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- **Early registration:**
Within 365 days of foaling
- **Yearling registration:**
Dec. 31 of yearling year
- **Stallion registration:**
April 30 of year breeding
- **Broodmare domicile report:**
Oct. 15 prior to year foaling or
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Willow Lake Farm A true piece of equine heaven

By Nikki Sherman



The Philadelphia metropolitan area is one of the most populous in the nation with more than five million people currently living in the region. To the north of the city is a cluster of suburbs that are continuously growing often taking over valuable former green space. For example, millions of people rely on the sprawling King of Prussia Mall to complete their holiday shopping before enjoying dinner at five-star restaurants on the wealthy Main Line along the Blue Route. Yet despite the massive overall growth in the region there is still one place to find young foals frolicking in gorgeous rolling hills.

Nestled just a few miles from King of Prussia in the heart of Montgomery County lays Willow Lake Farm where the owners have been wholly committed to preserving the land. The family pur-

chased the property in the 1930s and has lived in the three-hundred-year-old home ever since. Jane O'Neil retained ownership of Willow Lake Farm before selling the property to her daughter Ellen Lea twenty-five years ago. At the same time, the family chose to donate much of the property to the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association. Today, local residents can leave the hustle and bustle of modern day life behind and enjoy the more than fifty acres of untouched forest and wetlands that border the farm.

Living in the main residence are Ellen and her husband Dr. Dale Schilling, who breed and race thoroughbreds under the name Ellendale Racing LLC. Since 2003, the couple has owned the winners of more than \$2 million despite only keeping a handful of broodmares, which tend to

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have fewer foals than at the larger breeding farms.

"We try to only breed our mares every other year," says Schilling, who is a well-respected equine veterinarian in the area. "It's better for them overall."

Their broodmares have rewarded their patience heartily, including a Cryptoclearance mare named Clearthedancefloor. Schilling purchased the mare at the 1999 Keeneland Horses of All Age Sale for \$20,000, noting her dam Music Queen was a multiple stakes winner. Clearthedancefloor was in foal to El Prado (IRE) at the time and while the couple sold the resulting filly named Garden Dance as a yearling, they did receive breeder bonuses when the PA-Bred finished on the board in multiple stakes events at Philadelphia Park. Garden Dance would go on to produce 2015 graded stakes winner White Rose.

After a year off, Clearthedancefloor foaled a Carnivalay filly named All Dolled Up, who won seven of twenty-two starts including the 2006 Mrs. Penny Stakes at Philadelphia Park. Also in 2006 at Philadelphia Park, a Malibu Moon gelding homebred named Pocomoonshine captured the Lyman Sprint Championship Handicap for Ellendale Racing.

All Dolled Up retired to Willow Lake Farm in 2007 and immediately produced a

flashy bay filly by the young stallion Arch. Named Sixth and Arch, she won four races and finished on the board in the Northern Fling Stakes at Presque Isle Downs and the Mrs. Penny Stakes at Parx Racing. All Dolled Up also produced a Mizzen Mast filly named Forbidden Drive who now resides at the farm as a broodmare alongside her sister. Sixth and Arch produced a Majestic Warrior filly in 2015 named Where You Was.

Ellendale Racing's best homebred by far is Roadhog, who has earned well over \$650,000. The son of Bowman's Band was impressive right from the start of his career at age three. He broke his maiden at Monmouth Park before taking back-to-back PA-Bred scores at Philadelphia Park, including an easy two-length victory in the \$75,000 Alphabet Soup Handicap. The Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association promptly crowned him the 2010 Pennsylvania-Bred Champion Three-Year-Old Male. In 2012, Roadhog also took the \$75,000 Robellino Stakes at Penn National and the \$100,000 Maryland Million Turf Stakes at Laurel Park.

But it was 2013 that would really put Roadhog in the history books. The chestnut gelding gets the winter off each year where he spends a few months back home at Willow Lake Farm, and it took him a few starts to get

back into top form. Finally in July, Roadhog hit his best stride with an emphatic four-length victory in the \$75,000 Leemat Stakes at Presque Isle Downs, then was given a huge opportunity in a stakes-level allowance event at Saratoga Race Course where he finished a solid fourth behind eventual millionaire Slumber (GB). It turned out to be the perfect prep for his fall campaign. Roadhog was reunited with one of his favorite riders Kendrick Carmouche for a repeat attempt in the Alphabet Soup Handicap and the duo found the winner's circle again by a half-length.

One month later would be the most difficult race of his life as Roadhog returned to Laurel Park to defend his title in the Maryland Million Turf Stakes. The overwhelming favorite was the popular gelding Ben's Cat, who had captured the last three Maryland Million Turf Sprint Handicaps for Hall of Fame trainer King Leatherbury. The sprint division had been discontinued for 2013, so Ben's Cat was entered in the longer turf race. However, Roadhog refused to relinquish his title as the two geldings gave fans one of the most exciting finishes in Maryland Million history, with Roadhog digging in valiantly during the final strides to catch Ben's Cat by a neck.

"That was the most excited I've ever been," remembers Ellen Lea.

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A few words from the Executive Secretary



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Stallion Auction**
January 28, 29 and 30, 2016

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The two-year old stakes at PENN and PARX, which were the last of the year for PA-Breds, were super exciting. The fillie's race at PENN was won very convincingly by Behrnik's Bank. This was only her second start after breaking her maiden in a special weight by 18 lengths. Rumors that her owner Peter Kazamias turned down \$650,000 before the race could be heard at the track. Someone else mentioned that she could be another Princess of Sylmar. We won't know about that for a little while, but it's sure great to be able to cross our fingers and hope for another great PA-Bred. The boy's race at PARX came down to another clash between Morning Fire and Bird of Trey, which is named after the grandson

of JRita Young Thoroughbred's Trey. In their previous two meetings, the Cindy Hipple-bred Morning Fire came out on top, but that was not the case in the Nursery. The John Servis-trained Bird of Trey came off the turn in full stride and would draw clear to win by 7 1/4 lengths. Trey was represented in the winner's circle by a cardboard cutout held by his grandmother Rita. Please remember that our 6th Annual Stallion Season Auction will be held on thoroughlybred.com January 28th, 29th and 30th.



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2015 PA-Bred Stakes Schedule with Results

ALL BREEDING FUND STAKES WILL INCLUDE A 25% PA-SIRED BONUS FOR 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD.
Proposed 2015 schedule – dates and conditions for all the PA-Bred Stakes are subject to change.
Please contact the Racing Offices for the most current schedules.

Sat., May 2	\$75,000 Lyman H , 3 & up, 7 fur.
Parx	1st-A Fleet Attitude, 2nd-Kobel, 3rd-Yougotthatgoinforu
	\$75,000 Foxy J. G. S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur.
	1st-Power of Snunner, 2nd-Shoplift, 3rd-Fat Kat
Sat., May 30	\$75,000 Lyphard S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Penn	1st-Royal Renege, 2nd-Lenape Rim, 3rd-Bound
Fri., June 12	\$75,000 Danzig S , 3YO, 6 fur.
Penn	1st-Amplified, 2nd-Instructor Kunu, 3rd-Duff
	\$75,000 New Start S , 3YO fillies, 6 fur.
	1st-Capar Girl, 2nd-C R S Angels, 3rd-Rockin Jojo
Sun., July 12,	\$75,000 Leematt S , 3 & up, 1 mi.
PID	1st-Dynamic Strike, 2nd-Roadhog, 3rd-Forward Thinker
	\$75,000 Northern Fling S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 mi.
	1st-Henny Jenney, 2nd-Power of Snunner, 3rd-Bound
Sat., July 25,	\$75,000 Crowd Pleaser S , 3YO, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Parx	1st-Saham, 2nd-Cat Humor, 3rd-Street Fashion
	\$75,000 Power by Far S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 5 fur., turf
	1st-Kiss the Daddy, 2nd-Previous Honor, 3rd-Royal Renege
Sun., Aug. 9,	\$75,000 Malvern Rose S , 3YO fillies, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
PID	1st-R Frosty One, 2nd-Zig Zag, 3rd-Valued Strike
Sat., Aug. 22,	\$75,000 Robellino S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Penn	1st-Page McKenney, 2nd-Willy d'Rocket, 3rd-Athelstane
Sat., Sept. 5	\$100,000 Marshall Jenney H , 3 & up, 5 fur., turf
Parx	1st-This Ain't No Bull, 2nd-Chief Exchanger, 3rd-El Seventyseven
PA Day At Races	\$100,000 Roanoke S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
	1st-Duff, 2nd-Page McKenney, 3rd-Grasshoppin
	\$100,000 Mrs. Penny S-Div. 1 , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
	1st-R Frosty One, 2nd-Al's Gal, 3rd-Devilish Love
	\$100,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S , 3YO fillies, 7 fur.
	1st-Discreet Senorita, 2nd-Busy Busy Busy, 3rd-Capar Girl
	\$100,000 Mrs. Penny S-Div. 2 , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
	1st-Kitten's Point, 2nd-Emotional Kitten, 3rd-Keystone Kelly
Sun., Sept. 6,	\$75,000 Mark McDermott S , 2YO, 6 fur.
PID	1st-Balk, 2nd-Morning Fire, 3rd-Bella Flor
Sat., Sept. 19,	\$100,000 Alphabet Soup H , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Parx	1st-Uncle Dave, 2nd-Beyond Smart, 3rd-Forward Thinker
Sun., Sept. 20,	\$75,000 Mrs. Henry D. Paxson Memorial S , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
PID	1st-Imply, 2nd-Bella Flor, 3rd-Hey Monba
Sat., Oct. 10	\$75,000 Plum Pretty S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
Parx	1st-Bound, 2nd-Primo Via, 3rd-Maybe Tonight
Wed., Nov. 25,	\$75,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
Penn	1st-Behrnk's Bank, 2nd-lts a Journey, 3rd-Hey Monba
Sat., Dec. 5,	\$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery S , 2YO, 7 fur.
Parx	1st-Bird of Trey, 2nd-Morning Fire, 3rd-Wychmere
	Total: \$1,825,000

PA-Bred Fund Statistics: Top Earners

(January 1, 2015 through October 31, 2015, rounded to dollars)

LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Owner	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Owner	Total
Northview Stallion Station Inc	759	289,078	0	289,837	George Strawbridge Jr	139,791	22,771	0	162,563
Michael W Jester	143,041	106,520	0	249,561	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	108,688	51,321	0	160,009
William J Solomon VMD	79,101	119,758	0	198,859	The Elkstone Group LLC	147,383	0	10,500	157,883
Pewter Stable	143,477	37,464	0	180,941	Thomas G McClay	157,573	0	0	157,573
Barlar LLC	118,598	49,472	0	168,070	Charles A Cuprill	103,184	34,087	0	137,270
Xanthus Farms Inc	157,840	8,541	0	166,381	Arrowwood Farm Inc	124,851	0	0	124,851

LEADING STALLIONS

Fund Money includes Stallion Awards only

Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total	Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total
Jump Start	Northview Stallion Station Inc	256	121,344	E Dubai	Barlar LLC	94	49,472
Fairbanks	Northview Stallion Station Inc	241	84,016	Smarty Jones	Patricia L Chapman	94	49,231
Medallist	Northview Stallion Station Inc	139	69,582	Ecclesiastic	Walmac Stud Managem't LLC	166	44,901
Talent Search	Kenneth L Ramsey	106	58,593	Activist	Judith M Barrett	118	38,893
Cat Thief	Michael W Jester	209	55,538	Congressionalhonor	Pewter Stable	93	37,464
Weigelia	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	111	51,321	Southern Success	Barbara A Rickline	48	31,405

LEADING HORSES

Fund Money includes: PA-Bred Races, Breeder, Stallion and Owner Awards and PA-Bred Owner-Bonus Payments

Horse	Pedigree	Breeder	Races	PA-Bred Restricted Purse	PA-Bred Stakes Purse	Total Breeder Award	Total Stallion Award	Total Owner Award	Total Owner Bonus	Total Fund Amount
R Frosty One *	Southern Success - I'm The Mary	Gayle B Gerth Trust	9	0	105,000	68,416	22,805	0	14,360	210,581
Discreet Seniorita	Discreet Cat - Seniorita Louisa	Dun Roamin Farm Inc	9	0	60,000	49,552	0	0	37,360	146,912
Bound *	Jump Start - China Sky	Barlar LLC	5	0	82,500	35,348	11,783	0	0	129,630
Kiss The Daddy	Scat Daddy - Kiss The Breeze	The Elkstone Group LLC	13	0	45,000	35,138	0	0	32,940	113,078
Pink Princess *	Weigelia - Katarica Disco	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	10	0	0	54,059	18,020	0	38,453	110,532
Uncle Dave	Langfuhr - Party Queen	Nelson E Clemmens	6	0	60,000	31,640	0	0	18,400	110,040
Power Of Snunner *	Power By Far - Snunner	James M Courtney	4	0	60,000	31,380	10,460	0	0	101,840
Balk	Street Boss - Countingoncarolynn	The Elkstone Group LLC	6	21,600	45,000	26,053	0	6,000	0	98,653
Page McKenney *	Eavesdropper - Winning Grace	James E Bryant	2	0	65,000	24,375	8,125	0	0	97,500
Grasshoppin *	Cat Thief - Sweetheart Sami	Michael W Jester	10	0	17,750	41,142	13,714	0	21,840	94,446
Imply *	E Dubai - Allude	Barlar LLC	3	0	45,000	29,457	9,819	0	10,080	94,356
This Ain't No Bull	Holy Bull - Disco Darlin'	Classic Thoroughbred XVIII LLC	4	0	60,000	21,840	0	0	12,200	94,040

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Schilling teases her about the tears of happiness streaming down her face after the victory. "But if you call me and it goes to voice-mail, you'll hear the call of the race," he notes with a laugh. "That was an amazing day."

Roadhog is still in training for Ellendale and his dam Little Wing is still at Willow Lake Farm. She has a yearling by Shackelford who Schilling claims is the biggest yearling he has ever seen. He prefers to geld all of their colts at an early age so the youngster is already castrated, though you wouldn't be able to tell

by looking at him by his size. He is now named Big Shack.

To see Willow Lake Farm is like stepping into a twisted time portal. There are the gorgeous paddocks and elegant old homestead, but if you step around the back of the house, you'll see the family's newest way of preserving the environment. Five years ago, they installed solar panels on the property to handle the electricity both in the house and the barns. The sun now provides over 90% of power to the property and in the summer the panels

even produce excess energy.

It may be hard to believe that such a place exists when driving down Butler Pike, especially for newcomers looking to hike or ride the trails of the Willow Lake Preserve: parking is located in the lot of a brand new CVS Pharmacy. But once you enter the farm gates, you'll realize that you have arrived in a true piece of equine heaven right in the middle of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.