



Rohde honored
Students at Thelsen Middle School have planted a tree in honor of former principal, Cliff Rohde.
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Bessie Allen
Students of North Fond du Lac middle school were cited for their academic excellence at an honors ceremony May 17.
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\$1 million
A chance to become a millionaire is being offered in the hole-in-one event at Walleye Weekend this year.
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Horses, hope, grit

by Harvey Moss

In the movie "South Pacific," scored by Rodgers and Hammerstein, there was a song titled "Happy Talk." A part of that song said, "If you don't have a dream, how you 'gonna make a dream come true." The movie represented an era in American history where people did have dreams and visions and worked to make them come true.

Thirty-two-year-old Tim Wiskow, of Fond du Lac, is an energetic individual who may be a throwback to those great times because he does have a dream, one begun when he was a young boy and, if intent and dedication mean anything, he will see his dream come true.

For Tim, it all began with a dream of having a pony. His family lived on a farm and he was told that he could have that pony. However, before he could obtain the animal, his family moved into the city of Fond du

Lac where Tim completed high school at Winnebago Lutheran Academy.

"My parents promised me a pony for my birthday in 1976. But our home burned down and they moved into town," Tim said. Recently, however, they purchased some land outside town. "They bought some land in the Town of Forest and said, get your horse. Needless to say, they weren't expecting Clydesdales. But it worked out because my dad said his dream was also to have a team of draught horses."

The huge Clydesdale didn't top the list when Tim began looking. "I was looking at different types of horses. It took a year but I couldn't find a horse that fit my need. Then I saw an ad for baby Clydesdales. It intrigued me. I looked at them and 30-minutes later bought two 14-month old mares," Tim said. "Basically, I fell in love with them."

Later, Tim had an opportunity to purchase a stallion

and decided it would be a good purchase that would help him "grow" his herd. He had to wait awhile, though, as the stallion was only 10-months old.

The decision to grow the herd was also based on a dream; a vision to provide rides to youth and special needs people who otherwise wouldn't have the opportunity to experience being up close with a horse as large as a Clydesdale.

"My dream was, first, to start a wagon service to use for weddings and events. But there were a couple of life-changing events in my life. As a young adult, I had abdominal cancer, and survived a serious auto accident. Those things formed my desire to do things for others, to make others happy," Tim said.

It took a friend to help get Tim focused. "A friend of mine asked me what I would do if I ever won the lottery and could do anything I wanted. After some

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Tim Wiskow holds the reins of three Clydesdales which he hopes to eventually use to pull a wagon and offer rides as well as other hands-on opportunities for youth and special needs people. He has formed the Whisper Hill Clydesdales Special Needs Foundation to assist him in his dream of being able to provide these services.

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