



# Heritage Highlights

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Thanks to Geraldine Hairgrove, Grapeland, Texas, for the cardinal picture in our header this month.

We had no entries in the 2011 Heritage Performance Award contest this year so there are no winners to announce in either division – Heritage Horse, or Heritage Outcross.

Our condolences go out to Rocky & Nya Bates, Melba, Idaho on the loss of Go Boy's Windwalker. "Larry" was one of a kind and will truly be missed by the Walking Horse world. He was euthanized on December 19, 2011 at age 29.



**Go Boy's Windwalker**



**Nya & Larry**

Congratulations to Franne & Harry Brandon on the birth of their 3<sup>rd</sup> grandson this past week! Luke Remington Griffin arrived 11:12 a.m. on 1.12.12. He weighed eight pounds, eight ounces, and is 21 inches long. Since Franne has been occupied with Grandma duties, we won't have a history article, per se, this month. We have decided to re-run the Trivia questions for January. We're hoping to get some brave folks to come forward with answers:

## **Famous Foundation Walkers Trivia Quiz by Franne Brandon, Petersburg, Tennessee**

In 2010, the editors of Heritage Highlights held our first annual Famous Foundation Walkers Trivia Quiz.

In 2011, we would like to continue the tradition by offering another December trivia contest in place of the regular Sunless/ Sun-Once article. This year's six horses were all but one foaled prior to 1940. The six include two famous show geldings, a noted show mare of the past, and three stallions. The first person to answer all six correctly will win a free ad in a future edition of Heritage Highlights. Email your answers to Franne at [handfbrandon@united.net](mailto:handfbrandon@united.net) and we will reveal the winner in the February Highlights!!

And Heritage founders, don't even attempt to trick us into calling one of you the winner, although you can answer to see if you got them all right.

1. This son of old Wilson's Allen, out of a mare by Mabery Allen, never had a successful show career, but he proved his ability in the stud by siring some of the top show horses of the late forties. In 1950, he was rated #3 in the stallion rankings in the Tennessee Walker magazine. Remaining the property of his breeder

throughout his life, he was succeeded in the stud by several sons, although all of his stallion lines have been allowed to die out. Due to the influence of his daughters, though, he is represented in both Sun-Once Heritage bloodlines and today's most popular show bloodlines.

2. The chestnut gelding was a 3/4 brother to the stallion in #1. Although foaled in 1936, he was not registered until 1941, and the records of the owners under whose banners he won his many championship titles were won are found only in breed histories, not in the registry. In his later years, he was returned to Middle Tennessee and given to the widow of his late trainer. She loved him dearly, used him as her personal saddle horse, and buried him on her property when he died on April 23, 1957, at the age of 21.

3. This son of Merry Go Boy owed his color pattern to his dam. She was sired by an old roan stallion who also provides a link between TWH's and the McCurdy Horses of Alabama. One of the first sons of the very popular Go Boy to be offered at stud, he sired 281 registered offspring, and is responsible for the correct color lines of many of today's true roan Tennessee Walking Horses.

4. This chestnut gelding, foaled in 1932, is credited by TWH breed historians as being THE horse which called attention to Wilson's Allen as a sire. Unlike his half brother above, he was not out of a mare by a foundation sire. His dam, Westbrook's Bird Long, had no traceable pedigree, but as a gelding, this horse had no need to draw a court of mares following his show career. According to the third edition of Echo of Hoofbeats (Womack, 1994), this gelding sold for \$5000 in 1937, and proceeded to win twenty-two blue ribbons that year.

5. This black mare was one of the few top line descendants of Merry Boy to successfully challenge the supremacy of the Wilson's Allen bloodline in winning the World Grand Championship at the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration. Upon retirement, she became a highly successful brood matron, producing ten foals, three by Midnight Sun, three by Midnight Mack K., and one each by Merry Go Boy, Go Boy's Shadow, Rogers' Perfection, and Mack K's Rebel. Although all of these stallions were highly regarded as sires of padded show horses, it is probably through her Heritage descendants that her genetic influence is felt the most in the 21st century.

6. This stallion was bred and foaled in Middle Tennessee, sired by Wilson's Allen and out of one of the breed's most respected broodmares. (a blond sabino) Then he was sold out of state to spend most of his years at stud where the top mares of the breed were not available. In spite of this fact, he sired 531 foals, the last two of which were registered in 1965. Today, his male line offspring continue his genetic legacy when many sons of stallions who spent their lives in the mid-state failed to do so. A number of Sun-Once Heritage horses feature this chestnut stallion in their pedigrees. A feature article on this horse will be upcoming in a 2012 edition of Heritage Highlights.

**From Audra Burton, Cornersville, Tennessee**

Tyler and Red (Overstride's Red Allen) in the September 2011 Homecoming Parade. Check out Red's hat!



**Tyler Pierce & Red**

## Head ‘Em Up and Move ‘Em Out by Nancy Bergman, Whitehall, Wisconsin

Growing up in the 60’s one of my favorite TV programs was Rawhide—the story of an endless cattle drive that starred the late Eric Fleming and a very young Clint Eastwood. At the end of the show, trail boss Gil Favor would tell his hands to ‘Head ‘em and move ‘em out!’ When I visited my grandson (age 9) this summer, I used that phrase when we got ready to go for a hike, Adam had never heard it before and thought it was hilarious. Pretty soon he had his buddies repeating it. Perhaps the entire concept of herding anything is very foreign to many kids these days.

Herding is, however, a burning need of my young Border Collie, Annie. Annie lives to herd. First she will hunker down and get an ‘eye’ on the intended ‘herd-ees’. Then she will explode forward, circling and barking and encouraging the stock to move forward, but in a contained fashion. If things are not moving along fast enough, she will make a sortie towards the heels. All great, proven strategies in most cases, except when it comes to my two mares. Copper and Lady have no intention of being herded like a lesser species of cattle or sheep. They choose to purposefully ignore Annie, or if she offends their equine dignity too much, to go after her. Annie loves it when they take her on. She spins and dodges and leaps all the while continuing her circling and barking. The mares dislike being herded but the dog insists.



**Annie**

One very foggy morning this fall, I called the girls to come up from the pasture for their breakfast. I couldn’t see them anywhere in the mist. Annie, however, was off like a shot down the hill, disappearing into the murk.



**Chase A Copper Bullet and Annie, her nemesis**

I heard barking and then, emerging out of the fog with manes and tails flying, came the mares with Annie darting back and forth behind them. The girls thundered up the hills and into the corral area and skidded to a halt. Behind them with a proud glint in her eyes came Annie. ‘See’ she seemed to say, ‘I got them for you, Boss’.

The horses sniffed disdainfully. “We were coming anyway. That annoying canine had nothing to do with it.”

Whatever the case it was a definite ‘Head ‘em up, move ‘em out’ moment.

## Ostella's Major Bud Allen - Featured Gelding for January - Heritage calendar

By Teresa Benefield, Buchanan, Georgia

Ostella's Major Bud Allen was bred by Harry and Franne Brandon of Pinefolly Farms in Petersburg, Tennessee, sired by the one and only Red Bud's Rascal, "Old Bud", and out of Eb's Dixie Delight. Major was born in late spring, 1998, one in the last crop of "Old Bud" colts. In the fall of that year, he became the property of his sire's owner as the result of a trade for a fine minimal sabino filly sired by The Sonic Boom.

I'm not sure how we got so lucky to find him, but here's a little background on how Major came to Kodiak Farms.



Major & Teresa's calendar photo

It was Celebration time, Labor Day weekend of 2000. Vince's Dad, Ledger Benefield, had purchased a gray mare that had also been sired by Leon's Bullet. That trip to the Celebration, we decided in our touring around, that we would look up Mr. Leon Oliver and the Brown Shop Road Farm.. The rest as they say is history. Vince and I were contemplating getting into trail riding and were looking for me a good horse and Ledger really wanted to see this famous sire he kept hearing about named Bullet. We did find Brown Shop Road Farm, Leon, and Bullet. We formed a friendship that day with such an incredible man that has led us to many wonderful friends throughout the Oliver Family and extended network there around Cornersville and in the pleasure walking horse loop. Our conversation there around Leon's barn on that championship Saturday, 2000, led us to Major. Leon told us that day if we were looking for a

nice horse that he had several, and that he had one in training nearby. We loaded up in his truck on that Saturday and off to "the holler" we went. Vince and I had no idea where we were headed, only that once at "the holler", I walked to the back of a cobweb- filled stall to see the most beautiful horse I had ever put eyes on! I think it was the beautiful white blaze that got me first, then the beautiful strawberry roan color, topped off by the incredible white stockings. We didn't ride him that day but he never left my mind. I knew only that we had to find a way to get him. We returned to Georgia after the Celebration and still couldn't stop thinking about Major. We called Leon that week, expressed our interest ,and within days Major was headed to Kodiak Farms. Our only regret is that at the time we were not set up nor equipped to maintain a stallion, so Major did not sire offspring. He has the personality to have remained a stallion and still make an incredible trail horse at the same time. He's just that good.



Teresa Benefield & Major

Over these past twelve years, we have come to love Major more than I could have imagined, even after falling for him upon first sight in the stall on that Celebration Saturday. We have traveled with him from Mammoth Cave to Mt. Rogers to many, many, places in Tennessee and in between. He is the kind of trusted mount that is always the same, very unique with a human-like personality, that certainly wears his emotions on his shoulder. You sure know where you stand with him. His playful, whimsical personality is so special and unique. You really have to out-think what his next move will be! What never changes with him, though, is his

dependability on the trail, and the fact that I fully believe he would give up his life to save mine as his rider and owner. I have had him on some trails that teetered on the edge of rock cliffs that truly went straight up and straight down. The longer the trails are, the longer and stronger his endurance. He's just such an all-around versatile, perfect horse. I trust him to completely take care of me when I am on his back. Once in Big South Fork, we were I believe riding the O & W Railroad trail. After miles on the trail, the trail led into a beautiful creek. After enjoying the creek for a while, we quickly discovered as we left, the trail out was completely rock and went straight up. I simply leaned over, reins in my hand, put my arms around Major's neck and told him to take me to the top which he did without hesitation, carefully choosing each step in the rocks to both protect me and himself. He's simply the best and will always be my mount of choice.

Major is currently recovering from a muscle injury in his left rear leg. His veterinary prognosis is for a full recovery, and he is 100% better than he was a few days ago. Other than being upset about taking his meds, he is enjoying all the attention and extra food staying at the barn. Major and I plan to be riding again very soon. See you on the trails!



**Vince Benefield with Major and Della Mae resting up during a ride at Mount Rogers**

## From Nard Bailey, Alturas, California

“Today was different; the wind was really blowing; we lost a few shingles. I thought I would try Iceman again. I went and got him saddled and decided to walk some puppies with him; the puppies have never gone with a horse before, so we had a nice walk of 45 minutes or so. Then I got a year old pup that has not been worked with a horse and had him handling off of Iceman; he did pretty good. Iceman was fine through all of it. We did flat, mountains, brush; he was fine. When asked, he gave, walk, fast walk, slow lope ;we also worked on ground tying. It was a good day.. The temperature got up to 58.8; that is a great 2nd of January.

Iceman has lived in a pasture and a round pen since he has lived here. He has seen all the different weather we have here. And in a field trial, we ride in all kinds of weather. The test was for me and Iceman. After being hurt and away from riding for the last year, I needed a confidence rebuilder, my shoulder is still not yet healed ;there is pain but the strength is returning.

Iceman is the horse that I was able to catch in the pasture, and he is proving to be my way back in riding and handling dogs on horseback. He also is proving what a good mind he has.



**Iceman (NFF Wilson's Iceman) with the flag. If you notice I had a collar made I use it as a halter and adjusted as it is for mounting**

Picture this: nine little baby puppies running around on our walk, by my feet and his feet; he just walked along. This was the pups' first time with a horse and Iceman's first time with that many puppies. Of course, I was leading him, and pretty soon the pups were hunting and coming along on that walk. I started with 9 and came back with 7; the other 2 got side tracked and came back to the kennel.



**Iceman practicing a short rein ground tying with the pups playing in the background**

Next I tied him short with one rein to reinforce ground tying and put the puppies up. I got the next pup to run; this pup is a year old pup. His name is I B Reverend Black.



**I B Reverend Black with Iceman just before we went out today**

All this took a while, and Iceman walked off about two hundred yards; of course he was going in circles. I found him, brought him back, retied his rein shorter, and this time he stayed.. I got Rev, when we started. I walked with them until the pup was going with us; then I mounted Iceman and Rev. started learning that I could stay up with him.



**Standing ground tied – saddled for today**

We had a find at about 25 minutes. Rev. waited till I got close and broke; point he chased them; there were about 40 valley quail. I ground tied Iceman, brought the pup back, and made him stand where he first pointed.

If I can do this enough times, he should stand and let me do the flushing. He is pretty good on pen- raised birds, but these are wild birds, and he still needs to learn how to handle them and the situation; we did add a horse and rider to this situation. It was a fun day of training. Regards, Nard”

**From Diane Bromenschenkel, Nampa, Idaho**

“I’m attaching some photos of Merry Go Boy to see if anyone knows who the woman is on him. I bought these original 11x14 old photographs, signed by the photographer, on eBay awhile back.”



All you sleuths out there, if you can identify this woman rider, email Diane B at:

**[dianewsf@hotmail.com](mailto:dianewsf@hotmail.com)**

**From Mike Kinder, Circleville, Ohio**

“Wet, wet here!!! Did not get video of Valentino getting ridden (he started nice)”



**Kinder's Society Bullet  
(NFF Echo's Blue Moon x Ostella's Diamond  
Ann)**

“Valentino” will be standing at stud at Kinders Walkers, Circleville, Ohio in 2012.

**From Andrea Schneider, Vilters, Switzerland**

“Please find attached a picture you may want to use in the Newsletter showing me and H.B.'s Exotic on a trail ride in perfect snow conditions. The timing was perfect to enjoy a fairy tale ride in powder snow. All the best for 2012 and keep walking.”



**H.B's Exotic & Andrea  
(Tsunia's H.B. x Supers Exotic Dancer)**

## Our Readers Write

“All I can say about poor Shellie and Mark's run in with bed bugs is OMG!!! I don't think I will ever stay in another motel. Melanie Wilson is soooo gorgeous--and the bling on her tack really looks classy on her. I love the photos of Abigail Findley on horseback. She will be one terrific rider when she is older!” Nancy Bergman, Whitehall, Wisconsin

“The hotter it gets here, the colder it gets over there. All that snow looks very attractive, but you are so welcome not to share! The monthly history lesson promises to be a great read, as usual. The annual trivia questions are way beyond me!” Henry Ferreira, Johannesburg, South Africa

“I finally had time to read them (Highlights)... I enjoyed the Christmas cards but OMG, what a nightmare that motel and bedbugs was. I never would have gotten any sleep. Probably would have gone to sleep in the car. On the first trip we made cross country, we were forced to find a motel in *east jibip* SD because of an impending tornado in the area. There were no vacancies for over 100 miles. Then we found an old one... it had cockroaches. I sat up half the night killing them” Sharon Corr, Syracuse, New York

“I enjoyed reading the Dec Highlights as usual. Bird hunting from horseback in Montana looks like a real adventure! I got a lot enjoyment out of the bed bug story from the Pacovskyi's adventure away from home too, and am glad to see ol' Jubal may be available via mail in the future. Not that I wouldn't consider another trip out to Bainville to see him, especially via the spectacular scenery of the Teddy Roosevelt National Park - that would make a great trail ride adventure one of these days. Our winter has been the easiest weather-wise that we have had in my lifetime, I rode barehanded on bare ground on January 9! Last year we needed snowshoes, hand warmers and goosedown coats just to get outside.” Mike Davis, Wabasha, Minnesota

“Herewith please find my usual un-informed comments.

We also have birding on a very limited scale - certainly not with horses. Too easy to shoot.

p 12: The upcoming Q & A session with Mrs Maxine Miller promises to be very interesting. I look forward to reading all about it in a future edition of Highlights?

p16: The fairy tale Christmas card images are very inviting, but they leave me cold.

p17: I wish I had Sun's Midnight Smokey. I would definitely be doing less shopping for 'a man in a can'.

And the Silver Bullet jus' keeps on agoin'. Hey Ho Tonto! Or was it Zorro? Old age can be so cruel.

The winsome Ms Misti is wistfully appealing as usual.

p18: I have yet to see a horse who submits to being herded by a mere dog.

Cecil would most likely strongly object to being called a 'creature'.

I am not betting on it, but if that is a youthful Nya Bates, then that is possibly a youthful Larry. RIP

p19: Is that a cunningly disguised Ms Shelby Oliver with Ms Abigail Finley? Ya wouldn't be trying to confuse a trusting old man, now would ya?

The Israeli epistle mirrors my sentiments. It somehow reminds me of the Armed Forces conscriptees' mantra:

If it moves - shoot it; If it doesn't - paint it; If it sloshes - drink it; If it wriggles - too late, jerky gets so boring.

p21: SOLD: SCW Penelope Candice - another one who got away. To France of all places.

Stoner and Rambler - No printable comments.

Kindly let me know if I have forgotten to alienate anyone. Regards, Henry” Henry Ferreira, Johannesburg, South Africa

## NEWS & CONGRATULATIONS

### Newly Certified Heritage Horses

Congratulations to the following horses and owners on accomplishing Heritage Certification. As more videos are reviewed, horses will be announced in future issues of Highlights:

Walkien Jesse Skywalker, Stallion, Owner: Charles &/or Marjorie Lacy, Edson, Alberta, Canada

Friday's Evening Star, Mare, Owner: Sandy Hoelter Almo, Lonedell, Missouri

SCW Rascal's Red Gumdrop, Filly, Owner: Shellie Pacovsky, Bainville, Montana

SCW Emily Talon, Filly, Owner: Shellie Pacovsky, Bainville, Montana

SCW Simply Glory Bound, Filly, Owner: Shellie Pacovsky, Bainville, Montana

SCW Delightful Perfection, Filly, Owner: Shellie Pacovsky, Bainville, Montana

Ostella Southern Diamond, Filly, Owner: Randy Creel, Franklinton, Louisiana

### Certified Heritage Outcross Upgrades

#### Heritage Horses Sold

The Society's Fashion Lady, aka Generose, Mare, Purchased by Wendell Frever, Iowa

#### Heritage Outcrosses Sold

Royal's Queen of Fashion, Mare, Purchased by Sandra Bullins, Altavista, Virginia. Sold by Billy Taylor, Confederate Hills Farm, Winchester, Tennessee

### Correction on last month's sales:

Ostella's Bullet's John was sold to Brandon Bailey, Petersburg, TN

Ostella's Bullet Leon was sold to Jim Cook, Alba, Alabama

**Readers seem to be enjoying the stories of every day people and their horses so we thought we'd share a couple of publications dedicated to Tennessee Walking Horses that are not show oriented:**

**Walking Horse Journal**, published bi-monthly by Four Craftsmen Publishing of Lakeside, Arizona.

**Website:** [www.fourcraftsmen.com/whj](http://www.fourcraftsmen.com/whj)

This magazine features stories on flat shod horses who are used for trail riding, endurance, and other disciplines and there are some good training articles as well.

**Canadian Walking Horse News**, is published bi-monthly by Marjorie Lacy of Alberta, Canada. The magazine is dedicated to the plain shod horse in Canada and features articles by the Heritage Society's Franne Brandon on the history of the Walking Horse breed.

**Website:** [www.walkinghorsenews.ca](http://www.walkinghorsenews.ca)

**Both of these are very good publications for people who are interested in the versatile using horse!!**

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