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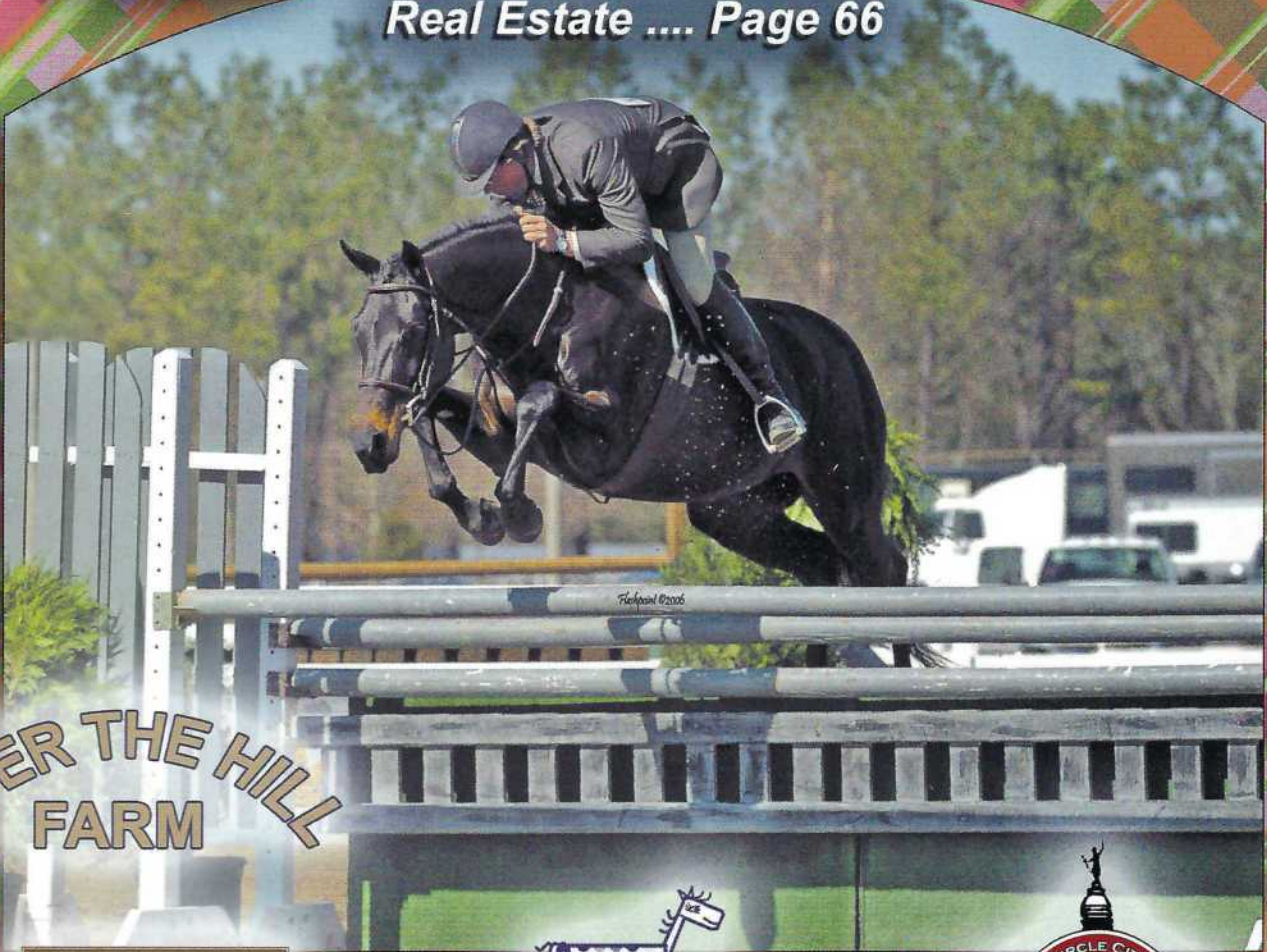
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# BUDDY'S TAIL...



I'm majorly excited to be celebrating the 3 year anniversary of The Plaid Horse. The magazine has grown a lot over the past years and we have lots of new advertisers, plus many loyal ones that have been with us from the start. We are very lucky to have so many great people work with us and help us with the magazine. I'm thrilled to be a columnist still...especially after I found typos in my column last month. I better pay more attention to my job! Even though we practice nepotism around here- I could still get laid off!

Now speaking about getting laid off- I thought I might tell a certain designer that he ought to check his files better. Photoshop can have secret layers that can be seen when a file opens- you don't want any hidden pictures in there- hidden below another file- that wouldn't be appropriate for people to see! No naming names here- I'm sure you will know who you are. But wow---what pictures---good that your customer didn't know what was under her horse photos!!!!

We have a few fun things in this month. We have some great dog pictures and also some dog companies advertising some very neat products. Every horse lover seems to have at least one dog. There are three in our family. They run around in my pasture sometimes...last year one stole the ball that someone sent me. I got it back and then somehow one of the other horses squished it...nice, huh? Anyway...besides dogs in this issue...we have some pink fashions and products for spring. We wanted a pair of pink breeches in the feature too- but it seems that they get sold so quickly at the shops- no one has a picture of them.

If you bought a pair- send us a picture! Missy will love the pink. She is a little Diva. Her birthday is this month too! She will be 33 on the 26th. She might be mad that I'm telling her age- but hopefully not. I think she ought to be proud. She looks great! Maybe I will buy her something so she can look "pretty in pink" this spring too.

Speaking of lovely ladies, I have had the pleasure of interviewing a very amazing mare named Sinners Prayer this month. She was kind enough to take time out of her busy show schedule to talk to me and answer some questions. She has been showing very successfully this season in the Second Year Greens. She was Circuit Champion in Pensacola too. She is ridden by Russel Frey who is no stranger to the winners circle either. Maybe I will get to meet her at Devon. I will have to ask her if she will be going. I hope you enjoy the interview. I think many publications neglect the equine side of the interviews. They interview just the riders and trainers- but who do they think is doing all the work?! Yes...my point exactly...the horse!

Dear Sinners Prayer,

Thank you for agreeing to let me ask you some questions for the next issue of The Plaid Horse.

**B:** What do your friends call you at home?

**SP:** My friends call me Riffen, but Russell calls me Beauty Queen.

**B:** Where are you from originally?

**SP:** Bavaria

**B:** Who are your parents?

**SP:** My mom is Doreen and my Dad is Jazz Time.

**B:** How tall are you?

**SP:** 16.2 Hands

**B:** What is your favorite snack?

**SP:** Peppermints...but I try to stick to carrots and apples to maintain my girlish figure.

**B:** Where is your favorite place to perform?

**SP:** Almost any ring outside of Texas.

**B:** Did you always know you wanted to be a show horse?

**SP:** No, it made me very nervous at first.



**B:** Did you have any big challenges on your road to success?

**SP:** Oh yes, adjusting to the hustle and bustle of moving to different show grounds and a new environment was a little stressful at first...though I found it very exciting.

**B:** If you were to do something other than be a show horse, what would you like to do?

**SP:** Be a model, it sounds so glamorous!

**B:** What type of bit do you like to wear?

**SP:** A very soft one. I'm very sensitive you know.

**B:** Do you like being all braided up to show?

**SP:** Yes, of course, it enhances my beauty.

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**B:** What do you do to get ready for a show/performance?

**SP:** I eat a very good breakfast which includes alfalfa. I then get out for a little exercise and check out the ring to make sure the jumps are in the right places and then get cleaned up for my performance.

**B:** Generally, are you the same at home as you are at a show?

**SP:** No, at home I'm much more laid back. At the shows I have to be focused.

**B:** What do you like to do between horse shows?

**SP:** Hang out with the girls and talk about the boys.

**B:** What type of music do you like?

**SP:** Anything relaxing, no country, except Vince Gill. And I love Celine Dion.

**B:** How would you describe yourself?

**SP:** Easy to be around and a good sense of humor. But I really love being pampered (massages, manicures, rolling in the sand pit)... just bring it on!

**B:** Is there anything you would like to talk about that I have not asked- Special interests, pet peeves, likes or dislikes, friends, etc?

**SP:** Well, since you asked...I really dislike the cheap prizes given at shows for all my outstanding performances. Many of the people that run horse shows act like they really do not appreciate all the money owners spend at their shows and getting to their shows. What happened to the nice halters for championships and coolers for classics and prix's? My owner's son brought home a ribbon from his Spelling B larger than my championship ribbons! I also dislike the blue and red ribbon rounds! Please, you either win or you don't.

Thank you so much for chatting with me "Riffen." It's nice to get a glimpse into the personality and life of such a super star. I hope to get to hang out with you sometime. I promise to bring lots of pep-permits for you! Keep up your winning ways and Happy Grazing to you!

**BUDDY**

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