

In the News



Todd Minikus and Mama Lee celebrating her 90th birthday!

Lee Schiavi started spending her winters in Wellington and became a spectator fan of show jumping. One rider in particular became her favorite — “the gutsy, unstoppable **Todd Minikus**.” When Lee (better known as Mama Lee) was asked what she wanted for her 90th birthday, she answered, “After years of watching Todd jumping, I’d like to meet him in person.” Mama Lee’s close family friend, equine social media guru Alex Starke and JRPR’s **Johnny Robb** reached out to Todd, who was happy to invite Mama Lee to the farm. So Mama Lee celebrated her 90th birthday at a luncheon at the farm with Todd and Amanda Minikus. The day made her heart jump with joy.



The 2018 WIHS Youth Ambassador Ana Bertozzi

Ana Bertozzi, 16, of Leesburg, Virginia, has been selected as the 2018 Youth Ambassador for the 60th anniversary **Washington International Horse Show**. WIHS also welcomes 34 local teens who attend schools in Virginia, Maryland and D.C. to serve on the WIHS Junior Committee, presented by Signature Academics, which is now in its 10th year. Ana is a rising senior at **Rock Ridge High School** in Ashburn, Virginia, and this year will graduate from the **Monroe Technology Center**, where

she studied veterinary science. Ana is involved in Peers and Students Taking Action, Future Educators of America and Future Farmers of America. She is an active competitor, showing in equitation with her horse, **Tropic Star**, an imposing 18-hand Dutch Warmblood, and in the medium junior jumpers with **Peter Lesnik’s Bengt**. When she’s not at shows, Ana loves travel, photography and reading.



Hannah Selleck working with a horse in Join Up
Photo by Debbie Loucks

Show jumper **Hannah Selleck**, who appeared on the July cover of *Sidelines Magazine*, participated in a “Join Up” session with legendary horseman **Monty Roberts** during his The Movement Symposium at Flag Is Up Farm in Solvang, California. Monty’s Join-Up is a non-violent training method that utilizes nonverbal cues and the gestural language of the horse to create trust between horse and human. Monty and Hannah demonstrated the method in one of the highlight sessions of the two-day symposium.



Jay Duke
Photo by Forever Photography

Thanks to the power of the digital age, the knowledge and wisdom of experienced professionals like **Jay Duke**, veteran Canadian Show Jumping Team member, are accessible to all. If you need to freshen up your lesson program, troubleshoot with a difficult horse or school for a show, Jay Duke Equestrian’s Virtual Lesson subscription can help each week. Subscribers pay \$33 per month for a year-long subscription, which works out to only \$8 per weekly lesson. You get one lesson per week

delivered directly to your e-mail inbox and ready to travel straight to the ring with you. Additionally, subscribers gain access to Jay’s extensive library of exercises and tips, as well as guest lessons from contributing horse sport professionals at varying levels. Last month, subscribers received a lesson from reigning FEI World Cup champion **Beezie Madden!** A subscriber bonus is phone and video support from Jay Duke, including horse evaluations, lesson questions and more.



A Palm Beach Equine Clinic veterinarian
Photo by Jump Media

The veterinarians at the **Palm Beach Equine Clinic** are available year-round, offering comprehensive care for every equine athlete. Even while the major show circuits continue in the North, the staff at PBEC are ready to assist South Florida horse owners with routine wellness care, dentistry, pre-purchase evaluations, lameness examinations, diagnostic imaging, emergency care and surgery, preventive medicine and alternative medicine such as chiropractic and acupuncture therapies. Find out more or schedule an appointment at equineclinic.com.

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Stolen Horse International, Inc./NetPosse.com is the first and only organization dedicated to protecting all equines by providing the owners with a detailed history and ID protection record-keeping registry. The 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, located in North Carolina, was the first to offer microchip kits online directly to the horse owner and is very proud of their **NetPosse Identification Program (NIP)**. This is not just an equine microchip database for your horse. The NIP database on www.netposse.com already allows owners to record all types of identification, color, markings, skills and breed registrations, all of which helps lost, missing or stolen horses to be identified and reunited with their owners more easily. Stolen Horse International is happy to announce improvements to their equine identification registry by adding veterinary records and passport information fields. Data in the NIP registry is based on two decades of experience working with authorities and thousands of