

# The Lakefield Lead Line

News from Lakefield Farm

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## Barnside



Happy Spring!

With the wind blowing off the lake today, it sure doesn't feel too spring like. I am not complaining though as it sure beats last year. We had quite a few days in March that were pretty comfortable which gave me a good dose of spring fever! I've had an opportunity to start working the babies again to continue their education. There never seems to be as much time as I would like but they are coming along nicely. Winter seemed to fly by this year. We were thrilled to greet our newest granddaughter, River Brooke, who was born on Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>. What a delightful little girl she is. We are still in awe at the fact that we now have 6 grandchildren. Fireside lessons also made the winter fly. We had a great group who participated and the discussions were really interesting. Many topics were covered around the common theme of using herd dynamics and horses natural instincts to improve your skills. We were able to gain insight from a wide variety of trainers which is really helpful. Horsemanship skills can be difficult to grasp at times. I think getting some different visual examples as well as different explanations really brought some "ah ha" moments. It was also an excellent opportunity to share experiences and ideas. Now that the Fireside lessons are over it is time to get out and work with our horses and utilize some of the lessons learned. Things are already pretty busy here around the barn. Leanne is excited about her show team as she has many returning members and a lot of new members. They are already working hard at developing their knowledge and skills. Bobbie and Marilyn are working with their new horses. We have a number of new boarders and lessons are in full swing. People have been out on the trails already and the grass is starting to green up in the pastures. I can't wait to see the horses grazing out there!

See you barnside!

Rosanne

## Star out of the Box



I need to start this column by saying how sorry I am at the passing of my on-again-off-again pasture mate, Skippy. Skippy added much needed color to the mares' pasture and, unfortunately for her sometimes, sang the low part on the girl group songs. We all miss Skippy. She helped make the mares' ear-pinning contests legendary and she was nice—even when we were not.

On a lighter note, I reviewed some of my old columns while basking in the early spring warmth. I have been writing this column for at least thirteen years, and until last year, it was a once a month duty. No one much writes me for advice anymore although I have plenty to give. I wonder why? Below is a reprint of a column I wrote in March of 2004 which, even eleven years later, accurately reflects who I am (remember Twink would have been a rising one-year old):

*This is the first spring in recent years that Star can remember not being subjected to veterinary examinations, and she is very happy about it. She anticipates those wonderful spring rides through the woods smelling the fragrant wood violets and admiring the trillium lining the trail. Oh, what fun she'll have playing games of tag with her pasture mates, and showing Twink the joys of spring. Star can't wait to see the deer bring their new fawns out of the woods for a frolic, so she can run along the fence line with them. Happy Spring everyone!*

P.S. APRIL FOOL!!!! You didn't believe that baloney, did you? Get a grip. Star will be lying in the mud, protecting the hay from deer, and telling the fawns to "beat it." Frolic schmolic.

## Barn Buddies

Leanne has a great new program for the young equestrian that wants more time out at the barn and to build on their horsemanship. The program is geared for the equestrian from beginner to advanced that wants to learn. They will get hands-on experience with one of our trainers. Students will learn how to handle, care for, groom and tack horses. They also will discover the grit and grime that goes along with the sport; things like cleaning and care for the tack, cleaning up after horses, and all the chores that may be involved around the barn. This class is a hands-on experience that does not involve any riding. This opportunity is limited to 3 students a day or per session, so make sure to register in advance.

Cost \$75 a session

Dates-

June 17th 8 A.M. to 11A.M.

July 1st 8 A.M. to 11A.M.

July 6th 1:30 to 5:30

July 13th 1:30 to 5:30

July 15th 8 A.M. to 11A.M.

July 27th 1:30 to 5:30

July 29th 8 A.M. to 11A.M.

August 10th 1:30 to 5:30

August 12th 8 A.M. to 11A.M.

### Horse-y Birthday Parties at Lakefield Farm

Is your child crazy for horses? A birthday party at Lakefield Farm is a perfect way to celebrate and have fun with our calm and friendly horses. Each child will be able to meet the horses and decorate them for the birthday party, then take turns riding. The birthday girl or boy will also get a mini-riding lesson!

The gifts and cake can be held in our indoor lounge area. We ask that groups are limited to 7-8 children, and please no balloons.

For more information, contact Leanne at [albers.synergyequine@gmail.com](mailto:albers.synergyequine@gmail.com).

### Girl Scouts Horse Fan Badge

Lakefield Farm offers special opportunities for Girl Scout troops that want to earn their Horse Fan badges. Our staff will help create a series of activities to help the girls learn about horse care and management in a fun and educational setting. Please note this program does not include riding.

For more information, contact Leanne at [albers.synergyequine@gmail.com](mailto:albers.synergyequine@gmail.com).

## For Lease: Cinnamon



The person fortunate enough to lease Cinnamon, a 14.3 hand 17 year old quarter horse mare, will have an experience they will always remember. She is a fabulous all around horse! She can do anything from cow work to jumping. Take her out on a quite trail ride or show her in western or English. She is an experienced show horse and the judges love her. Cinnamon is suitable for anyone. If you or your child are looking for a horse to teach you, Cinnamon is the horse. She will show you the ropes and tug at your heart strings. Cinnamon was shown very successfully throughout the 2014 show season and is ready for her next student!

## Congratulations and Welcome!

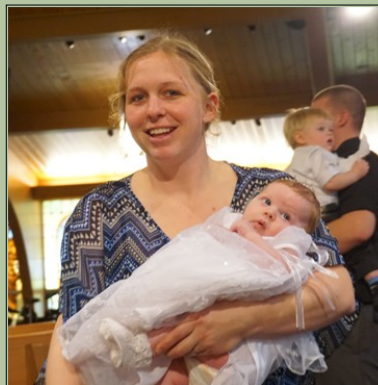
### Congratulations Marilyn!

We are so happy for Marilyn who found a wonderful horse for herself. He is a paint gelding named Cochise. He seems pretty unflappable and I think he will be a terrific companion. Congratulations!

### Welcome Becky, Elizabeth, Julie and Renee!

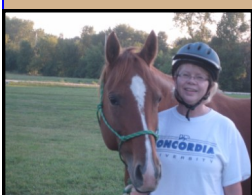
We would like to welcome, Becky and her horse Ryon, Elizabeth and her horse Reiny, Julie and Lander, and Renee with Gimli. We are happy to have you here at Lakefield.

### Welcome River Brooke Albers!



Welcomed by Leanne and Shane on January 22

## Soft Eyes—by Sally Canapa



My advanced writing class is working on a semester-long project in which they explore the history and uses of a particular word: "grace," "betrayal," "enmity," etc. I am writing along with them, as I always do, and my word is "equus." (Professor's perks.) Some time ago I became curious about what seemed to me to be a morpheme—"equ"—shared by many words, including equus, equine, equal, equation, and on and on. I haven't found a definitive connection, but what I have discovered is fascinating.

The adjective "equal" dates back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century, and means "identical in amount, extent, or portion"; in the early 15<sup>th</sup> century it means "even or smooth of surface," coming from the Latin "æquus," meaning, among other things, "level, friendly, kind, just, fair. . .". All of these usages, according to the etymology dictionary I consulted, are **"of unknown origin."** That last phrase got me thinking.

Perhaps the bond between horse and human goes back beyond history, to a time before organized societies, religions, and wars, when horses and humans were partners in very, very fundamental ways. If riding was a part of this relationship, it is certain that qualities like "levelness," "smoothness," and "friendliness" were intrinsically related. By the 16<sup>th</sup> century, the Oxford English Dictionary lists the earliest appearance of the word "equitation" (in 1562), in Bulleyn's "Sicke Men": "Equitation . . . must be used upon a soft easie goying horse."

And then there's the 1799 novel by Gregory Lewis (*Learning at a loss, or the amours of Mr. Pedant and Miss Hartley*), in which Mr. Pedant remarks, "I made some feeble Efforts towards entering into an equine Conversation." I really like that quote.

I could go on all day, but it's high time I visit Katie (certainly an "easie goying horse") and engage in a good equine Conversation. Go and do likewise.

### Horse Trailering and Other Transport

Shane, Leanne's husband, has started his own transportation business, Top Line Transport LLC and is available for hauling horses or other equipment as well as vehicles. He has hauled cars, trucks, boats as well as many horses. He has his commercial license and is fully insured. If you need something moved, make sure you keep Shane in mind. He will also be shipping to Midwest Horse Fair and has open spots for 3 more horses leaving Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> and returning Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Contact Shane Albers at 262-227-4337 or [toplinetransportllc@gmail.com](mailto:toplinetransportllc@gmail.com) if your horse needs

### Ladies of Lakefield

Come join our social group. This is a great opportunity to get to know each other better and enjoy horse talk or whatever subject may come up. All adults are welcome, whether you ride or not. We meet at the barn. This is strictly a social group and yes, the guys are invited also. It will just be organized by the Ladies of Lakefield.

April 24<sup>h</sup> 5:30  
May 15<sup>th</sup> 5:30

June 19<sup>th</sup> 5:30  
July 17<sup>th</sup> 5:30

# Summer Opportunities

## Day of Horseplay

Does your child beg to spend more time at the barn around the horses? Then Day of Horseplay was created with them in mind! This weekly educational horsemanship day is a great opportunity to introduce your child to horses or to further their equine experience. Children are engrossed with all aspects of horse care, from barn chores to animal husbandry. This is a great chance for them to experience a slice of life on a horse farm. After all, there is so much more to great horsemanship than simply riding – and this is a great place for youngsters to learn about every aspect of the horse.

*Day of Horse play \$25 a session 1:00 to 4:00 dates- June 18th July 2nd, 9th,16th, 23rd, 30th August 6th, 13th, 20th*

## Horsing Around

For more advanced equestrians, there is the Horsing Around program, which builds off of the knowledge gained in the Day of Horseplay. This educational program is great for all ages, from kids who have advanced beyond Day of Horseplay to adults looking to learn more about horses. Horsing Around covers a range of topics that are meant to instill confidence and skills handling horses in many different situations, along with some of the responsibilities that come with owning a horse farm. Some things that may be covered during Horsing Around are: how to set up a jump course; proper striding; gaits and foot fall; equine musculature and skeleton structure; teeth and dental care; and how to find and monitor equine vital signs.

*Horsing around \$25 a session 5:30 to 7:30 dates- June18th July 2nd,9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th August 6th, 13th, 20th*

## Lakefield Farm Horsemanship Week – June 22-26, 2015

Horsemanship Week at Lakefield Farm will be a chance for children to experience a wide range of horse-related activities both in and out of the saddle, in an immersive day week-long program. Beginner riders can kick-start their riding and make strides improving their horsemanship skills throughout the week of fun learning activities both on horseback and on the ground. Students will learn how to handle, groom and care for horses, how to tack up and care for equipment, and the foundational skills of horseback riding.

There will be two sessions available during the week of June 22-26. The morning session will run from 9 AM-12 PM, and the afternoon session will run from 1:30 PM-4:30 PM. Students must sign up for one session and attend the same time each day throughout the week

May 30 and 31st  
jump painting party  
and hunt field set  
up.  
More information to  
come.

## Equestrian Team Dates

March 16 <sup>th</sup> , 5:30 to 6:30 – Team clinic – Show checklist	June 15 <sup>th</sup> , 5:30 to 7:30 – Team ride
March 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Schooling show – West Bend	June 19 <sup>th</sup> –21 <sup>st</sup> – WHJA show at Wisconsin Equestrian Center (WEC) – Green Bay
April 6 <sup>th</sup> , 5:30 to 7:30 – Team ride	July 5 <sup>th</sup> – Horse show TBA?
April 13 <sup>th</sup> , 5:30 to 6:30 – Team clinic – How to braid	July 6 <sup>th</sup> , 5:30 to 7:30 – Team ride
April 24 <sup>th</sup> –26 <sup>th</sup> – WHJA show – Lamplight -- Illinois	July 13 <sup>th</sup> , 5:30 to 7:30– Team ride
April 27 <sup>th</sup> , 5:30 to 7:30 – Team ride	July 17 <sup>th</sup> –19 <sup>th</sup> – WHJA show Seoul Creek – West Bend
May 1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> – WHJA show – Madison	July 27 <sup>th</sup> , 5:30 to 7:30– Team ride
May 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5:30 to 6:30 – Team clinic – Ring etiquette	August 1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> – County fair English day – Cedarburg
May 10 <sup>th</sup> – Hawk Meadows Mother's Day show – West Bend (mother's Day brunch included)	August 10 <sup>th</sup> , 5:30 to 7:30 – Team ride
May 11 <sup>th</sup> , 5:30 to 7:30 – Team ride	August 14 <sup>th</sup> –16 <sup>th</sup> – Derby – West Bend
May 18 <sup>th</sup> , 5:30 to 7:30 – Team ride	August 25 <sup>th</sup> , 5:30 to 7:30 – Team ride
May 23 <sup>rd</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> – Run of the mill – West Bend	September 14 <sup>th</sup> , 5:30 to 7:30 – Team ride
May 30 <sup>th</sup> – Lake Effect Hunter Jumper show – Sheboygan	September 18 <sup>th</sup> –20 <sup>th</sup> – Fall WHJA show – Oshkosh
June 1 <sup>st</sup> , 5:30 to 6:30 – Team clinic – Bathing and clipping your horse	September 28 <sup>th</sup> , 5:30 to 7:30 – Team ride

# HORSEMANSHIP CLINIC

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maneuvers you dream of are really just the foundation, done to a higher degree of perfection.

*Colts are welcome in the groundwork portion of the class, but horses in the riding portion must already be going under saddle.*



### ADVANCING CLASS

each day 1:30-4:30

This class is all riding. Explore soft feel, softness through transitions, cadence, control of the hindquarters and forehand, and lateral moves. These things help your horse become softer, and more supple. You'll learn how to feel where the feet are so you can guide your horse through maneuvers with good timing, which helps your horse maintain

correct form and balance. Whether your goal is high level competition, ranch work, or to simply feel safe riding down the trail, you'll refine the skills you need to reach your goals.



### PRICE

\$325 per class or \$580 for both classes (price covers all 3 days) If you ride in one class, you are encouraged to audit the other class for free! Auditors \$25/day at the door Video/audio taping prohibited. **\*\*No Stallions please \*\***

### SIGN UP

On-Line [www.BrentGraef.com](http://www.BrentGraef.com) Go to the *Clinic Schedule* page to reserve your rider spot  
A 50% deposit is required to reserve your spot. Full payment due 6 weeks prior to the clinic. Payments are non-refundable and non-transferrable to another clinic.

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## Calendar

### April

17-19 Midwest Horse Fair, Madison  
24 Ladies of Lakefield, 5.30pm

### May

15 Ladies of Lakefield, 5.30pm  
30 Jump painting party  
31 Jump painting party

### June

17 Barn Buddies, 8-11am  
18 Day of Horseplay, 1-4pm  
18 Horsing Around, 5.30-7.30pm  
19 Ladies of Lakefield, 5.30pm  
22-26 AM Horsemanship Week, 9am-12pm  
22-26 PM Horsemanship Week, 1.30-4.30pm

### July

1 Barn Buddies, 8-11am  
2 Day of Horseplay, 1-4pm  
2 Horsing Around, 5.30-7.30pm  
6 Barn Buddies, 1.30-5.30pm  
9 Day of Horseplay, 1-4pm  
9 Horsing Around, 5.30-7.30pm  
10-12 Brent Graef Clinic  
13 Barn Buddies, 1.30-5.30pm  
15 Barn Buddies, 8-11am  
16 Day of Horseplay, 1-4pm  
16 Horsing Around, 5.30-7.30pm  
17 Ladies of Lakefield, 5.30pm  
23 Day of Horseplay, 1-4pm  
23 Horsing Around, 5.30-7.30pm  
27 Barn Buddies, 1.30-5.30pm  
30 Day of Horseplay, 1-4pm  
30 Horsing Around, 5.30-7.30pm

### August

6 Day of Horseplay, 1-4pm  
6 Horsing Around, 5.30-7.30pm  
10 Barn Buddies, 1.30-5.30pm  
12 Barn Buddies, 8-11am  
13 Day of Horseplay, 1-4pm  
13 Horsing Around, 5.30-7.30pm  
20 Day of Horseplay, 1-4pm  
20 Horsing Around, 5.30-7.30pm