALF OURS

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#1 LOUISIANA SIRE OF LA-BRED 2YOS • 2014 & 2015

71% WINNERS/STARTERS • 12% BLACKTYPE RUNNERS • 43% JUVENILE WINNERS/STARTERS

Sire of '18 SW OURS TO RUN, Won Louisiana Premier Night Matron 2-10-18!

Thirteen 2017 Stakes Horses Including PARTLY MOCHA, (44-10-11-7, \$549,758),

INVENIAM VIAM, (30-11-5-6, \$358,589) Stakes placed already in 2018!, JOCKAMO'S

SONG, (20-8-3-2, \$355,914), JACK SNIPE'S, (13-5-1-3, \$231,590), SMITTY'S COUGAR

(16-7-4-3, \$333,607), TIGERSTORM, (11-4-0-0, \$93,529), Safari Calamari, (19-7-3-2, \$208,780),

Our Millie, (11-5-3-0, \$150,200), Rach'slastscarf, (10-4-2-2, \$110,350), Smiley Briley, Our Valor, HE'S ALL OURS and Totally Ours.

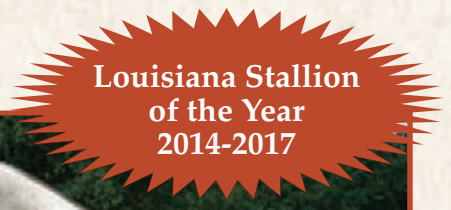
Sire of GENTLEMEN'S BET (\$744,155) G1 Xpressbet Breeders' Cup Sprint placed SW.

Entering stud at Journeyman Stallions, Ocala, FL for a '18 fee of \$3,000

2yos have sold for \$190K, \$85K, \$75K, \$72K, \$70K, etc.

Yearlings have sold for \$66K, \$52K, 40K, 32K, etc

Fee: \$4,500 Live Foal, 9-1 or \$5,000 LFSN • Nominated to Breeders' Cup Enrolled in eNicks, G1 Goldmine Stallion Match and TrueNicks



Louisiana Stallion of the Year 2014-2017



## STAR GUITAR

Quiet American-Minit Towinit, by Malagra

Givemeaminit, from STAR GUITAR's 2nd Crop placed third in the G1 HOPEFUL STAKES at Saratoga in his 2nd start as juvenile,

#1 2ND CROP SIRE IN LOUISIANA by earnings, winners and Stakes Winners!

\*Among Stallions that stood in Louisiana for 2017

#1 JUVENILE SIRE IN LOUISIANA

IN THE TOP FIVE GENERAL SIREs IN LOUISIANA with just his 2nd crop running in '17.

17% stakes runners ~ Already 3 stakes horses in 2018: TESTING ONE TWO, Won Take Charge Brandi S. (1-12) at DD; Double Star, placed in Big Drama S. (1-13) at DD; Shamrock Star, placed in Louisiana Premier Night Matron (2-10).

Sire of 2017 juvenile stakes horses IONA STAR Won Louisiana Futurity (filly div.); Givemeaminit 2nd Louisiana Futurity (c&g div); MINIT TO STARDOM Won Louisiana Champions Day Lassie and Divine Bean, 2nd Louisiana Champions Day Juvenile S.; ACEGUITAR, 2yo SW. Won Louisiana Cup Juvenile S., 2nd Texas Thoroughbred Futurity.

BERMUDA STAR, Won Equine Sales S., 2nd, Elge Raspberry S., 3rd Louisiana Legends Soiree.;

Rose Guitar 2nd Acadiana S., 2nd Crescent City Oaks; Andthebandplayedon 2nd Evangeline Downs Princess S.; Shamrock Star 3rd Cajun Miss S.

As well as Alw. winners PHILLY, STARS ARE OUT, WILD ABOUT STAR, SENOR GUITAR, etc.

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## 2017 LEADING SIRE IN LOUISIANA



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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2018 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2017 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	<b>COURT VISION</b> (05, Gulch), Acadiana Equine@Copper Crowne	\$3,500	122/57	4/7	3/4	(Mr Havercamp, \$196,306)	<b>\$2,787,563</b>	*212	6	1.12	1.50
2	<b>HALF OURS</b> (03, Unbridled's Song), Clear Creek Stud	\$5,000	121/57	5/8	3/5	(Inveniam Viam, \$216,300)	<b>\$2,548,206</b>	*376	19	1.02	1.17
3	<b>CUSTOM FOR CARLOS</b> (06, More Than Ready), Clear Creek Stud	\$3,500	86/45	2/4	0/2	(Big World, \$310,590)	<b>\$1,762,704</b>	131	4	0.93	1.02
4	<b>ASTROLOGY</b> (08, A.P. Indy), Acadiana Equine@Copper Crowne	\$4,500	85/45	0/0	0/0	(Clairvoyant Lady, \$135,330)	<b>\$1,744,325</b>	*147	2	0.88	1.28
5	<b>STAR GUITAR</b> (05, Quiet American), Clear Creek Stud	\$7,500	53/32	5/5	5/5	(Givemeaminit, \$188,866)	<b>\$1,588,034</b>	73	5	1.13	1.16
6	<b>MASS MEDIA</b> (01, Touch Gold), Red River Farms	\$1,500	71/41	0/0	0/0	(Littlemissbusiness, \$168,870)	<b>\$1,417,350</b>	*217	4	1.05	1.01
7	<b>CLOSING ARGUMENT</b> (02, Successful Appeal), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$3,000	68/34	2/2	2/2	(Fillupcohensapiker, \$129,310)	<b>\$1,371,096</b>	*445	18	1.21	1.15
8	<b>D'WILDCAT</b> (98, Forest Wildcat), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$2,500	84/37	1/1	1/1	(D'craziness, \$109,286)	<b>\$1,262,680</b>	*445	16	1.30	1.22
9	<b>YANKEE GENTLEMAN</b> (99, Storm Cat), Le Mesa Stallions	\$2,500	84/40	2/2	2/2	(Icy Gentleman, \$104,960)	<b>\$1,169,948</b>	*510	21	1.08	1.18
10	<b>MY PAL CHARLIE</b> (05, Indian Charlie), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	76/36	0/0	0/0	(Say Charlie, \$78,965)	<b>\$992,890</b>	149	2	0.75	1.07
11	<b>LINE OF DAVID</b> (07, Lion Heart), Red River Farms	\$2,500	67/32	0/0	0/0	(Fear No Evil, \$95,310)	<b>\$959,932</b>	162	3	1.01	1.10
12	<b>FOREFATHERS</b> (04, Gone West)	N/A	83/39	0/0	0/0	(Overthegardengate, \$82,000)	<b>\$929,344</b>	168	1	0.59	1.07
13	<b>RUN PRODUCTION</b> (00, Saint Ballado), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$1,500	56/30	1/1	1/1	(Freakonthelead, \$76,350)	<b>\$903,017</b>	213	8	1.03	0.94
14	<b>GREELEY'S GALAXY</b> (02, Mr. Greeley)	Died	50/26	0/0	0/0	(Becker's Galaxy, \$106,750)	<b>\$849,809</b>	142	2	1.05	1.04
15	<b>REDDING COLLIERY</b> (06, Mineshaft), Red River Farms	\$2,000	47/23	1/1	1/1	(Pound for Pound, \$123,798)	<b>\$847,960</b>	64	1	0.69	1.39
16	<b>INTERACTIF</b> (07, Broken Vow), Red River Farms	\$2,000	36/23	0/0	0/0	(Rocketringo, \$57,720)	<b>\$718,730</b>	62	1	0.74	1.10
17	<b>SUN KING</b> (02, Charismatic)	N/A	51/30	0/0	0/0	(Ronni's Secret, \$61,546)	<b>\$718,554</b>	273	2	0.69	0.98
18	<b>TENPINS</b> (98, Smart Strike), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	61/27	0/0	0/0	(Kate Is a Ten, \$68,142)	<b>\$673,317</b>	*371	8	0.86	1.04
19	<b>TIZ THE ONE</b> (07, Tiznow)	N/A	38/22	1/1	1/1	(Dreamy Art, \$62,090)	<b>\$655,441</b>	71	1	0.64	0.95
20	<b>TIME BANDIT</b> (96, Time for a Change), Averett Farm	\$1,000	27/11	1/1	1/1	(Stand Him Up, \$158,660)	<b>\$622,773</b>	281	4	0.85	0.89
21	<b>LEWIS MICHAEL</b> (03, Rahy), Circle H Farms	\$2,500	36/22	0/0	0/0	(Lewys Vaporizer, \$96,341)	<b>\$586,596</b>	120	3	0.78	1.10
22	<b>GOLD TRIBUTE</b> (94, Mr. Prospector), Red River Farms	\$2,000	30/14	2/2	2/2	(Nubin Ridge, \$98,200)	<b>\$542,281</b>	*487	14	0.96	1.05
23	<b>DUE DATE</b> (05, El Prado), Peach Lane Farms	\$2,000	36/16	1/1	1/1	(Gladyouawme, \$130,800)	<b>\$538,369</b>	69	1	0.57	0.76
24	<b>LION TAMER</b> (00, Will's Way)	N/A	41/22	0/0	0/0	(All About Diva, \$64,350)	<b>\$517,021</b>	146	2	0.74	1.04
25	<b>LONE STAR SPECIAL</b> (05, Malabar Gold), Horse of Course	\$2,500	18/9	1/2	1/1	(Mobile Bay, \$180,000)	<b>\$461,754</b>	53	3	1.52	1.07
26	<b>IDE</b> (93, Forty Niner)	Pnsd	36/13	0/0	0/0	(Ide Be Doc Adams, \$53,730)	<b>\$405,421</b>	585	15	1.06	1.05
27	<b>BEHINDATTHEBAR</b> (05, Forest Wildcat), Le Mesa Stallions	\$2,000	32/13	0/0	0/0	(River Bobcat, \$56,120)	<b>\$370,566</b>	95	0	0.57	0.83
28	<b>SAINT AFLEET</b> (01, Northern Afleet), Landlock Equine	\$1,500	31/15	0/0	0/0	(Bending Saint, \$46,080)	<b>\$354,239</b>	105	3	0.67	0.86
29	<b>TETON FOREST</b> (01, Forestry), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$1,000	17/5	1/2	0/1	(Forest Mouse, \$167,320)	<b>\$303,915</b>	*233	3	0.78	1.00
30	<b>MAUK FOUR</b> (00, Boston Harbor)	N/A	29/13	0/0	0/0	(Stump, \$56,211)	<b>\$279,400</b>	75	0	0.63	0.84
31	<b>HARBORAGE</b> (03, Monarchos), Kraft Farm	\$1,000	22/10	0/0	0/0	(Off Cycle, \$50,905)	<b>\$257,024</b>	65	1	0.64	0.84
32	<b>PORTO FORICOS</b> (95, Mr. Prospector)	Died, 2013	21/6	0/0	0/0	(Social Misfit, \$129,265)	<b>\$228,653</b>	249	5	0.90	1.10
33	<b>HONEST MAN</b> (04, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	31/12	0/0	0/0	(Honest Dandy, \$26,524)	<b>\$227,179</b>	68	0	0.36	1.22
34	<b>OLE REBEL</b> (99, Carson City), Clear Creek Stud	\$1,500	20/7	0/0	0/0	(Ole Skip Rope, \$49,040)	<b>\$219,549</b>	92	2	0.67	0.82
35	<b>RULER'S COURT</b> (01, Doneraile Court), Holly Hill Farm	\$1,000	16/8	0/0	0/0	(Lu Sea, \$52,159)	<b>\$214,002</b>	126	0	0.57	0.73



'Jill' Taylor with Dickson Street, who is in foal to Calibrachoa

marks on the rural road leading to Channon Farm.

Turn off the noise when you pull into Channon Farm; it's so quiet you can hear the birds think.

"I love seeing horses come here from the hustle and bustle of the racetrack," said owner Gillian "Jill" Taylor. "Tired and stripped of their energy, you can see the horses take a deep breath and relax. It's all about allowing a horse to regain its mental and physical balance."

Born in England, Taylor, to no one's surprise, brings a contrarian approach to the farm's recognized specialty of lay-ups.

"I call it 'full care lay-up,'" Taylor explained with a British accent that lingers on occasional words. "First we turn them out in smaller paddocks, going out for two or three hours in the morning and

then back to the barn. I like to pair fillies up because they seem to resent going out by themselves. Then we unwind them for about a week in a round pen."

During cold weather the horses get blankets and are brushed every day. It's not a full groom treatment like they get at the racetrack, but during the summer months the horses get a hose-down bath.

"The main thing is that we don't just kick them out in the field and forget about them," Taylor explained. "The horses are getting some rest from the track routine and enjoying some play time but still getting attention."

Born in Slough, Buckinghamshire, Taylor inherited a family upbringing that had nothing to do with horses; it was a childhood passion of her choosing. After the family moved to Hartfordshire (closer to London but still in the countryside), Taylor met a girl who lived on a nearby farm.

"It was real country living," Taylor, who was 7 years old, recalled, "with cows, pigs, and sheep. I took riding lessons, and every weekend I would go over to muck the stalls so I could pay my dues and get free rides on the ponies. It was the beginning of my love affair with horses."

Taylor's appetite for horses needed nourishment, and at 11 her father bought her a brown and white pony named Paintbox. Strings were attached to the gift, however, and Taylor's father insisted she read books on care, feeding, and grooming. A second pony named Kinky Katie soon followed. Fox hunts and show jumping became regular events.

"It was all so exciting," Taylor recalled. "To this day I can remember going to a tack shop and buying a new saddle and bridle. I enjoyed taking care of the pony as much as I enjoyed the riding. I was hooked, and by the age of 13, deep in my heart, I knew that working with horses was what I wanted to do for the rest of my life."

Then things fell apart. In 1970 Taylor's father moved the family to the United States. With her ponies Paintbox and Kinky Katie sold and left behind, the uprooted teenaged Taylor went into depression.

"I was very upset with the land of opportunity," she said. "I did not like the schools. The public schools in England were quite

strict when it came to discipline and academic standards. Over here it was much more laid back."

Counseling for Taylor's dark mental state came in a familiar form. She found a riding stable near the family home in Maryland.

"Once I got back around horses again I was good," she said. "I was back on solid footing."

Taylor took advantage of a growing net-

work of contacts, and her dream gathered traction. At a small stable of hunters and jumpers, she progressed to galloping and exercising horses. Still in high school, she spent her summers showing horses. A paying job at a broodmare farm led to traveling with the yearlings to sales where she was introduced to connections in Louisiana.

Taylor moved to Louisiana in 1978 and was recruited by Foxfire Farms outside of

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*GUN RUNNER went out a winner on January 27 with a dominant win in the \$16 million Pegasus World Cup Invitational for owner Winchell Thoroughbreds and Three Chimneys Farms. We wish him luck at stud and thank him for all the memories that will last a lifetime!*



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1	<b>TOO MUCH BLING</b> (03, Rubiano), Valor Farm	\$6,500	85/50	5/8	2/5	(Rumpole, \$114,400)	<b>\$1,944,519</b>	208	26	1.15	1.07
2	<b>GRASSHOPPER</b> (04, Dixie Union), Valor Farm	\$3,500	58/28	2/2	2/2	(Texas Chrome, \$190,800)	<b>\$820,250</b>	100	2	0.86	0.93
3	<b>MY GOLDEN SONG</b> (03, Unbridled's Song), Valor Farm	\$5,000	43/28	3/4	2/3	(Zippit E, \$82,070)	<b>\$719,742</b>	122	11	1.02	1.07
4	<b>CONGAREE</b> (98, Arazi), Valor Farm	\$3,000	54/26	0/0	0/0	(Puparee, \$44,501)	<b>\$672,056</b>	*377	13	1.24	1.38
5	<b>VALID EXPECTATIONS</b> (93, Valid Appeal)	Died, 2015	37/22	1/1	0/1	(Ivan Fallunovalot, \$144,995)	<b>\$669,917</b>	657	41	1.20	1.13
6	<b>EARLY FLYER</b> (98, Gilded Time), Valor Farm	\$2,500	52/23	1/1	1/1	(Bravura, \$50,000)	<b>\$563,340</b>	278	16	0.76	0.91
7	<b>INTIMIDATOR</b> (01, Gone West)	N/A	42/18	0/0	0/0	(Estrickator, \$86,980)	<b>\$473,629</b>	198	6	0.57	0.75
8	<b>STONESIDER</b> (03, Giant's Causeway), Valor Farm	\$2,000	30/10	0/0	0/0	(Toohottoevenspeak, \$84,340)	<b>\$402,545</b>	*202	4	1.06	1.20
9	<b>LUNARPAL</b> (02, Successful Appeal)	N/A	21/7	0/0	0/0	(Grizabella, \$64,941)	<b>\$332,756</b>	112	2	0.81	0.92
10	<b>UNCLE ABBIE</b> (97, Kingmambo), Key Ranch	\$2,000	24/9	1/1	1/1	(Galactica, \$79,820)	<b>\$272,770</b>	238	7	0.66	0.64
11	<b>DRUMS OF THUNDER</b> (04, Concerto)	N/A	16/8	1/1	1/1	(Witt's Town, \$90,257)	<b>\$267,418</b>	35	1	0.55	0.35
12	<b>REVOLVING</b> (09, A.P. Indy), Double S Thoroughbreds	N/A	17/9	0/0	0/0	(Revolving Storm, \$51,936)	<b>\$262,551</b>	27	0	0.54	1.44
13	<b>EATON'S GIFT</b> (05, Johannesburg)	N/A	19/8	0/0	0/0	(Celebrity's Gift, \$44,525)	<b>\$201,428</b>	45	0	0.45	0.59
14	<b>SPELLBINDER</b> (01, Tale of the Cat), Ivy Rose Equestrian Center	\$1,200	12/8	0/0	0/0	(Hy Rapid Lady, \$52,939)	<b>\$200,890</b>	37	1	0.99	1.16
15	<b>UNBRIDLED'S HEART</b> (05, Unbridled's Song)	Died, 2015	12/8	0/0	0/0	(Long Legged Model, \$47,420)	<b>\$192,596</b>	21	0	0.49	0.49
16	<b>GAFF</b> (02, Maria's Mon)	N/A	27/9	0/0	0/0	(Hook, \$47,690)	<b>\$192,094</b>	92	0	0.60	0.99
17	<b>CROSSBOW</b> (08, Bernardini), Valor Farm	\$2,000	13/8	1/1	0/1	(Final Arrow, \$58,645)	<b>\$162,543</b>	20	1	0.59	1.16
18	<b>LITTLEEXPECTATIONS</b> (97, Valid Appeal)	N/A	15/7	0/0	0/0	(Toledo Pache, \$35,935)	<b>\$132,752</b>	207	5	0.75	0.98
19	<b>C'IMON TIGER</b> (03, Storm Cat), Seven S Farms	\$800	16/4	0/0	0/0	(James and Company, \$55,904)	<b>\$121,203</b>	58	0	0.38	0.69
20	<b>WIMBLEDON</b> (01, Wild Rush), Key Ranch	\$2,000	9/6	0/0	0/0	(Fred's Lucky Boy, \$45,467)	<b>\$119,772</b>	120	4	0.74	0.76
21	<b>STREET MOVE</b> (06, Street Cry)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Kingsville, \$74,437)	<b>\$110,262</b>	8	0	0.79	1.33
22	<b>EVIL MINISTER</b> (02, Deputy Minister), Eddie George Ranch	\$750	11/2	0/0	0/0	(Country Minister, \$73,805)	<b>\$98,625</b>	34	1	0.74	0.44
23	<b>SEEKING A HOME</b> (98, Seeking the Gold)	N/A	10/3	0/0	0/0	(Fiddlers Tsunami, \$32,982)	<b>\$91,892</b>	146	4	0.70	0.90
24	<b>JET PHONE</b> (01, Phone Trick)	Died, 2016	9/3	0/0	0/0	(Jet Over, \$29,347)	<b>\$81,986</b>	37	3	0.92	1.11
25	<b>SCRIMSHAW</b> (00, Gulch)	N/A	12/5	0/0	0/0	(Voluntary, \$18,905)	<b>\$76,010</b>	*197	3	0.97	0.90

Alexandria to be part of a team galloping and breaking yearlings. Foxfire was a big operation with a stallion division, training center, and broodmares.

"That's where I learned the ropes of breaking yearlings," Taylor, who became a manager, remembered. "Taking horses back and forth to the paddocks, teaching them how to turn and really get a good mouth on them was a solid education."

When the farm was sold to Lickskil-

let Plantation, Taylor (along with all the horses, equipment, and clientele) was part of the package. Taylor believes her years of experience at Lickskillet Plantation gave her the foundation for owning and managing her own operation.

"It was a farm environment where you could learn as much as you wanted to," she said. "If you demonstrated incentive, they would pretty much turn you loose. I picked up on vaccinations, health programs, and

record-keeping."

An affiliation with a group of New Zealand horsemen resulted in another takeover. Taylor had become adept at shifting gears, but the turmoil and frustration of changing ownership made her stop and face a decision.

"It was like musical chairs," she said. "Over the years I had built up a reputation for dedication to quality care, and several of the clients offered their support and en-



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1	<b>WILBURN</b> (08, Bernardini), River Oaks Farms	\$3,500	155/80	5/8	2/5	(Lovely Bernadette, \$386,996)	<b>\$3,142,538</b>	*259	6	0.81	1.11
2	<b>POLLARD'S VISION</b> (01, Carson City), Mighty Acres	\$2,500	79/44	1/1	0/1	(Eye Luv Lulu, \$123,200)	<b>\$1,614,334</b>	*701	19	1.21	1.19
3	<b>MAGNA GRADUATE</b> (02, Honor Grades), Brewster Ranch	\$2,500	70/39	2/2	1/2	(My Mertie, \$68,397)	<b>\$1,195,569</b>	*211	6	0.96	1.04
4	<b>MR. NIGHTLINGER</b> (04, Indian Charlie)	Died	74/37	3/4	3/3	(Mr. N, \$110,796)	<b>\$1,168,513</b>	160	4	0.64	0.86
5	<b>READ THE FOOTNOTES</b> (01, Smoke Glacken), River Oaks Farms	\$1,000	57/25	2/2	2/2	(Bee Noteworthy, \$197,800)	<b>\$1,160,457</b>	*327	19	1.31	1.17
6	<b>CACTUS RIDGE</b> (01, Hennessy)	Pnsd	57/33	2/2	1/2	(Tulsa Queen, \$116,553)	<b>\$1,128,631</b>	*457	23	1.24	1.04
7	<b>AMERICAN LION</b> (07, Tiznow), River Oaks Farms	\$1,000	74/39	0/0	0/0	(Lion in Wait, \$86,150)	<b>\$1,127,135</b>	*161	1	0.72	1.06
8	<b>EUROEARS</b> (04, Langfuhr)	N/A	48/25	1/1	1/1	(Eurobond, \$167,765)	<b>\$1,020,060</b>	86	3	0.98	0.93
9	<b>LATENT HEAT</b> (03, Maria's Mon), River Oaks Farms	\$1,500	74/40	0/0	0/0	(Singingintheheat, \$73,550)	<b>\$986,471</b>	*329	5	0.88	1.09
10	<b>ORATORY</b> (02, Pulpit)	Died, 2016	42/22	2/2	1/2	(T. J. Goodie, \$112,568)	<b>\$798,217</b>	*209	5	1.14	1.15
11	<b>SAVE BIG MONEY</b> (03, Storm Cat), Mighty Acres	\$1,500	51/27	1/2	1/1	(Inagoodway, \$161,948)	<b>\$792,764</b>	104	2	0.73	0.99
12	<b>KIPLING</b> (96, Gulch)	Pnsd	63/25	0/0	0/0	(Dubdubwatson, \$57,482)	<b>\$752,069</b>	343	9	0.99	0.89
13	<b>MAIMONIDES</b> (05, Vindication), J&M Equine Reproduction Center	\$1,500	39/20	0/0	0/0	(Fear, \$119,965)	<b>\$731,713</b>	*106	1	0.73	2.05
14	<b>DA STOOPS</b> (03, Distorted Humor)	N/A	23/9	1/3	0/1	(Redneck Humor, \$227,000)	<b>\$565,560</b>	*89	1	1.05	1.04
15	<b>SPECIAL RATE</b> (00, Pulpit), Glasses Creek Ranch	\$2,000	30/12	2/2	1/2	(Patrona Margarita, \$150,253)	<b>\$448,165</b>	165	4	0.56	0.63
16	<b>TACTICAL CAT</b> (96, Storm Cat), Raywood Farm	\$1,000	43/16	0/0	0/0	(Checkmate Charlie, \$55,501)	<b>\$425,992</b>	602	24	1.00	1.18
17	<b>KENNEDY</b> (08, A.P. Indy)	N/A	24/13	0/0	0/0	(K Kiddo, \$75,034)	<b>\$410,999</b>	36	0	0.65	1.15
18	<b>CHITAZ</b> (05, Forest Wildcat), River Oaks Farms	\$1,500	16/13	1/1	1/1	(Okie Diva, \$123,320)	<b>\$387,747</b>	43	1	0.72	0.84
19	<b>THE VISUALISER</b> (03, Giant's Causeway), Mighty Acres	\$1,500	20/9	1/3	0/1	(Welder, \$147,604)	<b>\$345,296</b>	56	2	0.69	0.85
20	<b>SERVICE STRIPE</b> (91, Deputy Minister)	N/A	16/13	1/1	1/1	(Diamondandstripes, \$72,630)	<b>\$335,826</b>	388	19	1.15	0.99
21	<b>AFFIRMATIF</b> (06, Unbridled's Song), Caines Stallion Station	\$1,000	26/11	0/0	0/0	(From Out There, \$80,036)	<b>\$330,385</b>	66	1	0.51	0.84
22	<b>LUCKY LIONEL</b> (93, Mt. Livermore)	N/A	18/11	0/0	0/0	(Lucky Rendezvous, \$67,997)	<b>\$291,098</b>	361	9	1.12	1.18
23	<b>LIQUOR CABINET (IRE)</b> (01, Hennessy)	N/A	29/14	0/0	0/0	(Private Stash, \$32,563)	<b>\$283,266</b>	83	1	0.57	0.88
24	<b>FOREIGN POLICY</b> (02, Danzig), River Oaks Farms	\$1,250	9/5	0/0	0/0	(Cheyenne Blues, \$63,761)	<b>\$220,825</b>	32	1	1.00	0.82
25	<b>BURBANK</b> (93, Wild Again)	N/A	27/13	0/0	0/0	(Konawa Kween, \$33,015)	<b>\$203,276</b>	183	3	0.68	0.73
26	<b>WESTERN EXPRESSION</b> (96, Gone West), Kirton Farms	\$1,500	15/4	0/0	0/0	(Chosen One Elijah, \$83,042)	<b>\$156,769</b>	*363	4	1.06	1.26
27	<b>SASHA'S PROSPECT</b> (96, Mr. Prospector)	N/A	18/4	0/0	0/0	(Dakamo Smoke, \$42,742)	<b>\$135,868</b>	*127	1	0.63	0.77
28	<b>KING OF SCAT</b> (96, Eastern Echo)	N/A	17/7	0/0	0/0	(Emmy Got Even, \$25,769)	<b>\$126,728</b>	226	6	0.69	0.75
29	<b>SILVER HAZE</b> (02, Silver Deputy), Cook Farm	\$750	9/5	0/0	0/0	(Hazey Cat, \$30,960)	<b>\$109,465</b>	16	0	0.49	0.31
30	<b>SONG OF THE SWORD</b> (01, Unbridled's Song), Cowboy Stables	Private	5/4	0/0	0/0	(Go Stealth, \$50,320)	<b>\$105,073</b>	23	0	0.96	0.85

couraged me to start my own business.”

As the old adage goes, “when you find yourself in a hole—quit digging.” In 1990 Taylor signed and secured a bank loan to

purchase the property that became Channon Farm. With open, flat land and few trees it was a “starter” farm. There was a training track with no rails, and fence re-

pair was the first major expense. Paddocks had to be designed. Taylor had acquired a few broodmares of her own and a total of 20 horses from her first group of clients. With a few babies that she raised, small consignments at the sales were typical.

Lay-ups and rehab were the focus and the breadwinner for the farm. Louisiana Downs is 17 miles down I-20 from the Doyline exit, and during the glory days of the racetrack, Taylor handled lay-ups from several of the volume trainers.

“There were days when trainer Gene Norman and later his son, Cole Norman, would cover me up,” Taylor remembered. “It wasn’t unusual for a van to pull in with 20 horses at a time. Business was booming.”

Trainer Al Stall Jr. has been a lay-up client of Channon Farm for as long as he can remember.

“It’s all about Jill Taylor,” Stall said. “She is there with the horses on a daily basis and that’s what it takes. Whatever



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								Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	PRIMARY SUSPECT (01, Hennessy)	N/A	48/25	0/0	0/0	(Suspect a Storm, \$71,246)	\$768,988	164	4	0.74	1.16
2	BRAHMS (97, Danzig), Trophy Club Training Center	\$2,000	47/24	0/0	0/0	(Quiet Concert, \$51,800)	\$712,969	*664	13	1.06	1.14
3	JONESBORO (02, Sefapiano), Lake Hamilton Equine Associates	\$500	37/17	1/2	1/1	(Racer, \$156,417)	\$617,189	73	2	0.72	0.77
4	THE DADDY (02, Valid Expectations), Trophy Club Training Center	\$1,500	33/14	0/0	0/0	(Rich Daddy, \$179,210)	\$538,718	*156	5	1.02	1.14
5	PORTOBELLO ROAD (04, Storm Cat)	N/A	38/14	0/0	0/0	(Beach Splash, \$53,642)	\$440,980	130	1	0.74	0.91
6	STORM AND A HALF (97, Storm Cat), Tommy Ives Thoroughbreds	Private	33/18	0/0	0/0	(Detroit Cowboy, \$72,400)	\$396,401	452	19	0.75	0.93
7	ZARBYEV (84, Nureyev)	Died, 2017	22/9	0/0	0/0	(I Hope, \$74,658)	\$370,816	*373	13	1.05	0.82
8	HIGHTAIL (10, Mineshaft), Trophy Club Training Center	\$2,500	1/1	1/2	0/1	(Dynatail, \$237,490)	\$237,490	5	1	5.82	0.95
9	ORDAINED (08, Pulpit), Starfish Stallions	\$1,000	12/4	1/1	1/1	(Ministry, \$130,720)	\$190,840	33	1	0.54	0.82
10	HIGH CASCADE (98, Woodman), Cornerstone Farms	\$500	18/9	0/0	0/0	(Lil Becky, \$24,830)	\$175,780	*178	1	0.49	0.63
11	COMMANDER'S SHOES (03, Deputy Commander), Rafter R Ranch	\$1,500	12/5	0/0	0/0	(Guska Mon Shoes, \$44,390)	\$144,923	53	0	0.59	0.82
12	A. P. MILLION (00, A.P. Indy)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Easter Indy, \$122,200)	\$139,004	40	1	0.53	0.70
13	HESABULL (93, Dispersal)	N/A	14/9	0/0	0/0	(Tour de Rock, \$22,343)	\$126,611	181	6	0.79	1.11
14	EXPLOSIVE TRUTH (99, Proudest Romeo)	N/A	8/5	0/0	0/0	(Explosive Candy, \$52,928)	\$124,083	28	0	0.62	1.09
15	CINNAMON CREEK (95, Darn That Alarm), Three Boys Stables	\$500	11/4	0/0	0/0	(Acumen, \$32,983)	\$122,247	113	0	0.58	0.68

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								Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	SMOKIN GLOCK (10, El Prado), Herd Ranch	Private	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Prairie Chick, \$32,901)	\$32,901	3	0	0.96	0.79

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								Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	GRAND MINSTREL (05, Grand Slam), Menoken Farms	\$1,500	42/22	0/0	0/0	(A J's Grand, \$31,181)	\$304,597	90	0	0.33	0.63
2	OLIVER'S TWIST (92, Horatius), Menoken Farms	\$1,000	19/6	0/0	0/0	(Twisted Regan, \$41,748)	\$157,262	266	2	0.52	0.73
3	CRAFTY SHAW (98, Crafty Prospector)	N/A	18/8	0/0	0/0	(Ms Wild Rush, \$20,537)	\$114,045	*107	3	0.85	0.94

we send up there comes back looking the way we want them to look.”

Karma can get weird. It was an 80 mile per hour straight-line wind that led to Jill's getting married. The carpenter and handyman that came out to the farm for

roof repairs was a local named Roy Taylor. Roy made a habit of hanging around and doing some remodeling of the main house. They dated for awhile and were married in 1998.

As husband and wife they are the origi-

nal odd couple. Roy came from construction, raising cattle, western riding, and a rodeo background. Jill was a connoisseur of Yorkshire pudding and croissants while Roy preferred a dozen jelly-filled doughnuts. When they decided to get married, the informal agreement was that Jill would mentor Roy in the proper refinements of the Queen's etiquette. Judging by the blue bandana draped rodeo style around Roy's neck, that cultural contract has been null and voided.

As owner and decision-maker on the farm, Jill was the boss lady, and working relations got off to a rocky start.

“We had a learning curve to overcome regarding Thoroughbred finesse,” Jill said with a laugh. “We butted heads for several years, but now Roy is a top groom and shows horses at the sales.”

The physical layout of Channon Farm contains 18 paddocks that vary in size from a half-acre to 10 acres; 42 stalls; four large foaling stalls; and a 50-acre meadow exclusively for broodmares. An-



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								Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	<b>TOP HIT</b> (98, Twining), Triple AAA Ranch	Private	36/21	0/0	0/0	(Maid Easy, \$76,897)	<b>\$453,440</b>	107	5	0.85	0.87
2	<b>DISTORTED REALITY</b> (04, Distorted Humor), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	Private	41/13	1/1	0/1	(Sharkzilla, \$68,447)	<b>\$338,965</b>	120	1	0.41	0.83
3	<b>MARGIE'S WILDCAT</b> (01, Storm Cat), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	Private	28/10	0/0	0/0	(Case Cracker, \$76,894)	<b>\$284,320</b>	127	0	0.66	0.83
4	<b>¶ EZ EFFORT</b> (09, In Excess), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	N/A	7/2	1/2	1/1	(Fortified Effort, \$127,238)	<b>\$155,993</b>	14	1	1.01	0.94
5	<b>EZ DREAMER</b> (05, In Excess), Triple AAA Ranch	Private	17/9	0/0	0/0	(Dreamy Gal, \$35,185)	<b>\$155,955</b>	35	1	0.59	0.86
6	<b>MAYBRY'S BOY</b> (99, Broad Brush), O'Brien Farm	Private	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Robey's Boy, \$63,794)	<b>\$108,985</b>	30	1	1.12	1.52
7	<b>SUPAH BLITZ</b> (00, Mecke)	Died, 2017	15/5	0/0	0/0	(Supah Spirit, \$12,188)	<b>\$55,499</b>	61	0	0.42	0.74
8	<b>RED SKY'S</b> (96, Skywalker)	N/A	10/4	0/0	0/0	(Red Zeus, \$28,767)	<b>\$52,310</b>	118	2	0.41	0.46
9	<b>CHELOKEE</b> (04, Cherokee Run)	Died, 2014	10/4	0/0	0/0	(Chelokee's Legacy, \$17,028)	<b>\$49,050</b>	49	0	0.44	0.78
10	<b>CHIEF PLANNER</b> (00, General Meeting)	N/A	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Uncle Ron, \$20,114)	<b>\$34,809</b>	19	0	0.23	0.38



Roy Taylor with Lawyer Tiffany and her Redding Colliery foal

cient Indian mounds in the meadow offer a historical perspective to the land.

Roy has built a shed for each paddock. An Equicizer and an abundance of juniper, oak, and magnolia trees purchased from local nurseries complete the picture. But "stuff" does not tell the real story of what is happening at Channon Farm. The peace and quiet of the surroundings is the key ingredient.

"Friends and family that are not horse people come to visit the farm and just walk around for the tranquility," Jill noted.

Foaling season is a different matter.

Channon Farm can be a busy and intense time when Roy is called to be in the starting line-up.

"When it comes to foaling, we stick to an old-fashioned pattern," Jill said. "I believe in a manual watch. No cameras and gadgets. Day and night, Roy walks the barn on watch. When a mare breaks water, he calls me and we go into action."

Taylor's foaling method is designed for the newborn to stand and nurse within the first two hours. Roy's enthusiasm for the task is an additional positive.

"My husband has developed more pa-

tience with the babies," Jill said. "You would be amazed. Some of those babies need a lot of help to get up on their feet, and Roy is really good at lending a helping hand."

The wife-and-husband team might be small in scale, but champions have risen to their feet on the straw bedding at Channon Farm. Grade 1 winner of the Ballerina Stakes at Saratoga, Stewart Madison's Happy Ticket was foaled here.

"All of my Louisiana-breds are foaled at Channon Farm," Madison said. "For as long as she has been open that's where I send my mares. Jill is hands-on and an honorable person."

Before being passed by Star Guitar, Happy Ticket was the top money-earning Louisiana-bred of all time with \$1,688,838 in purse winnings, and she remains the only Louisiana-bred to have been consistently comfortable and successful in graded stakes company. Happy Ticket started her career with nine straight victories. The filly won three stakes outside the state, including the Fleur de Lis Handicap (G2) at Churchill Downs and the Chicago Breeders' Cup Handicap (G3). On the national stage Happy Ticket placed in six graded stakes including the Emirates Airline Breeders' Cup Distaff, Beldame Stakes, and Apple Blossom Handicap (all G1).

It's been called the "Cajun Riviera," and Holly Beach on the Gulf of Mexico is where Jill and Roy go twice a year for their own brand of rest and recuperation. Wiped out

#### Special Note For Sire Lists:

For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in the states featured in this section (stallions that are dead or exported prior to 2013 are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics for the Northern Hemisphere through December 31, 2017. As supplied to *BloodHorse* by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc., lists include adjusted money from Japan, Hong Kong, and Singapore. Adjusted earnings are put on par with average North American earnings from the previous year. For example, the average North American purse in 2016 is \$22,141 or 45% of the 2016 average purse in Japan. To put earnings on par, all Japanese progeny earnings are multiplied by 45% before being credited to a sire's progeny earnings. Hong Kong earnings are adjusted by 17%; Singapore by 65%. Current year stakes winners include all Northern Hemisphere black-type stakes results from all available countries. \*Foal counts include Southern Hemisphere. Cumulative stakes winners include all countries. (A ¶ indicates a sire represented by his first crop to race).

\*AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX and COMPARABLE INDEX: Lifetime AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX indicates how much purse money the progeny of one sire has earned in relation to the average earnings of all runners in the same years; average earnings of all runners in any year is represented by an index of 1.00; COMPARABLE INDEX indicates the average earnings of progeny produced from mares bred to one sire, when these same mares were bred to other sires. Only 32% of all sires have a lifetime AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX higher than their mares' COMPARABLE INDEX.

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2018 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2017 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	ATTILA'S STORM (02, Forest Wildcat), A & A Ranch	\$4,000	86/46	2/2	1/2	(Go for a Stroll, \$181,333)	\$1,774,455	199	17	1.17	0.81
2	DIABOLICAL (03, Artax), A & A Ranch	\$4,000	72/46	3/5	2/3	(Diabolical Dame, \$238,500)	\$1,751,524	148	10	0.97	0.92
3	QUINTON'S GOLD (97, Carson City), Doubletree Farm	\$5,000	41/24	0/0	0/0	(He's Another Who, \$101,706)	\$740,535	133	10	1.24	0.88
4	ROLL HENNESSY ROLL (00, Hennessy), A & A Ranch	\$2,500	43/25	0/0	0/0	(Hollywood Henry, \$71,616)	\$693,894	167	10	0.94	0.97
5	WEATHER WARNING (04, Storm Cat)	N/A	33/15	0/0	0/0	(Long Stormy Trip, \$91,107)	\$598,305	*143	4	0.98	1.00
6	SOUTHWESTERN HEAT (04, Gone West)	Died, 2017	49/22	1/1	1/1	(Bryn's Fancy Pants, \$78,056)	\$598,275	*97	3	0.67	0.95
7	DOME (98, Storm Cat), Double LL Farm	\$2,500	37/17	1/2	1/1	(On the Low Down, \$177,606)	\$596,424	249	7	0.73	0.79
8	INDIAN FIREWATER (07, Indian Charlie)	Died, 2017	32/16	2/2	2/2	(Kris Who, \$111,447)	\$532,422	52	2	0.71	1.23
9	THE WAY HOME (04, Giant's Causeway), Doubletree Farm	\$2,500	36/18	0/0	0/0	(Way Nifty, \$93,343)	\$448,507	117	5	0.82	0.97
10	PRO PRADO (01, El Prado), Hourigan Horse Farm	\$2,000	23/13	1/1	1/1	(Citizen Geller, \$148,970)	\$405,720	89	2	0.74	0.82
11	WESTERN GAMBLER (04, Storm Cat)	N/A	14/7	0/0	0/0	(Hute, \$191,460)	\$398,232	40	1	0.85	1.53
12	DESERT GOD (91, Fappiano)	N/A	15/8	0/0	0/0	(Desert Mystery, \$111,506)	\$390,603	259	25	1.46	0.74
13	FUSAICHI ZENON (JPN) (97, Sunday Silence), Weatherly Horse Farms	\$2,000	38/14	0/0	0/0	(Not My Note, \$51,000)	\$365,247	112	4	0.68	0.84
14	MR. GOLD MOVER (08, Mr. Greeley), Bar Y Equine	N/A	17/6	2/2	2/2	(Sidewinder Sally, \$122,300)	\$358,776	35	2	0.85	0.87
15	SONG OF NAVARONE (04, Sultry Song)	N/A	19/11	0/0	0/0	(Blazing Navarone, \$117,226)	\$318,244	29	0	0.78	0.92
16	SOURCE (98, Montbrook)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Shining Source, \$187,648)	\$198,950	51	0	0.63	0.69
17	DOMINIQUE'S CAT (97, Storm Cat), McKenna Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	17/4	0/0	0/0	(Dom Strait, \$45,348)	\$174,883	106	2	0.80	0.61
18	TO TERAS (00, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	8/5	0/0	0/0	(Whatakiss, \$61,503)	\$158,397	77	1	0.80	0.58
19	MR. TRIESTE (01, Old Trieste), McKenna Thoroughbreds	\$1,500	9/6	0/0	0/0	(Jet N G, \$49,694)	\$152,948	46	1	0.60	0.85
20	KING BULL (01, Holy Bull), Tucumcari Thoroughbreds	Private	12/5	0/0	0/0	(Hunka Bull, \$40,002)	\$131,958	23	3	1.25	0.60
21	REAL DANDY (02, Yankee Victor)	N/A	13/6	0/0	0/0	(Another Dandy, \$31,394)	\$124,026	39	1	0.56	1.04
22	PRECOCITY (94, Aferd)	N/A	9/4	0/0	0/0	(Bobbies Flight, \$58,473)	\$117,515	208	6	0.81	0.85
23	GOLDEN RANSOM (99, Hennessy)	N/A	11/3	0/0	0/0	(Dr. Jessop, \$45,835)	\$116,799	119	0	0.48	0.83
24	TIN CAN SAILOR (01, Military)	N/A	5/2	1/1	1/1	(Mr. Mooch, \$102,368)	\$116,181	47	2	0.38	0.93
25	MCKENNA'S JUSTICE (07, Medaglia d'Oro), McKenna Thoroughbreds	Died, 2017	9/3	0/0	0/0	(McGoldie, \$30,150)	\$115,785	13	0	0.59	0.63

by two hurricanes, Holly Beach has no stores or restaurants. Self-contained in their travel trailer, the Taylors replace the horses with seagulls.

"We live and work together. We are both pretty hard-headed, so getting away for

a few days is a good time to refresh ourselves and our relationship," Jill said. "I walk the beach with a cup of coffee and read books. It's my little slice of heaven. Roy enjoys fishing in the surf."

Never one to stay too long in a rut, Tay-

lor is in the process of shifting gears with in her long tenure at Channon Farm. Her vision and new direction as a commercial breeder are to improve the quality of her broodmare band.

"It's time we went to Keeneland to look for the kinds of bloodlines for selling upper-end yearlings," she announced. "That's my goal and objective. There are older mares with good sires that are not too expensive but are proven producers of runners."

Then, its time to go back to work. Accompanied by three mixed-breed hounds Cammie, Haley, and Rory, Jill kicks off the Bobcat to go out and make feeding rounds.

"What's important for me in this business is to observe and assess the individual nature of each horse," she explained, "and not treat them all the same. Every day, eyes on every horse. You see a nervous filly running the fence line, and it's time to evaluate. Catering to their needs is a matter of respect." **BH**

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The Taylors with one of their three mixed-breed hounds