

In the News



Ella Kunitzer and Sunni

The Dressage Foundation is pleased to announce that the Carolyn Van Cise Memorial Sportsmanship Fund Grant has been awarded to Young Rider **Ella Kunitzer** of East Grand Rapids, Michigan. Ella is a high school sophomore, member of **All Dressage Association** and **Grand River Pony Club**. She is working on achieving her C-1 rating and takes lessons with **Whitney Peterson McIntosh**. Ella intends to use the \$500 grant for "Fix-A-Test" clinic lessons with **Dolly Hannon**. The Carolyn Van Cise Memorial Sportsmanship Fund Grant is awarded annually to a Junior/Young Rider who is a current Michigan resident and best exemplifies the qualities that Carolyn found most important in life, including exhibiting the characteristics that demonstrate positive sportsmanship principles.



Jay Duke with Niceview Sporthorses clinic participants
Melissa Thorson and Tara Munroe
Photo courtesy of Tara Munroe

Renowned clinician **Jay Duke** will be traveling throughout North America conducting clinics from Alberta, Canada, to Wellington, Florida, this summer. Don't miss your opportunity to ride with Jay! Select summer dates are still available with packages ranging from one- to four-day sessions, which include training that draws on three decades of experience and includes a sampling of Jay's extensive library of flat, gymnastic and jumping exercises. Visit JayDuke.com to book your next clinic.

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Armand Leone

Armand Leone, Jr., of Leone Equestrian Law, gave a presentation on leasing horses at the 33rd Annual National Conference on Equine Law on May 2-3 in Lexington, Kentucky, at the **Keeneland Racecourse**. In his talk, "Key Clauses and Legal Issues in Horse Lease Agreements," Armand spoke about balancing risk and reward in the leasing process, confirming details of the arrangement including financial responsibility, expenses, restrictions on use, insurance, liability commissions and more.



Caitlyn Shiels teaching a lesson in Ocala, Florida
Photo by Fine Art Horses

Accomplished professional rider and trainer **Caitlyn Shiels** launched her own **True North Stables** in January 2018 and now, following a successful winter circuit in Wellington and Ocala, Florida, True North Stables is based at **Buena Vista Farm** in Zion, Illinois, for the summer season and is accepting new clients. "I'm really excited to be accepting clients of all levels and with a wide range of goals within the hunters, jumpers and equitation," said Caitlyn. "Having competed both as a junior and a professional in each, I can't wait to begin helping people set and reach their riding and competitive goals." Contact Caitlyn at inquire@truenorthstables.com.



Annie Heise



Susan Friedland-Smith

Actress, equestrian and clothing designer **Annie Heise**, featured on the cover of the August 2017 issue of **Sidelines**, recently held a launch party in Santa Monica, California, for the release of her **Two Bits Equestrian** clothing line. The Two Bits Equestrian Launch Event was attended by many equestrians, including saddleseekhorse.com blogger and **Sidelines** writer **Susan Friedland-Smith**, who was so excited about her new Two Bits sweatshirt that she wore it home from the party.