

Stallions



Of tremendous influence on our breeding program from 1993 until his death in 2007, **The Pride Piper** was a direct son of the incomparable Pride of Midnight H.F., certainly the dominant Walking Horse sire of the modern era, and out of an Ebony's Senator mare. "Piper" was bred by Don Bell and owned for the first fourteen years of his life by Steve and Mary Jane Wirts, standing on their farm near Washington, Indiana. Reserve Lite Shod champion in the National Celebration when he was seven, Piper had by then amassed model, lite-shod, and plantation championships and was proving himself an exceptional sire of natural, beautiful colts. His athletic ability was astounding. His colts tend to be large with good bone, yet elegant refinement, nice dispositions, and petite, beautiful heads. Piper's progeny are known nationally and in Switzerland, Austria, and Israel. [\[papers\]](#)



Piper's Pride of Absaroka was lost to us on July 3, 2020 and the age of twenty-three. The following is the description, unchanged, of this wonderful horse who did so much for our operation. Piper's Pride of Absaroka is the result of twenty-one years of breeding. The story of this young stallion with knockout looks and regal presence started with our quest for outstanding mares. We found a foundation mare directly by Mack K.'s Handshaker out of a mare by Merry Boy that was carrying a foal by a Rodger's Perfection stallion. The foal born was Absaroka Midnight Mack, the "stud colt" of my book *Sketches from the Ranch: A Montana Memoir*. We also purchased a direct daughter of Sun's Delight named Delight's Peggy Sue. Unfortunately, both "Mack" and Peggy Sue came to untimely deaths, but not before producing perhaps our very best mare, Absaroka Suzy. After Mack's death, we purchased The Pride Piper, and bred him to Suzy, resulting in Piper's Pride of Absaroka. Pride is 15.2 and has every conformational asset we've ever wanted: extremely short back, laid-back shoulder, Piper's muscular hindquarters and shoulders, and an ultra-natural running walk. My personal training project, Pride has become a ranch stallion, beautiful enough for the show ring but not above doing honest work checking the cows during calving. He won five ribbons at his first show the day after bringing our cows down from summer range, and has been used for rigorous mountain rides, where his gaits smooth out the mountain trails. Stud fee is **\$700** with live foal guarantee. [\[papers\]](#) [\[additional picture\]](#)



Absaroka Silver Dollar is the result of another quest. I admired the noted stallion Silver Design, and not only for his beautiful dappled grey color (though I certainly have a weakness for grey) but for his beautiful conformation. I was also told that Silver Design, though shown as a built-up horse, was extremely natural in gait. I purchased two breedings by shipped semen to Silver Design, asking stallion manager Carl Thompson about his first choice of mares to breed to the stallion. "Those by Another Masterpiece," he answered, "and I know you've got one." He was referring to our beloved mare Star Wars, who he'd met years earlier (and tried to buy) on a trip to Montana. We got two wonderful horse colts from Silver Design. The second, from Star Wars, is Absaroka Silver Dollar, a laid-back dappled grey, stocky and powerful yet loose in gait. Dollar was extremely easy to train and exhibits a powerful running walk and rocking chair canter. Finding anything that can spook him is a challenge. A powerful 15.2, Dollar weighs approximately 1100 pounds and sires large foals. Stud fee is **\$700** with live foal guarantee. [\[papers\]](#) [\[additional picture\]](#)



An Officer & A Gentleman was a recently acquired elegant senior stallion, grey, with excellent pedigree. We're very pleased with our first foals from him, one for us and several for clients. Stud fee is **\$700**. [[papers](#)]



Buck's Gold Nugget (Pal) is a big, rugged palomino stallion from the last colt crop of The Buck Starts Here, who stood for many years at the Holmes Farm in Missouri. He's a big, strapping stallion, 16 hands at age three, whose first foal (Absaroka Gold Dust) is spectacular. We now have three additional mares in foal to him for spring 2024. Stud fee is **\$700**. [\[papers\]](#)





Timber of Bee Tree is the newest addition to our growing “stud farm.” Another collaboration with friend Billy Oley, Timber is a registered Suffolk stallion, ten years old, a proven sire, and a working animal who was superbly trained on a Mississippi farm. We’ll be standing him at stud to answer the growing demand here in the west for part-draft stock. Standing 15.3 at around 1400 pounds, Timber is the ideal size to put heft and bone on the foals of western mares of various breeds. Meanwhile, we’re enjoying hooking him to the wagon with his new friend Sis, Tennessee Walking Horse Belgian cross. Stud fee will be **\$700** with a live foal guarantee.