

the next turn, and seemed to guide Dude as much with her thoughts as her actions.

When she aimed, it was as though her entire body was pointing like an arrow at the balloon. I was in the arena taking photographs, and noticed a strange sound would come and go. It took awhile for me to realize it was Kathy humming to herself as she ripped at full tilt around the course.

Kathy's immediate goals are simply to keep riding and competing. Her grades are good because, as Jim said very firmly, "If she doesn't do well in school, she can't ride." Eventually Kathy wants to become a "veterinarian, horse-trainer, farrier and rancher."

She loves all animals but said, "Horses are the best. I want to be able to take care of them myself." She said some travel might be nice but wants to stay in the area of southeast New Mexico. My impression was that Kathy will be able to do anything she puts

her mind to doing. As I said, the ending of this story has yet to be written.

After a delightful evening of bar-becue and conversation, it was time to lower the flag and head on home. The kids had tired themselves out on the trampoline. This was the third one they've had to buy, after wearing out the previous two. For the Hollmanns and the Barkers, that was just fine because this was all about bringing up their children right. Their healthy lifestyle and work with horses was a deliberate choice intended to teach them self-confidence, respect for others, and honor of family and country.

See the centerspread for more photos of A Family Affair.



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Kathy "Morning Dove" Hollmann Recent Competitions

2006

- ◆ New Mexico State Women's Champion (SASS) for top overall female rider
- ◆ Smoke In The Valley (SASS), 2nd place Junior Division
- ◆ Rio Grande Mounted Rustlers Stampede (CMSA), 1st place Junior Division
- ◆ End Of Trail (SASS World Championship), 2nd place Junior Division
- ◆ Cimarron Mule Days NM/CO Border War, 2nd place Junior Division
- ◆ SASS Invitational, 1st place Junior Division
- ◆ Winter Range (SASS National Championship), 3rd place Junior Division.

2005

- ◆ Cowboy Symposium (CMSA), 1st place Junior Division
- ◆ Smoke In The Valley (SASS), 1st place Junior Division
- ◆ Rio Grande Mounted Rustlers Stampede, 1st place Junior Division
- ◆ Hell On Wheels (SASS) High Plains Regional Championship, 1st place Buckaroo Division
- ◆ SASS Invitational, 1st place Buckaroo Division
- ◆ Chisholm Range War (CMSA), 1st place Wrangler Division
- ◆ End Of Trail (SASS World Championship), 1st place Buckarette Division