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Rick and Joyce
Osborne at their farm
near Cambridge, Minn.

Minnesota Power Couple

**Osbornes fully
embrace the
farm lifestyle**

BY JENNIFER MORRISON
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THE BUSINESS PLAN that works for Rick and Joyce Osborne at their farm near Cambridge, Minn., also happens to be the lifestyle they choose—a hands-on approach to the small stallion operation, breeding farm, and sales prep business.

While it can add up to long hours of work, the Osbornes enjoy the farm life.

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“We do all the breeding, foaling, weaning, sales prep ourselves,” said Joyce Osborne. “Then we go to the sales, sell our foals, have a little bit of downtime in November and December, and in January we’re right back at it. It’s a lifestyle.”

And for the Osbornes that lifestyle has provided enjoyment for more than a decade while they’ve built their operation to be a significant player in the Minnesota industry. It has been a little more than 15 years since the Osbornes took over the 50-acre farm from Rick’s parents, D. John and Vera Osborne. Their operation now accounts for about 15% of Minnesota’s foal crop, and a Canadian classic winner has brought excitement to their stallion program.

Eye of the Leopard, a 2009 Canadian champion 3-year-old male and Queen’s Plate winner by A.P. Indy out of 2004 Canadian champion Eye of the Sphynx (by Smart Strike), will have his first Minnesota-bred yearlings land in the Minnesota Thoroughbred Association yearling sale this fall. Eye of the Leopard was a homebred for Sam-Son Farm, which also bred Eye of the Sphynx.

The 14-year-old stallion is one of some 30-40 horses that call the Osborne farm home at any given time, keeping Rick, 64,



The Osbornes’ daughter Ellie with her daughter, Immy, takes a look at the horses

and Joyce, 56, busy. That lifestyle was in the blood of both.

Rick Osborne has a long-reaching family history in Thoroughbred racing and

breeding. His grandparents ran horses in North Dakota and D. John and Vera were both jockeys.

“Growing up in North Dakota, Rick’s dad rode in the hully-gully racing, the fall fairs where anything went. And D. John and Vera were really passionate about horse breeding. They would sit and study the Keeneland sales.”

D. John and Vera relocated to Minneapolis about 60 years ago and, in 1965, to rural Cambridge. The Osbornes, one generation or the other, have been breeding horses since.

2019 MINNESOTA SIRES BY WINNERS

Sire	.Rnrs	Wnrs
Kela	31	16
Eye of the Leopard	20	7
Matt’s Broken Vow	14	4
Magic Cat	13	3
Law Enforcement	9	3
Joey Franco	6	3
Ford Every Stream	7	2
Sam Lord’s Castle	7	2



Stallion Eye of the Leopard, the 2009 Canadian champion 3-year-old male

2019 LEADING SIRES IN MINNESOTA



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									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	KELA (98, Numerous), Stillwater Equine	N/A	31/16	0/0	0/0	(Blue Eclipse, \$53,880)	\$556,854	*284	3	0.90	0.90
2	EYE OF THE LEOPARD (06, A.P. Indy), Osborne Farm	\$1,500	20/7	1/1	0/1	(Eye of a Jedi, \$95,130)	\$341,710	42	1	0.52	1.97
3	LAW ENFORCEMENT (05, Posse)	Died, 2017	9/3	1/1	0/1	(Fireman Oscar, \$76,239)	\$219,624	21	1	1.20	0.67
4	MATT'S BROKEN VOW (05, Broken Vow), Dove Hill Farm	\$2,500	14/4	0/0	0/0	(Facing North, \$34,160)	\$142,399	59	0	0.47	0.81
5	JOEY FRANCO (99, Avenue of Flags)	Died, 2018	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Wannaplaybigchief, \$45,305)	\$79,501	86	2	0.47	0.67
6	FORD EVERY STREAM (99, Seeking the Gold), Nightmare Stables	\$1,000	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Carriage, \$51,030)	\$72,804	154	1	0.54	0.79
7	MAGIC CAT (95, Storm Cat)	N/A	13/3	0/0	0/0	(Derbys MoneyMaker, \$24,533)	\$61,266	275	10	0.62	0.88
8	SAM LORD'S CASTLE (98, Carson City), Boehlke Farm	\$1,000	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Shez Just Crusin, \$40,702)	\$60,502	50	0	0.58	0.76
9	LOVANGO (04, Capote)	Died, 2017	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Clickbait, \$41,400)	\$58,993	11	0	0.39	0.42
10	TIMBER LEGEND (99, Storm Cat)	N/A	7/1	0/0	0/0	(Mrs. D's Concerto, \$25,120)	\$50,162	65	1	0.43	0.48

Rick's parents stood stallions at their farm, the last one being Charging Through, a multiple stakes-winning son of Native Charger who raced for his breeder Frances Genter. Rick and Joyce took over farm operations in 2002, a few years after they were married.

"It's a funny story about how we met," said Joyce. "Rick is a farrier, and we met when he was shoeing horses for my dad when we were teenagers. We were like oil and water back then. It would be many years before we met again."

Joyce, who grew up showing Quarter

Horse pleasure horses in Duluth, Minn., left horses to raise two children from a previous marriage and work as a flight attendant. She met Rick again in the late 1990s at a cutting horse show in Minnesota and found that they were a lot more compatible. They soon were married and had a child of their own.

When Charging Through died in 2002—the year they took over the operation of D. John and Vera's farm—they initially looked for a Quarter Horse stallion to breed in order to raise appendix horses (a cross between Quarter Horse

and Thoroughbred) for their kids to ride in shows.

"I went up to a sale in North Dakota and there was this Thoroughbred stallion, Late Edition," said Joyce. "He was by Cryptoclearance and from Starlet Storm, so he was a half brother to champion 2-year-old filly Flanders. He was not overly big but was beautifully balanced. I couldn't believe he was in the sale."

While racing at Minnesota's Canterbury Downs had been shut down for three years in the mid 1990s, the track had re-opened and was showing growth.

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 December 31, 2019. As supplied to BloodHorse by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc., 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. (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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The Osbornes bought the stallion and proceeded to purchase “seven or eight mares” to breed to him.

Late Edition, who had twice placed in graded stakes as a 3-year-old racing for his breeder Overbrook Farm and trained by Racing Hall of Famer D. Wayne Lukas, stood his entire career at the Osbornes’ farm and sired stakes winner Lumpsinmyoatmeal and many other winners.

The stallion also provided the first big thrill in racing for the couple, a unique occurrence that landed them in the pages of *BloodHorse* in 2008. Four daughters of Late Edition finished first, second, third, and sixth in a Canterbury Downs race as Storybook Doll won the race fol-

lowed by Most Useful and Bubbly Bubbles completing the trifecta. The sweep tied together generations as Storybook Doll was bred by D. John and Vera Osborne and Bubbly Bubbles was bred by Rick and Joyce Osborne and Rick’s parents.

“I was jumping up and down, screaming,” said Joyce. “It was a once in a lifetime thrill.”

Using the Internet, websites, and email, Joyce and Rick added to their stallion ranks in subsequent years with Manitoba Derby (G3) winner Hero’s Pleasure (Sea Hero—Rebeau’s Pleasure, by Lord Rebeau) and the late Joey Franco (Avenue of Flags—Susan Powter, by Native Prosector), a grade 1 winner, being the most



Thirty to forty horses call Osborne Farm home

2019 OHIO SIRE BY WINNERS

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Itsmyluckyday	88	48
Biondetti	60	34
Fort Larned	55	33
Awesome Patriot	64	31
Drill	56	31
Cowtown Cat	49	27
Factum	50	19
Corfu	23	17
Mobil	30	15
Kettle Corn	33	14
City Weekend	25	12
Danza	44	11
Tidal Volume	17	9
Alcindor	16	9
Kennedy	17	7
Vaquero	13	7
Kiss the Kid	13	6
Twinspired	8	6
Parents’ Reward	6	6
Indy Wind	19	5
Mercer Mill	15	5
Vertiformer	10	5
Big Atlantic	7	5
Dark Kestrel	5	5
Medal Count	32	4
William’s Kitten	9	4
Kentucky Dane	13	3
Make Music for Me	12	3
Much the Best	10	3
Birdrun	7	3
Beau Classic	6	3
Mixmaster	6	3

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1	ITSMYLUCKYDAY (10, Lawyer Ron), Maro Veterinary Services	\$2,000	88/48	2/3	1/2	(Itsmyluckycharm, \$153,921)	\$1,840,963	128	2	0.88	1.12
2	COWTOWN CAT (04, Distorted Humor), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,000	49/27	0/0	0/0	(Tiger Blood, \$158,880)	\$1,583,407	223	5	1.13	1.18
3	DRILL (09, Lawyer Ron), Raimonde Farms	\$2,500	56/31	1/1	1/1	(Drillit, \$92,610)	\$1,120,029	76	1	0.88	1.05
4	BIONDETTI (08, Bernardini), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,000	60/35	0/0	0/0	(Biondetti's Choice, \$68,269)	\$1,047,935	140	1	0.76	1.30
5	FORT LARNED (08, E Dubai), Duncan Farms	\$2,000	55/33	1/1	0/1	(Alpha to Omega, \$95,035)	\$981,714	*118	2	0.87	1.33
6	AWESOME PATRIOT (08, Awesome Again), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,500	64/31	0/0	0/0	(Colonel Klink, \$76,278)	\$958,900	*165	1	1.09	1.01
7	MOBIL (00, Langfuhr), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,000	30/15	1/1	1/1	(Mobil Solution, \$187,850)	\$758,204	*198	5	1.25	1.25
8	INDY WIND (02, A.P. Indy), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,000	19/5	1/3	0/1	(Starship Jubilee, \$604,929)	\$757,816	81	2	1.27	1.02
9	FACTUM (08, Storm Cat), Cedar Brook Farm	Private	50/19	1/1	0/1	(Gato Guapo, \$125,822)	\$722,335	111	1	0.56	1.32
10	CORFU (11, Malibu Moon), Duncan Farms	\$1,500	23/17	0/0	0/0	(Taylor's in Orbit, \$85,200)	\$674,498	39	0	1.02	0.89
11	KETTLE CORN (07, Candy Ride), Fair Winds Farm	\$2,500	33/14	0/0	0/0	(Corn Off the Cob, \$88,330)	\$650,474	53	0	0.83	1.23
12	KISS THE KID (03, Lemon Drop Kid), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$1,500	13/6	1/4	0/1	(Extravagant Kid, \$324,475)	\$513,571	54	1	1.10	1.47
13	¶ DANZA (11, Street Boss), Fair Winds Farm	\$2,500	44/11	0/0	0/0	(Pitching Ari, \$61,875)	\$501,238	84	0	0.52	0.96
14	ADDED EDGE (00, Smart Strike)	N/A	33/17	0/0	0/0	(Edge of Night, \$143,250)	\$452,545	184	7	0.66	0.76
15	CITY WEEKEND (02, Carson City), Meadow Springs	\$2,000	25/12	0/0	0/0	(Rooster, \$134,713)	\$450,310	117	1	0.74	0.90
16	VERTIFORMER (07, Dynaformer), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,000	10/5	0/0	0/0	(Verissimo, \$173,100)	\$429,909	15	0	1.46	0.54
17	ALCINDOR (07, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	16/9	1/1	1/1	(True Cinder, \$101,200)	\$398,004	*36	1	1.38	1.54
18	PARENTS' REWARD (98, Mr. Prospector)	Pnsd	6/6	1/1	1/1	(Leona's Reward, \$255,450)	\$382,152	59	4	1.18	0.81
19	TIDAL VOLUME (06, Tapit), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,000	17/9	0/0	0/0	(Firsthand Justice, \$61,863)	\$305,242	45	0	0.61	0.68
20	TWINSPIRED (08, Harlan's Holiday), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,500	8/6	1/1	1/1	(Hey Adrian, \$101,665)	\$276,716	17	2	1.57	0.71
21	WILLIAM'S KITTEN (07, Kitten's Joy), Diamond Eyes Farm	Private	9/4	1/1	1/1	(Betchaiwill, \$122,980)	\$246,879	15	1	0.84	0.49
22	DARK KESTREL (03, Stormy Atlantic)	N/A	5/5	0/0	0/0	(Midnight Mikey, \$87,480)	\$240,066	24	1	1.70	1.56
23	VAQUERO (06, Orientate), Raimonde Farms	\$1,000	13/7	0/0	0/0	(Blanca, \$71,280)	\$227,738	24	1	0.89	1.18
24	KENTUCKY DANE (00, Danehill), McFadden Farm	Private	13/3	0/0	0/0	(Letsgetitseventeen, \$55,844)	\$222,316	39	3	1.05	0.75
25	KENNEDY (08, A.P. Indy), Raimonde Farms	\$1,000	17/7	0/0	0/0	(K Street, \$43,834)	\$220,451	50	0	0.54	1.10
26	BIRD RUN (06, Birdstone), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,000	7/3	1/1	1/1	(Birdacious, \$136,953)	\$202,160	12	1	1.23	0.65
27	¶ MEDAL COUNT (11, Dynaformer), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,000	32/4	0/0	0/0	(Dyna's Holiday, \$30,050)	\$182,825	54	0	0.30	0.93
28	MUCH THE BEST (06, Forestry)	Died	10/3	0/0	0/0	(Sword of Roheryn, \$48,994)	\$166,238	26	0	0.52	0.79
29	A GIANT VALENTINE (03, Giant's Causeway)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Here Comes Jigs, \$118,990)	\$155,814	25	0	0.54	0.91
30	MERCER MILL (94, Forty Niner)	Died	15/5	0/0	0/0	(You Bet Your Life, \$34,573)	\$151,658	236	15	0.70	0.89
31	KINGSHIP (03, King Cugat)	Died, 2016	7/2	1/1	1/1	(Manga Man, \$95,847)	\$145,263	16	1	0.47	1.05
32	MAKE MUSIC FOR ME (07, Bernstein)	N/A	12/3	0/0	0/0	(A Dime for Me, \$50,611)	\$127,999	28	0	0.49	0.45
33	HOSTILE TAKEOVER (04, Dixie Union), Raimonde Farms	\$1,000	10/4	0/0	0/0	(Calboyzeke, \$42,700)	\$115,074	25	0	0.54	0.84
34	BEAU CLASSIC (00, Beau Genius)	N/A	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Cant Lollygag, \$39,861)	\$104,621	22	0	0.57	0.98
35	MIXMASTER (06, Medaglia d'Oro)	Died, 2019	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Dorthysfunnygirl, \$46,492)	\$99,705	24	0	0.57	0.61
36	BIG ATLANTIC (02, Stormy Atlantic), Win Row Farm	\$1,000	7/5	0/0	0/0	(My Pardner Cal, \$24,695)	\$90,066	30	1	0.76	0.30
37	WESTERN PRIDE (98, Way West), R.C. Cline Thoroughbred Farm	\$1,500	12/2	0/0	0/0	(Lovely Lady Linda, \$43,388)	\$89,877	117	0	0.58	0.99
38	DAVID COPPERFIELD (97, Halo), Poplar Creek Horse Center	Private	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Copper Trail, \$41,798)	\$72,503	102	0	0.48	0.92
39	¶ GLOBAL POWER (08, Pulpit), J.S.R. Equine Center	\$2,000	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Powers Out, \$37,176)	\$68,811	3	0	0.92	0.81
40	MUSIC CITY (06, City Zip), Win Row Farm	\$1,000	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Woodys Watchin, \$56,215)	\$65,129	16	0	0.58	0.37
41	¶ CRYPTOLIGHT (04, Fantastic Light)	N/A	3/0	0/0	0/0	(Cristalinda, \$41,660)	\$57,330	4	0	0.84	1.64
42	MR. SINATRA (94, Mining), Rusty Richards Farm	\$500	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Heidi's Back, \$52,049)	\$57,104	60	0	0.89	1.08

recent residents. When Joey Franco died in 2018, the Osbornes considered leaving the stallion business to concentrate on breeding their own mares, foaling those for clients, and sales prep. That thought wouldn't last long, thanks to a note Joyce received from Calumet Farm's Jak Knelman, also originally from Minnesota.

"We were debating about whether to get another stallion or just stick with foaling and sales prep. But we missed that presence of a stallion at our farm," Joyce Osborne said. "Since we had been getting a lot more clients bringing mares in from Kentucky, I went online and contacted a couple of farms there. Jak got back to me, and I went to see some of his stallions."

Joyce was immediately taken with Eye of the Leopard, an Ontario-bred who had stood a season in Ontario at Cole-

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								Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	UNBRIDLED EXPRESS (04, Unbridled's Song), Swifty Farms	Private	29/14	3/3	3/3	(Unbridled Class, \$255,695)	\$1,089,725	60	8	1.52	1.11
2	NOTIONAL (04, In Excess), Haffner Farm	\$1,000	65/30	0/0	0/0	(Cake Pop, \$59,360)	\$871,530	348	6	0.75	1.08
3	FORT PRADO (01, El Prado)	Pnsd	59/31	1/1	1/1	(Bold Rally, \$58,653)	\$860,277	*193	3	0.74	1.30
4	READY'S IMAGE (05, More Than Ready), Swifty Farms	\$2,000	56/25	1/1	0/1	(Mannford, \$87,867)	\$835,075	*386	7	0.84	1.13
5	GREELEY'S CONQUEST (04, Mr. Greeley), Breakway Farm	\$1,500	27/16	1/1	0/1	(Pretty Greeley, \$142,743)	\$743,326	68	1	0.79	0.90
6	SANGAREE (05, Awesome Again)	Pnsd	21/13	0/0	0/0	(First Lady Maggie, \$111,731)	\$680,718	48	0	1.07	0.81
7	VICTOR'S CRY (05, Street Cry), Holden Farm	\$25,000	47/12	0/0	0/0	(Split My Pants, \$89,504)	\$650,597	110	2	0.95	1.19
8	LANTANA MOB (05, Posse), Southern Indiana Equine	\$2,500	27/13	0/0	0/0	(Operation Stevie, \$226,785)	\$628,304	67	4	1.01	1.15
9	PASS RUSH (99, Crown Ambassador), Swifty Farms	\$2,500	27/14	1/1	0/1	(Completed Pass, \$150,355)	\$595,318	126	7	1.00	1.02
10	TURBO COMPRESSOR (08, Halo's Image), Breakway Farm	Private	21/11	2/3	1/2	(First Deal, \$175,005)	\$518,881	44	2	0.82	1.06
11	SKYLORD (08, Sky Mesa), Breakway Farm	Private	21/8	1/1	1/1	(Double Tuff, \$124,160)	\$408,090	40	2	0.96	0.80
12	HUNT CROSSING (09, Corinthian)	N/A	43/13	0/0	0/0	(Classy Crossing, \$71,328)	\$350,162	126	0	0.38	0.72
13	NOBLE'S PROMISE (07, Cuvee)	Died, 2018	11/7	0/0	0/0	(Fireball Baby, \$108,159)	\$328,590	30	3	1.13	0.86
14	MR. MABEE (01, Storm Cat)	N/A	7/4	1/1	1/1	(Expect Indy, \$181,650)	\$290,927	73	1	0.81	0.84
15	DUKE OF MISCHIEF (06, Graeme Hall)	N/A	26/11	0/0	0/0	(Sandy Mischief, \$48,110)	\$288,164	61	0	0.43	0.79
16	COLONIAL COLONY (98, Pleasant Colony)	N/A	13/4	0/0	0/0	(Solitaire Game, \$96,810)	\$284,224	91	0	0.57	0.49
17	WHAT NOW (07, Distorted Humor), R Star Stallions	\$1,500	8/5	0/0	0/0	(Huckleberry Hill, \$72,584)	\$227,510	20	0	0.79	0.60
18	STRONG HOPE (00, Grand Slam)	Died, 2017	10/6	0/0	0/0	(Maywood Hope, \$53,450)	\$215,141	340	5	0.92	1.60
19	LENTENOR (07, Dynaformer), Indiana Stallion Station	\$2,000	15/4	0/0	0/0	(Cacahuete, \$69,052)	\$203,177	26	0	0.55	0.97
20	HOLIDAY PROMISE (09, Harlan's Holiday), Hidden Springs Farm	\$2,000	7/6	0/0	0/0	(Black Nova, \$77,835)	\$198,583	15	1	1.16	1.06
21	SWEET RETURN (GB) (00, Elmaamul)	N/A	10/6	0/0	0/0	(Daddy's Boo, \$56,040)	\$174,916	112	0	0.68	0.86
22	DOMESTIC DISPUTE (00, Unbridled's Song), Indiana Stallion Station	\$2,000	7/3	0/0	0/0	(Alwaysbehumble, \$36,635)	\$156,754	*338	2	0.83	1.13
23	STRONG CONTENDER (03, Maria's Mon), R Star Stallions	\$3,000	9/2	0/0	0/0	(Quiet Contender, \$64,048)	\$156,281	*165	4	0.92	1.12
24	ELITE SQUADRON (04, Officer), Indiana Stallion Station	\$1,500	12/5	0/0	0/0	(Niece Jackie Davis, \$49,757)	\$153,440	72	0	0.58	1.02
25	IRISH ROAD (00, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	6/5	0/0	0/0	(Hypnotising, \$53,680)	\$152,353	98	0	0.72	0.81
26	CASHEL CASTLE (99, Silver Ghost)	N/A	11/5	0/0	0/0	(Puntsville, \$30,651)	\$146,143	117	4	0.90	0.99
27	MONDAVI (03, Maria's Mon), Breakway Farm	\$1,500	5/3	0/0	0/0	(Marilyn Mongo, \$81,760)	\$138,708	37	1	0.80	0.57
28	DEPUTY STORM (01, Forestry)	N/A	12/5	0/0	0/0	(Real Deputee, \$24,450)	\$132,914	103	2	0.91	1.13
29	SILVER MOUNTAIN (05, Victory Gallop), Nicks Farm	\$2,000	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Here Comes Doc, \$70,513)	\$122,363	34	0	0.59	0.81
30	QUIEN (04, Pulpit)	N/A	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Gliding Alone, \$63,977)	\$120,759	35	1	0.95	0.87
31	SANTIVA (08, Giant's Causeway), Indiana Stallion Station	\$2,000	6/2	1/1	1/1	(Maters N Taters, \$87,390)	\$114,341	15	1	0.87	1.25
32	STORM'S EYE (06, Storm Cat), Barefoot Farms	\$1,000	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Barefootbootlegger, \$100,525)	\$100,525	16	0	0.68	0.85
33	CSABA (09, Kitten's Joy), R Star Stallions	\$2,000	14/6	0/0	0/0	(Lasting Joy, \$16,030)	\$97,264	33	0	0.29	0.84
34	VENTANA (06, Toccet)	N/A	4/3	0/0	0/0	(Beautilicious, \$29,710)	\$80,542	15	0	0.40	0.92
35	DESERT WARRIOR (00, Deputy Minister)	Died, 2015	11/5	0/0	0/0	(He's a Warrior, \$26,700)	\$79,342	*293	1	0.77	0.94

brook Farms before moving to Calumet. The handsome horse had won the 2009 Queen's Plate and was third in the Prince of Wales Stakes, the first two legs of Canada's Triple Crown. He later placed in the grade 3 Valedictory Stakes. The Osbornes accepted a lease agreement for the stallion, and his second crop of Minnesota-sired foals are yearlings in 2020.

From his first few small crops, Eye of the Leopard had his first stakes winner last summer when Eye of a Jedi won the Sea of Tranquility Stakes at Gulfstream Park.

"We are grateful to Calumet for this opportunity, and we hope 'Leo' stays here and eventually retires here. He has had about 10 foals in his first two crops here. For Minnesota, that is pretty decent. It's a tough breeding market here; there are really no incentives to stand stallions, no breed-back programs."

With Eye of the Leopard raising the stallion bar in Minnesota, the Osbornes

2019 INDIANA SIRES BY WINNERS

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Fort Prado	59	31
Notional	65	30
Ready's Image	56	25
Greeley's Conquest	27	16
Unbridled Express	29	14
Pass Rush	27	14
Hunt Crossing	43	13
Lantana Mob	27	13
Sangaree	21	13
Victor's Cry	47	12
Duke of Mischief	26	11
Turbo Compressor	21	11
Skylord	21	8
Noble's Promise	11	7
Csaba	14	6
Strong Hope	10	6
Sweet Return (GB)	10	6
Holiday Promise	7	6

are hoping the horse gets his chance to show off his bloodlines.

"Our stallions have been the focal point for us. We have bought and sold mares, hoping for the right crosses to the boys and have had enough success along the way to feel we have done pretty well."

The Osbornes regularly sell the higher-priced yearlings at the Minnesota Thoroughbred Association sale. In 2019 they offered their first foal-share yearling, a filly by Stroll out of Jeff Zlonis' multiple stakes-placed stakes-winning mare Pretty as a Smile, by Vision and Verse. The attractive lass, now named Minnesota Nice, was the second-highest priced filly in the auction at \$41,000.

The couple sold more than a half dozen yearlings at the auction even though Rick had a broken elbow suffered in a fall.

"We didn't know at the time he had a broken elbow. But our saying in this business goes, 'You better heal in three days or be dead,'" Joyce laughed.

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2020 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	STROLL (00, Pulpit), Iowa State University Horse Farm	\$2,000	78/43	3/4	1/3	(Wet Your Whistle, \$225,134)	\$1,963,133	*321	17	1.01	1.24
2	NATIVE RULER (04, Elusive Quality), Abraham's Equine Clinic	\$2,000	30/19	1/1	1/1	(Zella Rose, \$141,981)	\$662,490	67	1	0.91	0.79
3	SING BABY SING (03, Unbridled's Song), Madison County Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	28/10	0/0	0/0	(Last Drop of Wine, \$39,705)	\$357,516	92	3	0.60	0.81
4	WOKE UP DREAMIN (00, Holy Bull), Madison County Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	22/8	0/0	0/0	(One Fine Dream, \$59,359)	\$278,474	184	5	0.80	0.88
5	JAFMIL (08, Distorted Humor)	N/A	9/9	0/0	0/0	(Erratic Behavior, \$57,100)	\$266,212	33	0	0.94	1.10
6	SPANIARD (06, Candy Ride), Bryant Thoroughbreds	\$1,500	18/10	0/0	0/0	(Now We Are Nine, \$41,733)	\$252,940	53	0	0.80	1.47
7	SHORE BREEZE (98, Danzig)	Died, 2016	11/5	0/0	0/0	(Creative Art, \$34,053)	\$119,509	189	2	0.76	0.73
8	HEART OF THE STORM (04, Storm Cat)	N/A	9/3	0/0	0/0	(Sagara, \$30,590)	\$101,894	64	1	0.72	0.81
9	CANAVERAL (91, Relaunch)	Pnsd	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Cape McKinzie, \$61,535)	\$83,961	171	2	0.63	0.89
10	NEWPORT (06, More Than Ready), Iowa State University Horse Farm	\$1,500	9/1	0/0	0/0	(Polar's Grace, \$26,435)	\$49,007	26	0	0.17	0.96

2019 LEADING SIRES IN ILLINOIS

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2020 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	GHAABLE (08, Unbridled's Song), Wildwood Farm	Private	17/15	0/0	0/0	(Ghaaleb the Great, \$69,444)	\$513,036	35	0	1.13	1.07
2	WELL POSITIONED (06, Awesome Again)	N/A	18/13	1/1	1/1	(W W Fitzy, \$106,998)	\$455,130	31	1	0.71	1.07
3	FOREST ATTACK (04, Forestry), McCrosky Farm	\$1,000	33/14	0/0	0/0	(Scarlet City, \$52,248)	\$363,831	80	0	0.37	1.02
4	ROAD RULER (02, Unbridled's Song), JB Stables	\$1,000	24/13	0/0	0/0	(Sister Ruler, \$74,697)	\$356,491	126	0	0.79	0.73
5	MALTESE DOG (05, War Chant)	N/A	21/12	0/0	0/0	(Ed's Rocket, \$59,070)	\$308,907	30	0	0.60	1.39
6	THREE HOUR NAP (02, Afternoon Deelites), Oak Tree Farm	\$1,000	16/9	1/1	0/1	(Cinco Star, \$88,990)	\$289,820	40	1	1.07	0.98
7	HERO'S AND CROOKS (07, Pulpit)	N/A	9/6	0/0	0/0	(Meeka, \$129,614)	\$184,610	24	0	0.49	0.78
8	CHOSEN DEPUTY (05, Deputy Minister), Legacy Farms	\$1,000	7/6	0/0	0/0	(Senor Blanco, \$62,482)	\$168,718	18	0	0.79	0.94
9	INDY SNOW (GB) (01, A.P. Indy)	N/A	9/6	0/0	0/0	(Stopshoppingamy, \$53,949)	\$137,312	46	1	1.03	0.82
10	SMOKE WARNING (02, Smoke Glacken)	N/A	8/5	0/0	0/0	(Here Comes Kyle, \$42,464)	\$121,659	25	0	0.48	0.54
11	EL MEDWAR (04, Elusive Quality)	N/A	4/4	0/0	0/0	(Willow Ridge, \$35,659)	\$95,883	16	0	0.91	1.20
12	BRAVE 'N AWAY (00, Skip Away), Timothy Hughes	\$1,000	8/5	0/0	0/0	(Launch Away, \$33,521)	\$94,503	48	0	0.48	0.56
13	DEVIL HUNTER (99, Pulpit)	N/A	2/2	0/0	0/0	(Devil's Rule, \$51,220)	\$86,052	24	0	0.64	0.68
14	COUNTRY BE GOLD (97, Summer Squall), Cutsinger's Stallion Station	\$500	10/5	0/0	0/0	(Atoka Girl, \$36,202)	\$84,480	81	0	0.61	0.95
15	LIVE FROM APPOLLO (04, Maria's Mon)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Lively Spell, \$44,450)	\$77,358	10	0	0.51	0.76

One of their newest clients to have mares at their farm is fellow Minnesota resident Jeff Drown, who is new to racing and breeding but already has won a Breeders' Cup race. His 2-year-old colt Structor, co-owned with Don Rachel, won the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Presented by Coolmore America (G1T) after winning Belmont Park's Pilgrim Stakes (G3T).

"We owe so much to our clients over the years; we couldn't have done any of this without them," Joyce Osborne said. "They have always looked out for us, and we have tried to do the best for them and the horses they have trusted us to care for. We've actually had a couple of different clients tell us to raise our rates. Now that is unheard of."

This spring the couple expects a handful of their own home-bred foals plus nearly two dozen for clients.

One corner of the industry the Osbornes don't participate in is racing. They enjoy raising their horses and watching them race for new owners but never have




Rick, a farrier, oversees a horse at last year's MTA yearling sale

been inclined to enter into racing themselves—selling all of their youngsters as weanlings or yearlings.

"We are very much hands-on," said Joyce. "When you turn your horse over to a trainer at a racetrack, it takes away your control. It's a much different game."

"We don't have the financial means to do it all, so they go to those who can give them the best possible chance to become racehorses. We have been fortunate to have gotten to know many leading owners and trainers along the way who have added to the win photos on the walls each year."

And, Joyce noted, the couple prefers to stay out of the limelight, taking care of their horses on the farm with an occasional trip to Canterbury Park to watch racing.

"We make a great team, and we are just very private people on a quiet little farm in east central Minnesota doing what we love, working together with the horses." 

Jennifer Morrison is the Canadian correspondent for BloodHorse.

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