

Wind-N-Wood Farm knows how to raise a racehorse

BY LENNY SHULMAN PHOTOS BY SHELLEY PAULSON IF DAVID DAYON ever tires of working with broodmares and foals, he can grab a job with the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce. Dayon, who owns and operates Wind-N-Wood Farm northwest of the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul with his wife, LeAnne, offers an impassioned defense of his native state when guizzed about the hardships of winter.

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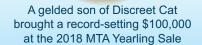
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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2019 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	SWnrs/ Wns	SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2019 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
	1 EYE OF THE LEOPARD (06, A.P. Indy), Osborne Farm	\$1,500	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Earned the Shot, \$5,880)	\$6,379	41	0	0.47	2.08
- 1	2 KELA (98, Numerous)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Kela Brew, \$4,560)	\$4,660	*284	3	0.92	0.92
	3 LAW ENFORCEMENT (05, Posse)	Died, 2017	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Fireman Oscar, \$1,800)	\$1,800	21	0	1.33	0.63

2018 LEADING SIRES IN MINNESOTA

				ВТ	Rstrct				Cumu	lative	
Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2018 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	SWnrs/ Wns	SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2018 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	KELA (98, Numerous)	N/A	31/17	0/0	0/0	(Ta Kela Warning, \$52,250)	\$440,781	*279	3	0.92	0.92
2	EYE OF THE LEOPARD (06, A.P. Indy), Osborne Farm	\$1,500	22/11	0/0	0/0	(Stormbeam, \$47,061)	\$282,567	41	0	0.47	2.08
3	LAW ENFORCEMENT (05, Posse)	Died, 2017	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Speeding Kid, \$99,460)	\$214,363	21	0	1.33	0.63
4	MATT'S BROKEN VOW (05, Broken Vow), Dove Hill Farm	\$2,500	12/4	0/0	0/0	(Link, \$48,865)	\$147,006	54	0	0.49	0.85
5	JOEY FRANCO (99, Avenue of Flags)	Died, 2018	10/2	1/1	1/1	(Simran, \$84,025)	\$117,304	83	2	0.47	0.68
6	MAGIC CAT (95, Storm Cat), Benz Lake Farm	\$1,250	16/6	0/0	0/0	(Derbys Moneymaker, \$24,615)	\$62,312	268	10	0.63	0.88
7	FORD EVERY STREAM (99, Seeking the Gold), Nightmare Stables	\$1,000	9/3	0/0	0/0	(Carriage, \$26,190)	\$60,321	149	1	0.54	0.80
8	SAM LORD'S CASTLE (98, Carson City), Boehlke Farm	\$1,000	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Johnny the Jet, \$26,775)	\$49,992	49	0	0.60	0.77
9	ROYAL JABAR (04, Aljabr)	N/A	6/1	0/0	0/0	(R J's Silver Syd, \$44,602)	\$48,194	17	0	0.31	1.66
10	TIMBER LEGEND (99, Storm Cat)	N/A	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Book the Band, \$17,421)	\$33,744	59	1	0.45	0.50
11	LOVANGO (04, Capote)	Died, 2017	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Lovanskol, \$16,190)	\$31,994	6	0	0.31	0.43
12	TAHKODHA HILLS (97, Prospector's Halo)	N/A	6/1	0/0	0/0	(Tahkodha Star, \$8,316)	\$14,488	85	1	0.29	0.41
13	EASTWOOD DACAT (06, Storm Cat)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Best of the Bleu's, \$12,830)	\$12,830	14	0	0.42	1.09
14	SHOT OF GOLD (95, Jolie's Halo)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Born Pretty, \$8,202)	\$9,059	97	0	0.41	0.70
15	LOVE MY M. D. (96, Ogygian)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Cozzy Kinda Love, \$5,719)	\$8,440	5	0	0.28	0.33
16	EXERT (97, Roy)	N/A	2/0	0/0	0/0	(Sweet Spring, \$6,725)	\$6,825	10	0	0.28	0.23
17	DYNOMANIA (98, Clever Trick)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(For Saras Sake, \$2,380)	\$2,380	69	0	0.14	0.09

"Actually, it's a mystique that it's cold up here," he said. "When I tell people in Kentucky that I live in Minnesota, they think I live in an igloo. I was down there for the November sale and there was an ice storm, while it was 46 degrees up here. We'd had horses at Turfway Park who couldn't run because the track was closed for freezing weather, and it's been 40 up here. So everyone thinks we live in a frozen tundra, but actually it's not a whole lot different and it's not that bad."

Despite Dayon's protestations, it does get cold in Minnesota, but the Dayons have sought to neutralize Old Man Winter by using technology that helps them foal between 50 and 60 mares a year and then raise the resultant babies on Wind-N-Wood's 50 acres. The farm serves clients who enjoy racing at the state's Canterbury



Wind-N-Wood specializes in handling high-risk mares

Park some 50 minutes down the interstate, helping fuel a healthy racing operation in Minnesota.

Both of the Dayons were raised in the state. LeAnne started working with horses at age 10 and was showing them by 13. As a child, David worked painting a fence line for a neighbor who had Appaloosa mares they were breeding to Thoroughbreds for racing. After he was discharged from the U.S. Navy in 1969, David bought Wind-N-Wood and began raising hunter/jumpers and show horses, including Appaloosas and Quarter Horses. LeAnne added Paint horses to the mix.

In the days before pari-mutuel racing in the state, horsemen ran bush races, much like they did famously in Louisiana. David trained and was an ex-

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 2015 are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics for the Northern Hemisphere through January 24, 2019 (December 31, 2018 for 2018 list) 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 2018 is \$23,755 or 50% of the 2018 average purse in Japan. To put earnings on par, all Japanese progeny earnings are multiplied by 50% before being credited to a sire's progeny earnings. Hong Kong earnings are adjusted by 15%; Singapore by 66%. 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.

*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.

ercise rider in those days, and even won a race as a rider—"My claim to fame." He obtained his first trainer's license at age 17 at Park Jefferson, S.D., where a guy named D. Wayne Lukas also got his start.

"I was bouncing between show horses and racing," said Dayon. "We did a lot of Appaloosa racing, and we'd have these bush race meets where we'd run some Thoroughbreds and some Appaloosas, sometimes against each other. We had the starting gates and these little bush tracks and did the best with what we had."

Wind-N-Wood was a cattle operation back in the '60s when Dayon purchased it. The farm dates back to 1890 and an original barn from that era still stands on the property. The original owners lived in that barn while they built their house, which was finished in 1892.

"The old cattle barn is still here, and we've added on our other buildings," said Dayon. "Unlike in Kentucky where you build barns in different locations on a farm, here we try to keep everything close together so we don't have to go outside in the wintertime."

Oops. An admission of inclement weather. But Dayon pushes on.

"The original barn, two solar-powered barns, and our breeding shed, which is converted to an indoor turnout for mares and babies, are all connected into one complex. You can go through all of it without going outside."

Canterbury Park initially opened in 1985, which was Dayon's signal to sell the cattle he had on the farm and turn toward racing. The farm has always handled multiple breeds, and champion Paint horses have come off it. But eventually the show horses gave way to the racehorses. Dayon converted a passive solar barn that held cattle into a larger, 14-stall solar barn for horses.

"The roof is at a sharp angle and is exposed to the sun so that in winter, when the sun is low, it shines directly into the building and warms it all the way to the back wall," said Dayon. "In the summer, when the sun is higher in the sky, there's less heat that comes in and more ventilation. In the winter the barn is 30-40 degrees warmer than the outside temperature. It's like the entire barn is under a skylight.





Solar-powered barn has a roof at a sharp angle, allowing the barn to capture sunlight in winter that can make the area 30-40 degrees warmer than the outside temperature

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2019 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	SWnrs/ Wns	SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2019 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	READY'S IMAGE (05, More Than Ready), Midwest Equine & Vet Hospital	\$2,000	18/2	0/0	0/0	(Mannford, \$11,440)	\$42,500	*378	6	0.87	1.14
2	ELUSIVE BLUFF (06, Elusive Quality)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(A M Milky Way, \$30,000)	\$30,071	49	2	0.96	1.00
3	UNBRIDLED EXPRESS (04, Unbridled's Song), Swifty Farms	\$2,000	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Unbridled Class, \$28,620)	\$28,620	48	5	1.54	1.11
4	TURBO COMPRESSOR (08, Halo's Image), Breakway Farm	Private	11/1	0/0	0/0	(My Switcharoo, \$8,600)	\$25,885	37	1	0.69	1.16
5	LANTANA MOB (05, Posse)	N/A	6/1	0/0	0/0	(Supreme Justice, \$18,600)	\$25,047	66	4	1.03	1.16
6	HUNT CROSSING (09, Corinthian), Indiana Stallion Station	\$1,000	19/1	0/0	0/0	(Wind and Storm, \$6,260)	\$22,258	124	0	0.39	0.70
7	NOTIONAL (04, In Excess), Haffner Farm	\$1,000	9/1	0/0	0/0	(Camp Washita, \$9,000)	\$21,126	339	6	0.77	1.10
8	GREELEY'S CONQUEST (04, Mr. Greeley), Breakway Farm	\$2,500	6/1	0/0	0/0	(Gritty Kitty, \$4,560)	\$14,765	68	0	0.73	0.93
9	FORT PRADO (01, El Prado)	Pnsd	16/0	0/0	0/0	(Prado's Encore, \$4,180)	\$13,890	*193	2	0.77	1.33
10	MONBA (05, Maria's Mon), Nicks Farm	\$2,000	4/1	0/0	0/0	(He Is Rhuthless, \$4,500)	\$8,565	75	0	0.65	1.27
11	DEPUTY STORM (01, Forestry)	N/A	3/0	0/0	0/0	(Jrock, \$6,006)	\$8,300	103	2	0.94	1.16
12	SKYLORD (08, Sky Mesa), Breakway Farm	Private	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Bobby's Bday Girl, \$6,000)	\$6,051	39	1	1.04	0.79
13	ELITE SQUADRON (04, Officer), Indiana Stallion Station	\$1,500	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Niece Jackie Davis, \$5,520)	\$5,520	71	0	0.58	1.03
14	VICTOR'S CRY (05, Street Cry), Holden Farm	\$25,000	4/0	0/0	0/0	(First Victory, \$3,375)	\$5,483	109	2	1.01	1.22
15	BOB'S STAR (05, Storm Cat)	N/A	3/0	0/0	0/0	(Low Tire, \$2,436)	\$4,796	19	0	0.60	0.72
16	LENTENOR (07, Dynaformer)	N/A	3/0	0/0	0/0	(Doridori, \$4,560)	\$4,770	24	0	0.56	1.07
17	DUKE OF MISCHIEF (06, Graeme Hall)	N/A	7/0	0/0	0/0	(My Lady Dowry, \$1,420)	\$4,420	56	0	0.40	0.79
18	STRONG HOPE (00, Grand Slam)	Died, 2017	3/0	0/0	0/0	(Grandson Slam, \$3,010)	\$4,330	340	5	0.92	1.62
19	CSABA (09, Kitten's Joy), R Star Stallions	\$2,000	5/0	0/0	0/0	(Bradshaw, \$1,120)	\$4,292	29	0	0.22	0.81
20	PASS RUSH (99, Crown Ambassador), Swifty Farms	\$2,500	6/0	0/0	0/0	(Gibsons Tricky Boy, \$1,420)	\$3,695	125	6	1.02	1.02

2019 LEADING SIRES IN ILLINOIS

		BT Rstrct							Cumulative		
Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2019 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	SWnrs/ Wns	SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2019 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	THREE HOUR NAP (02, Afternoon Deelites)	N/A	3/2	1/1	0/1	(Wynn Time, \$45,000)	\$49,660	39	1	1.16	1.03
2	GHAALEB (08, Unbridled's Song), Wildwood Farm	Private	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Isabellacannetella, \$19,200)	\$24,150	26	0	1.05	0.99
3	SMOKE WARNING (02, Smoke Glacken)	N/A	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Andrew the Giant, \$12,000)	\$14,600	23	0	0.46	0.57
4	CHICAGO SIX (95, Wild Again)	N/A	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Victory Rose, \$10,080)	\$11,210	*112	1	0.54	0.68
5	WELL POSITIONED (06, Awesome Again), Wildwood Stables	Private	3/0	0/0	0/0	(W W Fitzy, \$6,080)	\$8,680	28	0	0.56	1.08
6	EL MEDWAR (04, Elusive Quality), Hondo Ranch	Private	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Sacred Canyon, \$6,600)	\$8,096	16	0	0.90	1.16
7	DEVIL HUNTER (99, Pulpit)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Darlin Rosie, \$4,800)	\$7,840	24	0	0.59	0.69
8	ROAD RULER (02, Unbridled's Song), JB Stables	\$2,000	4/0	0/0	0/0	(Go Oshie Go, \$6,400)	\$7,360	121	0	0.81	0.74
9	FOREST ATTACK (04, Forestry), McCrosky Farm	\$1,000	9/0	0/0	0/0	(She Is Gorgeous, \$2,944)	\$7,025	80	0	0.33	1.04
10	BRAVE 'N AWAY (00, Skip Away), Timothy Hughes	\$1,000	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Battle N Away, \$4,260)	\$6,791	48	0	0.48	0.56
11	SWEEP AWAY (06, Belong to Me)	N/A	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Catherine Eugenia, \$4,260)	\$4,260	14	0	0.50	0.69
12	HERO'S AND CROOKS (07, Pulpit)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Gusano, \$1,680)	\$1,680	22	0	0.28	0.79



The Jockey Club reports there were 222 Minnesota-bred foals in 2016

"It's wonderful for the foals. It can be zero outside, and those foals are curled up comfy like big, old dogs. They sleep in the sunshine like they were down in Florida, and we've had no problems with pneumonia or sickness."

Wind-N-Wood also specializes in handling high-risk mares that have had problems foaling in the past.

"I've been to the school of hard knocks and bad experiences," said Dayon. "We've been doing this for so doggone long now that we've experienced quite a lot of situations. This year we had a mare who was acting oddly, so I hurried to the barn and her water broke and she was just laying there, so I went in and grabbed two hocks and a tail and I knew I had a problem and rushed it to the vet. Someone else might have sat on her for an hour or two and might have lost the whole package."

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2019 Stud Fee Can\$	Rnrs/ Wnrs	SWnrs/ Wns	SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2019 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	GOING COMMANDO (00, Unbridled's Song), Ziprick Thoroughbreds	\$1,250	1/1	1/1	0/1	(Escape Clause, \$60,000)	\$60,000	90	3	0.82	0.88
2	MILWAUKEE BREW (97, Wild Again), Adena Springs North	\$3,000	7/1	0/0	0/0	(She's a Brewer, \$33,000)	\$45,474	*588	24	1.19	1.42
3	NOT BOURBON (05, Not Impossible), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	n \$3,500	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Aljozaliyah, \$27,993)	\$42,990	102	2	1.08	1.29
4	GIANT GIZMO (04, Giant's Causeway), Adena Springs North	\$6,500	13/3	0/0	0/0	(Dirty Girl, \$10,860)	\$38,153	197	8	1.62	1.48
5	WHERE'S THE RING (99, Seeking the Gold), Colebrook Farms Stallion Stati	on \$3,000	8/2	0/0	0/0	(Sick Love, \$11,400)	\$28,479	358	9	1.30	1.32
6	S SECOND IN COMMAND (00, Silver Deputy), Road's End Farm	\$2,000	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Brechin's Command, \$14,235)	\$22,461	143	6	0.69	0.78
7	OLD FORESTER (01, Forestry), T. C. Westmeath Stud Farm Inc.	\$4,000	11/0	0/0	0/0	(Another Girl, \$6,268)	\$21,386	447	17	1.45	1.46
8	SILENT NAME (JPN) (02, Sunday Silence), Adena Springs North	\$10,000	9/1	0/0	0/0	(Hazy Davy, \$5,810)	\$13,218	*412	24	1.44	1.25
ç	SIGNATURE RED (06, Bernstein), Adena Springs North	\$3,500	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Red Chill, \$6,660)	\$12,778	67	3	1.69	1.11
10	SLIGO BAY (IRE) (98, Sadler's Wells), Adena Springs North	\$3,000	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Max Q, \$11,900)	\$12,734	*413	13	1.18	1.36
11	STRUT THE STAGE (98, Theatrical)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Strut the Ring, \$11,880)	\$12,040	*122	4	1.21	1.16
12	! IT'S NO JOKE (02, Distorted Humor), Esquirol Farms	N/A	6/0	0/0	0/0	(She's No Joke, \$5,560)	\$10,640	98	3	1.07	0.99
13	NONIOS (09, Pleasantly Perfect), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$2,000	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Truth Serum, \$9,720)	\$9,720	18	0	0.81	0.71
14	IMPERIALISM (01, Langfuhr), Esquirol Farms	\$2,500	5/0	0/0	0/0	(Gray Beau, \$5,100)	\$8,820	245	5	0.85	1.00
15	GOTTCHA GOLD (03, Coronado's Quest)	N/A	7/1	0/0	0/0	(Mexican Lucky, \$6,280)	\$7,654	*153	1	0.75	1.29

2019 LEADING SIRES IN MICHIGAN

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1	UNBRIDLED ENERGY (02, Unbridled's Song), Hubel Farms	Private	7/1	0/0	0/0	(Run On Energy, \$13,260)	\$18,112	*259	5	0.82	1.10			
2	ZULU MAGIC (05, Johannesburg)	Died, 2017	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Zulu Legend, \$14,100)	\$16,549	25	0	0.59	0.51			
3	GUN POWER (97, Unbridled), Campbell Stable	\$1,000	3/0	0/0	0/0	(Gatling, \$5,040)	\$5,250	56	0	0.49	0.71			
4	EQUALITY (99, Mt. Livermore)	N/A	2/0	0/0	0/0	(Pardon My Style, \$2,600)	\$3,184	176	7	0.63	0.78			

to close in 1992 for two years, which was unfortunate timing for Wind-N-Wood, which was just ramping up. That caused the farm to expand into other breeds besides Thoroughbreds and Quarter Horses, and today it's likely the largest foaling facility in the state, with nearly 40 years of experience. It gets referrals from all the veterinary clinics in the area.

The Dayons have installed a monitoring

system that provides them with a live feed from the farm to their iPhones no matter where they are. They also have implanted microchips in pregnant mares that detect temperature changes and alert them when a foaling is getting near.

"We're so busy and have so many mares foaling that we don't need the alarms anymore," Dayon said. "We're at the barn anyway because of all the action. We've foaled five or six within a 24-hour period."

Wind-N-Wood bred and raised the Scrimshaw colt Nomorewineforeddie, whom it sold for \$4,700 at the 2007 Keeneland September yearling sale. Nomorewineforeddie won three consecutive editions (2010-12) of the Canterbury Park Sprint Championship Stakes and earned \$226,419. Wind-N-Wood also raised the Monarchos gelding A P Is



Wind-N-Wood Farm is 50 acres and about a 50-minute drive from Canterbury Park



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-	STROLL (00, Pulpit)	N/A	24/4	0/0	0/0	(I'llmakeyousmile, \$19,800)	\$76,756	*316	14	1.01	1.26
2	2 SING BABY SING (03, Unbridled's Song), Madison County Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Sombra Negra, \$6,060)	\$10,955	92	3	0.62	0.85
3	3 SPANIARD (06, Candy Ride), Bryant Thoroughbreds	\$1,500	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Ten K Diva, \$5,880)	\$5,996	53	0	0.82	1.52
4	4 SHORE BREEZE (98, Danzig)	Died, 2016	3/0	0/0	0/0	(Creative Art, \$3,366)	\$3,566	188	2	0.77	0.73

2019 LEADING SIRES IN NEBRASKA

				BT	Rstrct				Cumu	liative	
Ē		2019	Rnrs/	SWnrs/	SW/		2019		Stks	A-E	Comp
26	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	Stud Fee	Wnrs	Wns	BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	Earnings	Foals	Wnrs	Index	Index
1	INDYGO MOUNTAIN (06, A.P. Indy)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Indygo Rocket, \$2,700)	\$2,700	14	1	1.03	1.52

2019 LEADING SIRES IN SOUTH DAKOTA

				BT	Rstrct				Cumulative				
-		2019	Rnrs/	SWnrs/	SW/		2019		Stks	A-E	Comp		
	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	Stud Fee	Wnrs	Wns	BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	Earnings	Foals	Wnrs	Index	Index		
Ī	1 SEEKING BEAUTY (06, Halo's Image)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Our Karma, \$5,858)	\$10,698	29	0	0.69	0.90		

Loose, winner of \$460,138, making him the all-time leading money-earner among Minnesota-breds.

Because they're so busy with client horses, the Dayons have sold off all but two of their own mares. They keep a small racing stable of three or four horses.

"I've always wanted to be successful in racing, but haven't reached the level I'd hoped for," said Dayon. "But I'm still trying. I'm difficult to train for because I'm a former trainer and I'm old school. I'm not into the medications and injections, so I drive my trainers crazy and have to search around for trainers willing to operate that way."

Since 2012, when Canterbury Park entered into a marketing agreement with the Mdewakanton Sioux Community that runs the Mystic Lake Casino, the racetrack has received annual payments in a 10-year agreement, which has stabilized the racing and breeding industries in Minnesota. In 2016, according to The Jockey Club statistics, the Thoroughbred foal crop in the state was 222, up from 118 in 2012, but well off the 20-year high of 327 in 2006.

"It's been a good arrangement," said Dayon. "Canterbury receives money in exchange for doing marketing for the casino, and everybody's happy. The Sioux Nations sponsor the Mystic Lake Derby and sev-

eral stakes, and Canterbury hosts other events, like a Native American relay race that attracts Indian Nations from all over the U.S. It's a three-horse relay where the rider jumps off one horse onto another, all bareback with nothing but a bridle. It's a crowd-pleaser.

"Canterbury does a great job of promoting other events. They'll have races with camels, ostriches, and zebras, and races with different dog breeds, like the Running of the Bulldogs. People love it, and they get crowds coming in and betting. Canterbury was the first to do night racing and have racing clubs. It has been very innovative, and the quality of the racing is improving every year.

"You can see it in the quality of the mares we're getting at the farm. We have a Kitten's Joy mare, a couple of Malibu Moons, and a Quality Road. People are spending money in breeding, and it's beginning to show.

"We don't have the foal numbers we've had in the past, and that's something we're struggling with, but it's ticking up a little, and now we're seeing Minnesota-breds who are competitive running against open company outside Canterbury."

Added LeAnne, "The days of mediocre mares bred to regional stallions are going out the window. Most of our clients that have Thoroughbred mares are from out of state."

While legislation dictates that Can-



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2	COWTOWN CAT (04, Distorted Humor), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,000	15/2	0/0	0/0	(Bow Town Cat, \$33,800)	\$79,897	221	5	1.12	1.21
3	FACTUM (08, Storm Cat), Cedar Brook Farm	Private	25/5	0/0	0/0	(She'smyrisenstar, \$19,800)	\$68,509	105	0	0.54	1.35
4	CORFU (11, Malibu Moon), Duncan Farms	\$1,500	8/1	0/0	0/0	(Cory Gal, \$28,000)	\$34,225	39	0	0.96	0.93
5	BIONDETTI (08, Bernardini), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,500	16/1	0/0	0/0	(Valiant Spirit, \$11,400)	\$33,335	123	1	0.75	1.37
6	AWESOME PATRIOT (08, Awesome Again), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm	n \$2,500	17/1	0/0	0/0	(Wonitbyland, \$9,240)	\$22,446	*160	1	1.40	1.05
7	MIXMASTER (06, Medaglia d'Oro), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$1,500	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Dorthysfunnygirl, \$19,325)	\$19,396	24	0	0.55	0.55
8	KINGSHIP (03, King Cugat)	ied, 2016	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Manga Man, \$18,780)	\$18,780	16	0	0.36	1.01
9	VERTIFORMER (07, Dynaformer), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,000	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Sammy Da Bull, \$18,780)	\$18,780	14	0	0.99	0.49
10	HOSTILE TAKEOVER (04, Dixie Union), Raimonde Farms	\$1,500	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Calboyzeke, \$17,760)	\$18,087	21	0	0.58	0.88
11	TWINSPIRED (08, Harlan's Holiday), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,500	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Inspired to Rock, \$18,073)	\$18,073	16	1	1.71	0.82
12	CITY WEEKEND (02, Carson City), Meadow Springs	\$2,000	8/1	0/0	0/0	(City Sidewalks, \$7,680)	\$11,645	114	1	0.74	0.89
13	KISS THE KID (03, Lemon Drop Kid), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,000	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Lady Breanna, \$8,690)	\$11,249	54	1	0.98	1.51
14	MOBIL (00, Langfuhr), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,000	3/0	0/0	0/0	(Spit's Image, \$4,440)	\$9,103	*198	5	1.27	1.25
15	WESTERN PRIDE (98, Way West), R.C. Cline Thoroughbred Farm	\$1,500	4/0	0/0	0/0	(She'sallright, \$6,216)	\$6,936	116	0	0.60	0.98



terbury run two state-bred races per card, it's not unusual to see four or five written, particularly early in the approximately 65-day meet, which runs from Kentucky Derby (G1) weekend through mid-September. Many horses ship in from other jurisdictions such as Arizona or Oklahoma.

The Dayons also foaled the 2018 sale-topper (a \$100,000 son of Discreet Cat) at the Minnesota Thoroughbred Association yearling auction. The folks who owned the yearling, Eric and Mary Von Seggern, are from Nebraska and lost everything on their farm in a tornado three years ago. The Dayons helped them out by taking their mares and foaling them until the couple got back on their feet.

"They went from catastrophe to success," noted LeAnne. "So that was a good feeling."

Asked what has made his life caring for horses so rewarding, David Dayon responded, "It's a big deal for me that we foal these mares and see the babies when they're born, and we go through the struggles to help them survive and are able to see those horses run a couple of years down the road and maybe win a stakes. That's a big deal, to be able to make that happen. We piggyback our success on our clients' success. We're hoping we can get them a foal that they can take and be successful racing."

Added LeAnne, "People don't realize all the risks in getting a live, healthy foal. So many things can go wrong. Which is why we watch these guys 24/7. Neither of us are good sleepers, and we can tell you every move those mares and babies make through the night. And that allows us to jump in as soon as something isn't right, and we've saved many foals by doing that. There's no other feeling quite like a horse you raised as a baby going on to win a race."

David Dayon wanted to add one more observation. "Be sure to let people know it's not really a frozen tundra up here." BH



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