

ENCHANTING ENDEAVOR



*Bryan and Megan Petty
are living their dream
with the launch
of Creekside Farm
in New Mexico*

BY DENIS BLAKE
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ALL CHILDREN HAVE DREAMS about what they want to be when they grow up, but for most the fantasy slips away, and few actually become astronauts, doctors, movie stars, or whatever they wrote about in grade school. For Bryan and Megan Petty, however, their dreams became reality, thanks to a lot of hard work and the support of their families along with a dash of fortunate fate.

The young couple recently opened Creekside Farm in the mountains of New Mexico and are setting their sights even higher than the mile-plus elevation of where they call home.

For a pair that met at Ruidoso Downs Race Track, got engaged at Santa Anita Park right before the 2012 Breeders' Cup, had their rehearsal dinner at a simulcast facility in Texas, and took a honeymoon trip that included the 2013 Belmont Stakes (G1), opening a horse farm might be an obvious career choice, but not an easy one to accomplish, considering they started from scratch.

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2019 LEADING SIRES IN TEXAS



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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2019 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2019 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	TOO MUCH BLING (03, Rubiano), Valor Farm	\$6,500	31/4	0/0	0/0	(Flying Bling, \$27,000)	\$87,625	261	27	1.09	1.06
2	MY GOLDEN SONG (03, Unbridled's Song), Valor Farm	\$5,000	20/3	1/1	1/1	(Highway Song, \$32,400)	\$68,336	170	14	0.96	1.04
3	UNCLE ABBIE (97, Kingmambo), Key Ranch	\$2,000	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Whipum Naenae, \$12,810)	\$33,770	256	7	0.65	0.63
4	BEHINDATTHEBAR (05, Forest Wildcat), John Tally Racing Stable	\$1,500	8/2	0/0	0/0	(Man Behind the Bar, \$12,510)	\$33,500	104	0	0.53	0.80
5	DON GATO (06, Storm Cat)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Full Pots, \$14,464)	\$26,394	18	0	0.43	0.99
6	UNBRIDLED'S HEART (05, Unbridled's Song)	Died, 2015	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Corluna, \$9,600)	\$20,051	30	0	0.49	0.53
7	GAFF (02, Maria's Mon)	N/A	4/0	0/0	0/0	(Hook, \$9,040)	\$17,596	96	0	0.59	0.99
8	LITTLEEXPECTATIONS (97, Valid Appeal), Asmussen Horse Center	\$1,500	6/1	0/0	0/0	(More Than a Melody, \$4,980)	\$16,211	218	5	0.74	0.97
9	MORO TAP (10, Tapit), Double Infinity Ranch	\$3,500	6/0	0/0	0/0	(Si Te Vas, \$11,040)	\$14,876	48	0	0.46	0.85
10	HABAYEB (00, Storm Cat), Fairytail Farms	\$1,500	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Perfectly Precious, \$14,560)	\$14,560	52	4	0.52	0.69
11	LUNARPAL (02, Successful Appeal)	N/A	6/0	0/0	0/0	(Lunar Heat, \$6,260)	\$14,257	116	2	0.81	0.91
12	STREET MOVE (06, Street Cry)	N/A	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Lethal Move, \$8,400)	\$11,333	11	0	0.77	1.34
13	CONGAREE (98, Arazi), Valor Farm	\$3,000	7/0	0/0	0/0	(Runningwscissors, \$6,600)	\$10,864	*399	13	1.21	1.38
14	STONESIDER (03, Giant's Causeway), Valor Farm	\$2,000	5/0	0/0	0/0	(Toohottoevenspeak, \$3,824)	\$9,221	*209	4	1.03	1.17
15	MATTHEWSBURG (08, Ghostzapper), Swiftrun Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Soul Seekin, \$9,000)	\$9,000	8	0	0.12	0.52
16	CROSSBOW (08, Bernardini), Valor Farm	\$2,000	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Solar Effect, \$5,520)	\$7,170	35	1	0.51	1.06
17	C'MON TIGER (03, Storm Cat)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(A Warrior Defined, \$6,060)	\$6,060	61	0	0.38	0.68
18	EARLY FLYER (98, Gilded Time), Valor Farm	\$2,500	10/0	0/0	0/0	(Scoreearlyandoften, \$1,950)	\$5,674	304	16	0.75	0.91
19	SPELLBINDER (01, Tale of the Cat), Ivy Rose Equestrian Center	\$1,200	5/0	0/0	0/0	(Victory Spell, \$2,780)	\$5,297	37	1	0.96	1.14
20	JOE'S SON JOEY (98, Fast Play), Averett Farm	\$1,000	2/0	0/0	0/0	(Why Joey Why, \$3,240)	\$4,890	31	0	0.98	0.96

A native Texan, Megan grew up on a successful horse farm—Oak Tree Ranch near Bandera, Texas, managed by her parents, Bill and Joan Tracy—and graduated from

high school a year after Lone Star Park near Dallas hosted the 2004 Breeders' Cup. Therefore, she had the reasonable expectation that she could pursue a career in

the racing industry in her home state. But a decade later Texas fell toward the back of the pack in the region while struggling to compete with the slot-fueled purses and breeding incentives in Louisiana, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. Not long after graduating from the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine, it became clear she had to look outside of the Lone Star State.

While she is quick to profess her love of Texas and her alma mater, the triple-digit heat, sometimes stifling humidity, and traffic headaches are not among the state's best attributes. So Tularosa, N.M., a town of about 3,000 where nearby Alamogordo qualifies as a "big city" with a few more than 30,000 residents, has turned out to be the perfect destination.

"It's heartbreaking not to be in Texas," Megan said. "I had numerous conversations with people, not just my mom and dad, but my dear friend Jackie Rich (a fellow veterinarian and former president of the Texas Thoroughbred Association) because I knew it was time to do something else after being in Texas for three years after vet school.

"Jackie and I had a long conversation, and she said if a breeding farm and raising horses is what you want to do, you



Creekside Farm is near Tularosa, New Mexico, which is not far from Alamogordo

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 February 3, 2019. 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.

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1	DIABOLICAL (03, Artax), A & A Ranch	\$4,000	34/6	1/1	1/1	(Roll On Diabolical, \$51,000)	\$157,825	170	12	0.95	0.92
2	SOUTHWESTERN HEAT (04, Gone West)	Died, 2017	22/5	1/1	1/1	(African Heat, \$51,000)	\$149,722	*120	5	0.75	0.95
3	MORNING LINE (07, Tiznow), A & A Ranch	Died, 2019	24/3	0/0	0/0	(Stubbins, \$33,000)	\$137,860	*143	2	0.97	1.25
4	ROLL HENNESSY ROLL (00, Hennessy), A & A Ranch	\$2,500	20/6	0/0	0/0	(Hollywood Henry, \$20,580)	\$98,170	183	11	0.94	0.96
5	ATTILA'S STORM (02, Forest Wildcat), A & A Ranch	\$4,000	39/3	0/0	0/0	(Hush's Storm, \$12,960)	\$91,906	281	17	1.07	0.82
6	ABSTRACTION (10, Pulpit), Doubletree Farm	\$3,500	9/2	0/0	0/0	(Hustle Up, \$51,000)	\$91,282	56	1	1.22	1.13
7	QUINTON'S GOLD (97, Carson City), Graham Farms	Private	21/2	0/0	0/0	(Golden Band, \$19,680)	\$71,381	155	10	1.18	0.85
8	TAILFROMTHECRYPT (98, Cryptoclearance)	N/A	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Precious Looker, \$51,000)	\$51,882	43	0	0.47	0.73
9	INDIAN FIREWATER (07, Indian Charlie)	Died, 2017	19/3	0/0	0/0	(Belly Button Who, \$9,660)	\$45,950	84	2	0.65	1.11
10	THE WAY HOME (04, Giant's Causeway), Doubletree Farm	\$2,500	19/4	0/0	0/0	(Reback Home, \$9,680)	\$41,473	127	5	0.79	0.96
11	MCKENNA'S JUSTICE (07, Medaglia d'Oro)	Died, 2017	9/1	0/0	0/0	(McClassic, \$18,670)	\$37,470	26	0	0.69	0.63
12	SPANKEY COME HOME (04, Came Home)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Agronomo, \$19,020)	\$32,465	33	0	0.42	0.39
13	DESERT GOD (91, Fappiano)	Pnsd	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Vic Tories, \$15,720)	\$32,338	259	25	1.45	0.74
14	MONTEREY JAZZ (04, Thunderello), Sierra Blanca Equine	\$1,250	5/3	0/0	0/0	(Fastinating Allie, \$10,088)	\$32,202	33	0	0.40	0.57
15	MR. GOLD MOVER (08, Mr. Greeley)	N/A	10/1	0/0	0/0	(Golden Princess, \$7,194)	\$28,296	60	2	0.75	0.89
16	SHAME ON CHARLIE (04, Indian Charlie), Ernest Riggs Farm	Private	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Shug's Best, \$19,760)	\$19,760	28	2	1.03	0.73
17	RIGHT RIGGER (06, Unbridled's Song), Hunter Creek Farms	\$3,500	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Rig Time, \$19,260)	\$19,260	14	4	1.62	0.67
18	WESTERN GAMBLER (04, Storm Cat), Marr's Breeding Farm	Private	4/0	0/0	0/0	(Hute, \$17,000)	\$18,983	47	1	0.79	1.45
19	DELHOMME (10, Dixie Union), A & A Ranch	\$1,500	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Delovely Hips, \$6,020)	\$15,490	19	0	0.65	0.98
20	STELLAR RAIN (08, Storm Cat), TNL Farm	\$1,200	1/1	0/0	0/0	(S L R Gus McCrae, \$14,040)	\$14,040	28	1	0.93	0.97
21	PRO PRADO (01, El Prado), Hourigan Horse Farm	\$2,000	9/1	0/0	0/0	(Prosly, \$6,620)	\$10,625	101	2	0.66	0.80
22	DOME (98, Storm Cat), Double LL Farm	\$2,500	11/0	0/0	0/0	(Thunder Dome, \$2,550)	\$9,900	260	7	0.72	0.79
23	PRECOCTITY (94, Aferd)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Get Er Done, \$8,470)	\$9,795	214	6	0.81	0.84
24	LAUGH TRACK (09, Distorted Humor), Double LL Farm	\$2,500	8/1	0/0	0/0	(Full of Drive, \$6,420)	\$9,194	58	0	0.41	0.82
25	SOURCE (98, Montbrook)	N/A	2/0	0/0	0/0	(Shining Source, \$8,500)	\$8,692	51	0	0.68	0.67

need to go somewhere you can do it now and not somewhere that you have to beat your head against the wall and try to make the dream a reality in a state that you don't know if you will be able to do it."

Megan recalled a particularly hot Texas day after returning from a family hunting trip in the New Mexico mountains when she turned to her husband and said, "What are we doing here? Wouldn't it be nice to

live in the mountains?"

Not one to wait for things to happen, she said that "lightning bolt moment" caused her to pick up the phone the following day and cold-call the Tularosa Equine Clinic,

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AT 4 **WON G3 Belmont Sprint Championship Stakes** at Belmont; 3rd **G1 Carter Handicap** at Aqueduct, **G2 Churchill Downs Stakes** at Churchill Downs.

AT 5 2nd **G3 Belmont Sprint Championship Stakes** at Belmont, **Diablo Stakes** at Belmont; 3rd **Thanksgiving Handicap** at Fair Grounds; **WON Allowance** at Saratoga

AT 6 2nd **Thanksgiving Handicap** at Fair Grounds; **WON Allowance** at Fair Grounds

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As well as additional 2018 stakes horses: **DOUBLE STAR**, **WON Louisiana Legends Cheval S.**, Equine Sales Derby; 3rd Pelican S., Big Drama S.; **BERMUDA STAR**, **WON River Cities S.**, Louisiana Cup Distaff S. 3rd Tom Benson Mem. S.; **Shamrock Star**, 3rd Louisiana Premier Night Matron; **Tap Dance Star**, 3rd Louisiana Cup Sprint S.; **Divine Bean**, 2nd Louisiana Champions Day Sprint S., Heitai Overnight S., 3rd Louisiana Cup Sprint S.; **Blue Suade Guitar**, 3rd Acadiana S.

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Sire of 2019 Stakes Horses

MONTE MAN 2nd '19 Louisiana Premier Night Sprint, **5 stakes wins in 2018!** 1st Louisiana Premier Night Sprint, Costa Rising S., Louisiana Legends Sprint S., Louisiana Cup Sprint S., Heitai Overnight S., 3rd Louisiana Champions Day Sprint S. Lifetime record 30-10-5-4, \$404,745; Biblical Strength, 2nd Louisiana Premier Night Ragin Cajun Starter S.; Elektracutioner, 3rd Louisiana Premier Night Bon Temps Starter S.

As well as additional 2018 stakes horses: **SEASIDE AMOUR**, 1st Acadiana S. Won 1st out in a MSW at FG. On the board in 5 of 6 starts!; **READY PROSPECTOR** 2nd '18 Louisiana Premier Night Prince S.; **Beto**, 2YO stakes placed winner! 2nd Louisiana Cup Juvenile, 3rd D.S. Shine Young F., on the board in 6 of 8 starts; **Frolic**, stakes placed winner, 3rd Louisiana Cup Filly and Mare Sprint, Louisiana Legends Mademoiselle; **Tensas Secret** 3rd G3 Clasico Jorge Washington S.; **Gracida** 3rd Crescent City Derby; **Bionic Butterfly**, 3rd Elge Raspberry S.; 2YO **Whodatwhodat**, 3rd Louisiana Cup Juvenile; 2YO **Brother Richie**, 3rd Jean Lafitte S. etc.

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Louisiana Champions Day Ladies Sprint S., Happy Ticket Overnight S., Louisiana Premier Night Matron S., Louisiana Legends Mademoiselle S.;

Our Millie, 2nd '19 Louisiana Premier Night Bon Temps Starter S.; also on

Louisiana Premier Night, **OUR ANNABELLE** won 1st out in a MSW; **ROCK N SAKE** 2nd '18 Costa Rising S.; **INVENIAM VIAM** 3rd '18 Marie G. Krantz Memorial S.; **Safari Calimari** 2nd '18 Magnolia S.

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1	GEMOLOGIST (09, Tiznow), Acadiana Equine@Copper Crowne	\$4,500	69/12	0/0	0/0	(Daria's Angel, \$53,438)	\$336,581	*462	6	1.09	1.33
2	STAR GUITAR (05, Quiet American), Clear Creek Stud	\$7,500	34/8	0/0	0/0	(Testing One Two, \$33,600)	\$222,820	116	7	1.21	1.11
3	ASTROLOGY (08, A.P. Indy), Acadiana Equine@Copper Crowne	\$4,000	53/11	0/0	0/0	(Madame Tiger, \$25,450)	\$221,221	*239	4	0.91	1.24
4	CUSTOM FOR CARLOS (06, More Than Ready), Clear Creek Stud	\$3,500	49/3	0/0	0/0	(Biblical Strength, \$36,000)	\$137,700	215	6	0.89	1.02
5	CLOSING ARGUMENT (02, Successful Appeal), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$3,000	26/6	0/0	0/0	(Final Argument, \$29,400)	\$136,001	*488	19	1.18	1.13
6	D'WILDCAT (98, Forest Wildcat), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$2,500	39/5	0/0	0/0	(Amelia's Wild Ride, \$31,300)	\$129,223	*490	16	1.26	1.21
7	LINE OF DAVID (07, Lion Heart)	Died, 2017	25/6	0/0	0/0	(Ceesse, \$40,040)	\$126,332	*284	3	0.89	1.09
8	LION TAMER (00, Will's Way)	Pnsd	20/3	0/0	0/0	(King Bayou, \$28,200)	\$110,596	149	2	0.73	1.02
9	COUNTRY DAY (06, Speightstown), Peach Lane Farms	\$2,000	15/3	0/0	0/0	(Break Even, \$48,600)	\$104,235	111	1	0.99	1.00
10	MY PAL CHARLIE (05, Indian Charlie), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	32/4	0/0	0/0	(Elusive Pal, \$25,200)	\$101,639	181	2	0.70	1.03
11	HALF OURS (03, Unbridled's Song), Clear Creek Stud	\$5,000	49/3	0/0	0/0	(Jus Socks, \$24,600)	\$98,687	*454	20	0.98	1.14
12	GREELEY'S GALAXY (02, Mr. Greeley)	Died, 2017	32/3	0/0	0/0	(Penny Coin Toss, \$25,800)	\$98,134	189	3	1.00	1.00
13	REDDING COLLIERY (06, Mineshaft), Red River Farms	\$2,000	27/3	0/0	0/0	(Anita Bonita, \$14,300)	\$93,700	88	1	0.71	1.34
14	RUN PRODUCTION (00, Saint Ballado), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$1,500	25/4	0/0	0/0	(Wonder Run, \$28,200)	\$92,925	241	8	0.98	0.92
15	TIZ THE ONE (07, Tiznow)	N/A	23/4	0/0	0/0	(Typhoon Tycoon, \$22,800)	\$88,699	84	1	0.61	0.93
16	FLASHPOINT (08, Pomeroy), Le Mesa Stallions	\$1,500	20/4	0/0	0/0	(Flashy Brew, \$25,800)	\$82,521	79	0	0.52	0.80
17	DAAHER (04, Awesome Again), Circle H Farms	\$3,000	23/3	0/0	0/0	(Gael's Win, \$19,140)	\$80,888	143	9	1.31	1.24
18	FOREFATHERS (04, Gone West)	N/A	23/1	0/0	0/0	(Whatelse Igot Todo, \$27,800)	\$75,552	188	1	0.57	1.04
19	MASS MEDIA (01, Touch Gold)	N/A	23/3	0/0	0/0	(Awesomendensome, \$17,300)	\$72,215	*237	5	1.02	1.02
20	SAINT AFLEET (01, Northern Afleet), Landlock Equine	\$1,500	14/2	0/0	0/0	(Walking in Faith, \$27,600)	\$70,370	107	3	0.65	0.86
21	TIME BANDIT (96, Time for a Change), Averett Farm	\$1,000	12/2	0/0	0/0	(Wild Bert, \$29,400)	\$67,940	296	4	0.84	0.88
22	INTERACTIF (07, Broken Vow), Red River Farms	\$2,000	13/5	0/0	0/0	(Rocketringo, \$13,860)	\$62,480	84	1	0.71	1.04
23	TENPINS (98, Smart Strike), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	19/2	0/0	0/0	(Queeten, \$27,000)	\$60,628	*386	8	0.85	1.02
24	BIND (08, Pulpit), Red River Farms	\$1,500	20/1	0/0	0/0	(Stuck in Vegas, \$24,000)	\$59,370	70	1	0.66	1.00
25	LONE STAR SPECIAL (05, Malabar Gold), Horse of Course	\$2,500	5/3	0/0	0/0	(Crocodile Jacques, \$28,620)	\$53,130	72	3	1.33	1.08

to which she had never been nor had any connection.

"I knew where Tularosa was, but that was it," she said. "I told them who I was and why I was calling and said we might

want to move to that area and wanted to see if there was any job availability, and there was just dead silence on the line. And Billie Jean, the office manager, said, 'Who told you to call?'"

It turned out that just that day the staff there had been talking about possibly hiring an associate to join veterinarian Leah Starr Hamilton, also a Texas Aggie who co-owns the clinic with her husband, Mike.

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									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	ROCKY BAR (98, In Excess), Triple AAA Ranch	Private	13/7	0/0	0/0	(Lil Milo, \$23,760)	\$72,078	184	9	0.79	0.78
2	DISTORTED REALITY (04, Distorted Humor)	N/A	11/5	0/0	0/0	(Dances for Kamia, \$5,760)	\$29,831	123	1	0.42	0.81
3	EZ DREAMER (05, In Excess), Triple AAA Ranch	Private	11/3	0/0	0/0	(Dreamy Gal, \$10,385)	\$28,513	54	1	0.56	0.85
4	TOP HIT (98, Twining), Triple AAA Ranch	Private	20/1	0/0	0/0	(Top Lady Margie, \$4,861)	\$21,846	118	5	0.80	0.84
5	MARGIE'S WILDCAT (01, Storm Cat), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	Private	12/1	0/0	0/0	(Karsavina, \$7,200)	\$16,576	142	1	0.63	0.81
6	EZ EFFORT (09, In Excess), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	Private	8/1	0/0	0/0	(Maxx Effort, \$4,946)	\$13,754	38	1	0.73	1.04
7	UH OH BANGO (07, Top Hit), Triple AAA Ranch	Private	9/1	0/0	0/0	(All Trumped Up, \$6,406)	\$13,453	33	0	0.75	1.00
8	SUPAH BLITZ (00, Mecke)	Died, 2017	7/1	0/0	0/0	(No Supah for You, \$5,162)	\$9,323	66	0	0.38	0.71

2019 LEADING SIRES IN COLORADO

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2019 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2019 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	CRAFTY SHAW (98, Crafty Prospector)	Pnsd	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Wacky Jackie, \$8,463)	\$8,795	*111	3	0.80	0.92
2	GRAND MINSTREL (05, Grand Slam), Menoken Farms	\$1,500	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Let the Boy Sing, \$4,356)	\$5,554	96	0	0.32	0.62
3	ZIP QUIK (07, City Zip), Menoken Farm	\$1,500	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Never Before, \$4,320)	\$4,320	34	0	0.27	0.77

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Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Diabolical	34	6
Roll Hennessy Roll	20	6
Southwestern Heat	22	5
The Way Home	19	4
Attila's Storm	39	3
Morning Line	24	3
Indian Firewater	19	3
Monterey Jazz	5	3
Quinton's Gold	21	2
Abstraction	9	2
Spankey Come Home	5	2
Desert God	4	2



Creekside Ranch is 30 acres and home to almost 40 horses

Before long the Pettys had sold their house in Texas and were headed to the Land of Enchantment. Fate or destiny or whatever you want to call it stepped in again and helped them find the perfect horse property, even if it took a bit of vision to see that at first.

“Bryan was just driving around and we were pretty sure this job would work out, so he was looking at places that might be for sale. He texted me a picture of this entryway with this big rock gate entrance,” she recalled. “He sent me the real estate link, and I said, ‘Oh, no, that’s too much,’ but we looked at it and ended up buying it. It had nothing, just a house and an old

barn that was falling down.”

That’s when the couple really went to work, especially Bryan.

“There is nothing easy about having a horse farm, but starting one from almost nothing is really tough,” Bryan said about the groundwork that started in 2016. “It’s hard, but you do it because you love doing it. It’s just Megan and me, so we had to do it all.”

Every fence post on the 30-acre property was dug and set by Bryan’s hands, along with most of the other work, save for some help from a welder friend and the occasional use of a tractor for dirt work.

The couple still has a list of improve-

ments for the future, but as it stands now, the farm has 14 stalls and three paddocks with close to 40 horses, both Thoroughbreds and Quarter Horses.

SHARING THE DREAM

While Megan said she knew by age 8 that she wanted to be a veterinarian, Bryan’s future plans were not quite as specific, but he shares a lifelong passion for the sport.

“I grew up on a farm in Clovis, N.M., and we had horses, but not racehorses,” he said. “I went to the track all the time with my dad. When I was in high school, I was in 4-H, and they had the race meet at Albuquerque during the state fair so I’d take



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									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	SUCCESSFUL APPEAL (96, Valid Appeal), Noble Equine Veterinary Services	Pnsd	37/6	0/0	0/0	(Aunt Bae Bae, \$24,600)	\$155,139	*797	54	1.67	1.44
2	LIAISON (09, Indian Charlie), Mighty Acres	\$2,500	35/4	0/0	0/0	(My Best Friend, \$12,800)	\$93,426	207	3	0.88	1.22
3	WILBURN (08, Bernardini), River Oaks Farms	\$2,500	57/5	0/0	0/0	(Carpenter, \$10,800)	\$87,760	*307	7	0.80	1.09
4	CALEB'S POSSE (08, Posse), River Oaks Farms	\$2,000	24/4	0/0	0/0	(Caleb Can Dab, \$20,720)	\$81,008	*103	2	1.10	1.19
5	AMERICAN LION (07, Tiznow)	N/A	22/4	0/0	0/0	(Fight to Glory, \$15,190)	\$72,603	*188	1	0.73	1.04
6	MAGNA GRADUATE (02, Honor Grades), Brewster Ranch	\$2,500	17/1	0/0	0/0	(Magna Man, \$41,320)	\$72,251	*233	7	0.95	1.00
7	POLLARD'S VISION (01, Carson City), Mighty Acres	\$2,500	16/2	0/0	0/0	(Eye Luv Lulu, \$43,313)	\$64,847	*753	20	1.18	1.18
8	EUROEARS (04, Langfuhr), Dunn Ranch	\$1,500	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Three Chords, \$47,400)	\$50,034	134	4	0.87	0.92
9	DIXIE CHATTER (05, Dixie Union), Silver Star Breeding Center	Private	14/1	0/0	0/0	(The Tattoo Kid, \$4,630)	\$32,572	211	3	0.58	0.97
10	KIPLING (96, Gulch)	Pnsd	15/1	0/0	0/0	(Dubdubwatson, \$15,300)	\$27,956	361	9	0.97	0.88
11	MR. NIGHTLINGER (04, Indian Charlie)	Died	13/1	0/0	0/0	(Lakota Princess, \$15,900)	\$22,046	184	4	0.62	0.86
12	SPECIAL RATE (00, Pulpit), River Oaks Farm	\$2,000	9/0	0/0	0/0	(No Deal, \$15,750)	\$18,410	185	4	0.58	0.64
13	ORATORY (02, Pulpit)	Died, 2016	8/0	0/0	0/0	(Shes Our Fastest, \$10,060)	\$15,700	*224	6	1.11	1.14
14	CALIMONCO (06, Storm Cat), Silver Star Breeding Center	\$1,500	10/1	0/0	0/0	(Monaco Girl, \$5,579)	\$14,947	65	0	0.46	0.98
15	DOCTOR CHIT (09, War Front), Royal Vista Ranches	\$2,500	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Lucky Doctor, \$9,000)	\$14,414	40	0	0.46	0.69
16	CACTUS RIDGE (01, Hennessy)	Pnsd	8/1	0/0	0/0	(Smack Ridge, \$6,720)	\$13,364	*457	23	1.23	1.02
17	LATENT HEAT (03, Maria's Mon), River Oaks Farms	\$2,000	8/1	0/0	0/0	(Drewsizzle, \$6,800)	\$13,029	*348	7	0.87	1.08
18	CHITZO (05, Forest Wildcat), River Oaks Farms	\$1,500	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Stella's Princess, \$10,380)	\$13,000	55	2	0.81	0.96
19	MAIMONIDES (05, Vindication), Silver Star Breeding Center	\$1,500	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Jersey Street, \$8,145)	\$10,145	*106	1	0.74	1.91
20	PROMISSORY (02, A.P. Indy)	N/A	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Favorite Promise, \$9,900)	\$9,900	59	0	0.47	0.67

care of my pigs in the morning and then run to the track and start handicapping even though I wasn't old enough to bet. I've been in love with racing for as long as I could remember."

Bryan now puts that passion to work full-time at the farm while Megan splits her time between the farm and working at the clinic, which includes time at nearby Ruidoso

Downs during the race meet and sales.

Bryan and Megan said they generally see eye-to-eye about how to build and operate the farm, and they both fell in love with the location.

"It's our slice of paradise," Megan said. "Bryan fishes for trout in the river on the farm, and we have elk, deer, and turkeys.

"We can just look out the window of our

house and see the mares ready to foal. So that's great to just be able to roll out of bed and check a mare."

Megan said she still misses living in Texas but chasing the couple's joint dream helps make up for that.

"You can kind of swallow the homesickness because this is so much a part of who I am and who we are as a couple," she said. "Bryan is the visionary when it comes to planning out the farm, so sometimes I have the deer in the headlights look and say, 'Sure, Honey, that sounds great.' But we make it happen, and we've always been very much on the same page."

After getting the farm up and running and gaining some experience standing a private stallion for a client's mares, the Pettys took the next step of acquiring a commercial stallion for the 2019 breeding season. Once again, a bit of fate helped connect them with Read the Footnotes, a now 18-year-old son of Smoke Glacken. The winner of the 2004 Fountain of Youth Stakes (G2) had been standing at Francisco and Lori Bravo's River Oaks Farms in Oklahoma. The stallion's owner, Mike Grossman's Eureka Thoroughbred Farm, also has an operation in Fredericksburg, Texas, which just happens to be managed



Creekside is the Pettys' 'slice of paradise'

by Megan's parents.

"When we got a phone call that he was available," Bryan said, "we called Bill and talked to him, and he thought it would be an excellent opportunity. He was so fast, and that's what you want in a stallion in New Mexico."

With lifetime progeny earnings of more than \$18 million, Read the Footnotes is one of the most accomplished stallions in the state, and the Pettys plan to support him with their own mares.

"Once we got Read the Footnotes, we started focusing more on getting better-quality mares," Megan said. "If you can't support a stallion yourself by putting the right mares under him, then it's hard to rely on other people to do that for you. Some of the mares have a bit of age on them, but the nice thing about being a vet is that it's a risk we can assume because I can put a little more work into them without spending thousands of dollars like it might be for someone else."

While the Pettys have put in long hours to get their operation off the ground, they also acknowledge they couldn't have done it without the support they've received from their families.

"I'm calling Bill all the time with questions, and he always has the answers," Bryan said. "He's lived it and done it all, and then I'm lucky I can call my dad for any farm stuff. So we are very fortunate to have some good people around us just a phone call away."

Megan is also thankful for a scholarship she received from the Texas Thoroughbred Education Fund, which is managed by the Texas Thoroughbred Association, that helped pay for her undergrad studies and vet school.

"It was great financially but also great motivation to know that all those members believed in me and that I'd become a vet and work to try to make this industry better," she said.

Even though she's not physically in Texas as much as she might like, Megan serves on the board of the TTEF as secretary/treasurer and as board president of the TTA's Paddock Foundation, which works to find second careers and homes for former racehorses.

"To see Megan grow up as part of our



Bryan Petty with Read the Footnotes

organization and go on to become a valued member of the horse racing industry makes us all very proud and is a great example of how we envisioned our scholar-

ship program working," said TTA's executive director Mary Ruyle. "She's been great about giving back since she graduated vet school, and she's a perfect example for us



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								Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	PORTOBELLO ROAD (04, Storm Cat)	Died	8/2	0/0	0/0	(Souixper Charger, \$50,820)	\$74,958	150	1	0.73	0.89
2	HIGHTAIL (10, Mineshaft), Trophy Club Training Center	\$2,500	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Mongolian Groom, \$35,340)	\$53,165	18	1	3.45	0.93
3	ZARBYEV (84, Nureyev)	Died, 2017	12/1	0/0	0/0	(Red Princess, \$9,000)	\$17,990	*376	13	1.03	0.82
4	JONESBORO (02, Sefapiano), Lake Hamilton Equine Center	\$500	10/0	0/0	0/0	(All About Clara, \$4,070)	\$14,848	83	2	0.74	0.77
5	HAMAZING DESTINY (06, Salt Lake), Starfish Stallions	\$1,500	5/0	0/0	0/0	(Destinedtobeastar, \$7,000)	\$13,236	37	0	0.38	0.86
6	ORDAINED (08, Pulpit), Starfish Stallions	\$1,500	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Wise Woman, \$9,000)	\$12,057	48	1	0.60	0.87
7	STORM AND A HALF (97, Storm Cat)	N/A	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Ms. D's Last Storm, \$9,695)	\$10,999	455	20	0.76	0.93
8	BRAHMS (97, Danzig), Trophy Club Training Center	\$1,000	8/0	0/0	0/0	(Munyak, \$4,100)	\$10,234	*687	13	1.05	1.13



The Pettys' goal is for Creekside Ranch to be a successful commercial horse farm

to use when people ask why they should support our scholarship program.”

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

In a few short years the Pettys have gone from living in Texas to opening a new farm in New Mexico and standing

one of the state's top stallions. They still have things they want to add to the farm, but for now they have reached the point of having what they need to operate successfully.

“It's kind of mind-blowing how quickly this all came together,” Megan said. “I like

the quote that says, ‘Don't call it a dream; call it a plan.’”

“We are still a work in progress,” Bryan added. “We don't need to be Lane's End, but we want to be bigger than we are now.”

There's not a lot of time for relaxation and reflection for a couple establishing their horse farm, but the Pettys try to step back and appreciate how far they have already come.

“Every evening, no matter how tired we are, we try to walk up and down the property and appreciate it,” Bryan said. “We don't want to take any of this for granted.”

“Our goal is to be a successful commercial horse farm,” Megan said, adding that the couple is not opposed to keeping an occasional runner for themselves but will concentrate mostly on the breeding operation. “We want to watch these horses making lots of money for someone else and be the source of the right kind of stock for the people in this state.”

That really would be a dream come true. **BH**

Denis Blake is editor of the Horsemen's Journal and American Racehorse.



Creekside Ranch is a 'work in progress,' according to the Pettys



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