

# BOX HANGING THREE RANCH

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*Specializing in Midnight Sun bloodlines  
Mountain-Bred Registered Tennessee Walking Horses*



Our Brood Mares Last Spring. Photo Credit: Babak Dowlatshahi

## **DOWN MEMORY LANE: SEVERAL UNUSUAL FOALINGS.**

We aim of course to be always in control of the foaling season: knowing when each mare is due, separating mares due from other mares, stalling “heavies” at night with an attendant, and so on.

Now-a-days we have stall cameras to monitor mares due and, a “night foaler” to be present when parturition is immanent. The following incidents are before all of the above.

Many years ago we had a mare across the Wind River, somewhat downstream, when I decided it was time to bring her back near the buildings and people to keep an eye on her. I crossed the Wind on a bridge, halter in hand, only to see the mare I wanted crossing by herself. The river was in flood stage as usual in May. May is when we always foal.

I rushed back to the north side of the river only to see the mare streaking west toward Wagon Box Lane. As this was decades ago there were no fences to impede her until she met the buck-and-pole fence along the lane. As I rushed puffing to her aid the mare lay down calmly and a healthy foal immersed.

I learned that day who is really in charge of the equine birth event.

Some years later we had a few broodmares across the river upstream of our headquarters. The day I decided to bring one “heavy” home the Wind River was also in flood. But when I arrived the mare in question was nowhere to be seen. I began a panicky search for her, alerting others to spread out to find her. An hour or so later I checked the Mare Pasture east of the barns. And

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there she was with her mare buddies, a foal up and sucking, and all calm and in order on equine terms rather than human control. This mare had floated the flood until she reached her exit place, battled towards shore and proceeded to join her preferred companions.

Finally, very close to the house were some pregnant mares with a few younger mares we were checking to breed as they showed estrus. I checked hourly to see if all was well. On my last



Golda with newborn foal .... Sweetie.

sortie I saw all the mares in a circle. At the center of the ring was a mare down and straining. A young inexperienced mare tried to muscle through the matriarchs, only to be sent back out with a bite to her flanks. Those older mares were forming a safe space for the event they knew was about to happen.

The matriarchs were in charge, and I knew my role that day was to respect their experience, and to be a quiet spectator. Human hubris gave way that day to learned humility.



Sweetie 7 months later.

### IN ALL FAIRNESS (A RE-PRINT)

In all fairness, horses come in two genders, as do all mammals. So why do we hear over and over again, “I only want a gelding. **No** mares”? I have talked to many people about this and have found that there is a real prejudice against mares. When pressed, these horsemen, who are usually fair and tolerant of faiths other than their own, different nationalities, and women of the human species, utter variations on the following statements: “Mares are trouble makers,” “Mares behave crankily when they are in heat,” or “I don’t know. I have always ridden geldings, and I don’t want to breed and raise foals.”

Here on the Box Hanging Three Ranch, it has been our experience that mares’ heat cycles are undetectable unless the mares are teased to a stallion. Our trainers never notice behavior changes in the mares they are training. Our family horses are pastured with mares, geldings, and two former breeding stallions, now gelded, and we never notice bad behavior.

Longtime horseman, Moir Bennett of North Carolina emailed this comment, “I guess I really prefer mares because they seem to be somewhere between a calm stallion and a calm gelding ... I believe good mares come from their breeding (good bloodlines) and from the way their owners handle them. I have always heard it said that you can judge a horse by looking at its owner ... As you know I have just purchased my third mare, which seems to possess the same quality and disposition of the other Tennessee Walkers that I have owned over the past 30 years.”

Former Box Hanging Three trainer, Ann Mebane prefers and always buys mares for both dressage and trail. John Kadow, from the state of Washington, usually chooses mares.

Speaking as breeders who at foaling time welcome both sexes into the world, we appeal to the horse owning public to examine their prejudices and give our beautiful, gentle and well behaved mares a chance.



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## TELEPHONE HOURS: 8AM-12PM

We check email throughout the day, so this is the best way to reach us. Voice mail is not as fool proof because the program fails to alert me in a forceful way! I am usually at my desk from 8:00 a.m. mountain time to 12:00 noon. We welcome your calls.

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## VISITING HOURS

Please call ahead! Ranch hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY. On Saturdays and Sundays, trainers are not available to demonstrate young horses under saddle. So plan to visit Dubois soon.

## ACTION ON YOUTUBE

We are now showing our horses on YouTube. If there are several horses you would like to see mounted and ridden we can video them, then put them on YouTube for you. A link will appear on our message to you. All you need is an email account and a computer or smart phone on which to view what we send. All we need is your name and email address along with one or two horses you would like to see for comparison.

This is a neat and quick way to send a visual horse choosing experience by YouTube technology.

## HAS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGED?

If you have moved recently or are planning to move in the near future and would like to continue to receive the Box Hanging Three newsletter, please let us know your new address. You can send your information by email ([mtnwalker@wyoming.com](mailto:mtnwalker@wyoming.com)), or by snail mail (PO Box 708, Dubois, WY 82513). If you would like to be removed from our mailing list, please let us know.

## BUYING OUR HORSES

It has just evolved over the years that many of our owners like to choose a yearling from our sales list and then leave it here for boarding and training. Usually, the customer puts something down (1/3 or less) on the horse, then pays the board, vet, and farrier expenses, as well as the training fees. It is a kind of pay-as-you-go plan that suits people's pocketbooks and provides a cash flow for us. WE APPRECIATE QUARTERLY PAYMENTS ON THE PURCHASE PRICE. The pedigree is transferred when the purchase price is completely paid.

WE EMPHASIZE that we cannot be legally responsible for the loss of horses under our care. We take meticulous care of your new mount, and that is all we can humanly do.

## RATES

Training (per month; four month minimum)	\$600.00
Yearling Training	300.00
Board for other Horses (per month)	150.00
Grain (per month)	30.00
Trimming	30.00
Shoeing	125.00
Transfer Fees	140.00

## OUR TRAINERS & CREW



**MARTIN KURASZ** has been with us for 34 years. Before this, he trained several horses from the trotting breeds, including a mustang captured off the Wind River Indian Reservation. Martin's education to the Walking Horse's four-beat running walk came

initially through "on-the-job training" and what might be called "seat of the pants" learning: that is experiencing the feel of the gait and intuiting how to achieve a perfected running walk or rocking chair canter. Martin attended one of the late Diane Gueck's week long clinics in Sherwood, Oregon, for more intense learning about this breed, but he has also taken advantage of Quarter Horse clinics, saying, "You can always pick up something new or useful from someone else." A young horse "finished" by Martin is as easy riding as a colt can be.



**ERIC THOMPSON** was raised in New Mexico and growing up, was always around horses. As a high school student, he worked part-time for a guest ranch. When he entered the University of Wyoming as a geology major, he worked for an

outfit that took in problem horses to be rehabilitated and screened for talent. Eric is married to a native Dubois gal, Johanna Wells, also a geology major, and is part of a family that hosts the University of Miami geology summer programs. We know you will be glad to meet him when you visit the ranch.



**BETH VOSLER** came to Dubois from Ohio with her husband, Joel, who began work with the National Museum of Military Vehicles in our valley, a new draw for military buffs world wide. Beth works with imprinting and gentling our foals, grooming and handling all ages of horses on the ranch. She is

also our gardener in season and queen of our modest greenhouse in winter. Handfuls of tomatoes from her hands brighten our winter salads and BLTs. Beth is a smiling, helpful presence on the ranch, and we are happy that she came West to us.

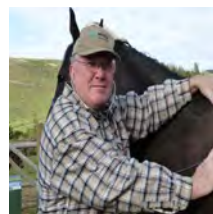


**DR. CAROLYN COPELAND**

of East Fork Veterinary Services take good care of our horses. Dr. Copeland is available for emergencies, pre-purchase exams, and all routine veterinary work.



Foal Tickling



**DR. TIMOTHY GRAHAM**

During Dr. Copeland's vacation, we are privileged to have Dr. Tim caring for her practice. As we looked for a locum tenens (substitute medical person), we were referred to Tim by the state veterinarian and longtime friend Dr. Jim Logan. Locum tenens is Dr. Tim's full time occupation. He is licensed in several states besides his home state of Wyoming. He has many years' experience in both small and large animal medicine. While in Dubois, he serves the whole community as well as this ranch. Thank you, Dr. Tim!

## POLICIES

A transfer fee on each horse sold includes transfer, health certificate, and negative coggins test. This surcharge will be added to the quoted purchase price.

Terms of purchase: Personal checks are welcome as down payments. WHEN THE HORSE LEAVES OUR RANCH, FINAL PAYMENTS MUST BE CASHIER'S CHECK OR CASH.

WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR HORSES AFTER THEIR PURCHASE AND DEPARTURE FROM THE RANCH. We welcome a veterinary inspection of our horses before purchase at the buyer's expense.

We are the best judges as to when a young horse is ready to leave this ranch for his/her new home. We will not approve "green broke" horses for departure.

## RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

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A PDF newsletter is easy to share with family and friends. Your newsletter will be sent to you at the same time as it is sent off to the printer for preparation of the snail mail copies.

## A FEW QUESTIONS DISCUSSED

Horses raised on this ranch have not encountered barbed wire. We are reluctant to send our horses to environments where they may be cut by barbed wire fencing.

Our hay is mostly grass hay. There is very little alfalfa in our hay. We do not recommend feeding a horse from this ranch on a high alfalfa hay diet.

Our growing foals are fed crimped oats in addition to hay. But our mature horses do well on a hay diet with grain given only as a supplement to hard work. Hay quality varies so new owners should consult their veterinarian about supplementing with grain.

We recommend using a snaffle bit of some variety. We like Tom Thumbs with a smallish shank. O rings and D rings are also in use here. Our goal is to keep the horse's mouth "soft", so gentle bits and gentle hands are our advice.



O, Boy! Humans are coming to see us.





Regine Mueller and "Topsy" see pg.12

## 2020 FOAL CROP

### FLASH'S LUNAR ECLIPSE (LUNA)

#22000615

*Foaled May 16, 2020*

By Senor Pusher out of William's Skip to My Lu

Both hind stockings, off fore and on near fore coronets, lower lip and blaze. Luna is bold and inquisitive, self-assured and moves nicely. She likes attention. We will ready her for 2024. Approx 14.3H



## 2018 FOAL CROP



### CLASSIC BLACK VELVET

#21800433

*Foaled May 29, 2018*

By Proud Classic out of More Glory for Challenge

Velvet is average size, has a good running walk and canter. She is easy to work with and friendly. She needs more trail work, but should be ready for a new home in 2024.



### WILLIAM'S TRAIL KING

#22000360

*Foaled May 13, 2020*

By King William's Heir out of Tip Top Marauder

Near hind and off hind and off fore sock and near fetlock, star. Trail King is quiet and friendly, has a soft eye. Will have some size. Gelding. He will be ready in 2024.



## 2019 FOAL CROP



### A CLASSICAL HARMONY

# 21900752

*Foaled May 16, 2019*

By Proud Classic out of Oldie's Wind Balladeer

Black mare, both hind socks, on lower lip, broken strip. Inquisitive, easy to catch and lead. Likes attention, and is friendly with other horses and people. Harmony should have some size, stocky build. She is easy going but alert. Very willing and friendly. She asks to be caught and go for a ride. Very pretty. With more trail experience she will be ready to go to a new home in 2024.



## 2021 FOAL CROP



### WILLIAM'S MAESTRO

#22101161

*Foaled April 30, 2021*

By King William's Heir out of Classic Diva

Black gelding. Friendly. One of the taller colts in this group.



**A PROUD GO BOY  
(PROUDIE)**

#22101160

*Foaled May 28, 2021*

By Proud Classic out of Wind Shadow's Ruby

Bay gelding, star, strip. Very mellow. Stocky, average size with excellent conformation. A good one!



**WILLIAM'S  
MARIPOSA LILY  
(POSIE)**

#22101155

*Foaled April 28, 2021*

By King William's Heir out of Proud Queen Cleopatra

Black mare. Average size, very pretty and friendly. A nice one. Her training will start in 2024.



**PRIME OF GOLDEN  
OLDIE (PRIMO)**

#22101154

*Foaled May 7, 2021*

By Golden Oldie out of Classic Black Swan

Black gelding. Primo has good size, is extra friendly. Sire and dam are good in all ways, and he looks to carry on those good traits. Trail work in 2024 will prepare him for a new home.



**REMEMBERING  
ZORRO**

#22101153

*Foaled May 12, 2021*

By Golden Oldie out of Zorro's Angelica

Bay gelding, very mellow gelding, easy to work with and should have good size.



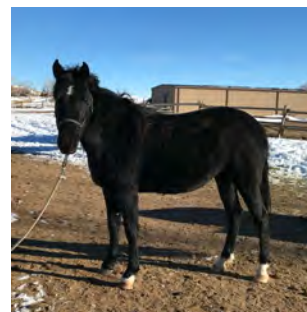
**AB'S FLASHY  
GENTLEMAN  
(FLASH)**

#22101158

*Foaled June 6, 2021*

By Absaroka Heritage out of Flashy Desert Flower

Black gelding with gray modifier. Lots of chrome on Flash. Extra friendly and willing. Average size gait with lots of "go". Sensible gelding.



**CLASSIC SPARKLE  
PLENTY (SPARKLE)**

#22101156

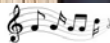
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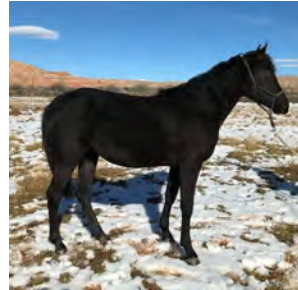
By Proud Classic out of Oldie's Gold A Plenty

Black mare. Average size with a pretty head. Very sociable. Maternal line is notable for nice horses. Check with us in 2024.





Getting to know you! 



### AB'S TAIZE CHANT

#22201196

*Foaled May 14, 2022*

By Absaroka Heritage out of Oldie's Wind Balladeer

Solid black/grey mare. Star.



## 2022 FOAL CROP



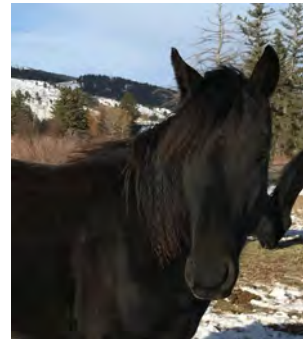
### CLASSIC ANGELO

#22201198

*Foaled May 26, 2022*

By Proud Classic out of Golden Oldie's Angel Gold

Solid black gelding.



### AB'S MTN

### TRAVELER

#22201197

*Foaled May 25, 2022*

By Absaroka Heritage out of Golden Oldie's Go Go Girl

Black gelding, off hind fetlock, inside near hind coronet.



### CLASSIC DUNOIR

#22201200

*Foaled May 28, 2022*

By Proud Classic out of Zorro's Allana

Solid black gelding.



### WILLIAM'S GINGER COOKIE

#22201201

*Foaled May 16, 2022*

By King William's Heir out of Wind Shadow's Ruby

Sorrel mare, off hind fetlock.





## MORE PRIDE FOR CLASSY

#22201203

*Foaled May 23, 2022*

By Proud Classic out of More Glory for Challenge

Black gelding, near hind fetlock, inside off hind fetlock, on lower lip, strip, snip.



## AB'S DO SI DO

#22201202

*Foaled May 25, 2022*

By Absaroka Heritage out of William's Skip to My LU

Sorrel mare. Near hind coronet.



## OLDIE'S TWINKLE TOES

#22201199

*Foaled May 13, 2022*

By Golden Oldie out of Classic French Twist



## 2023 FOAL CROP

### WILLIAM'S ARIA

#22300954

*Foaled May 9, 2023*

By King William's Heir out of Classic Diva

Black filly.

### WILLIAM'S ALEXANDER "ALEC"

#22300943

*Foaled June 3, 2023*

By King William's Heir out of Proud Queen Cleopatra

Brown stallion.



### WILLIAM'S SAGE RIDER

#22300945

*Foaled May 13, 2023*

By King William's Heir out of Challenge's Lady Sophia

Sorrel stallion.



### A CLASSIC BONANZA

#22300944

*Foaled May 16, 2023*

By Proud Classic out of Oldie's Allen Legacy

Bay mare. The ranch is saving Bonanza for now as a potential broodmare.



### AB'S SWEETS A PLENTY "SWEETIE"

#22300947

*Foaled May 15, 2023*

By Absaroka Heritage out of Oldie's Gold A Plenty

Brown filly.



### GOLDEN OLDIE'S LADY GRACE

#22300946

*Foaled May 27, 2023*

By Golden Oldie out of Classic Black Swan

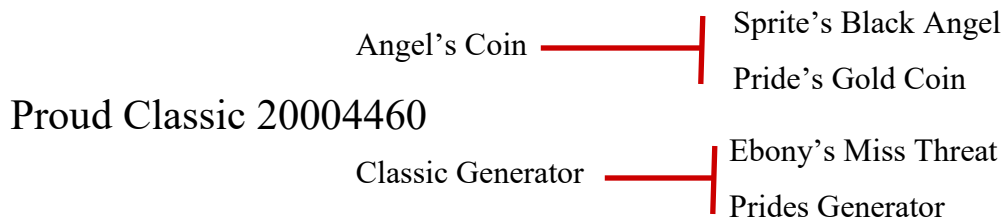
Brown filly.

# OUR BREEDING STALLIONS

## MIDNIGHT SUN BLOODLINES IN THE WEST

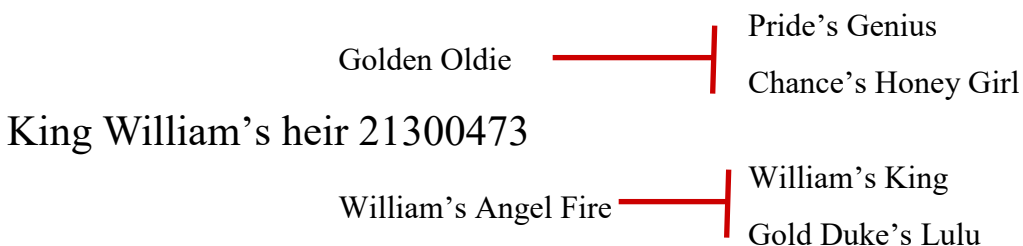
### PROUD CLASSIC

Foaled in 2000, Proud Classic is black with a star. He was Sired by Classic Generator, he by Prides Generator. Proud Classic's dam is Angel's coin by Pride's Gold Coin. The world Grand Champions in the stallion's pedigree are Midnight Sun, Ebony Masterpiece, Sun's Delight D., and Triple Threat. His colts are strongly gaited with beautiful heads and all around good conformation. Proud Classic stands 15.2 hands.



### KING WILLIAM'S HEIR

Foaled May 20, 2013. Sired by Golden Oldie out of William's Angel Fire. William takes his place beside our older breeding stallions. He is chestnut with a near hind coronet. William is extra gentle and easy to work with.



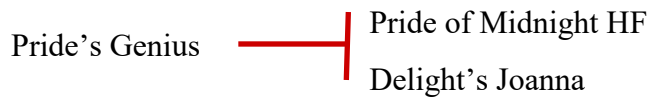


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## MIDNIGHT SUN BLOODLINES IN THE WEST

### GOLDEN OLDIE

Foaled in 1995. standing 16 hands, this palomino stallion has sired buckskins, palominos, and grullas as well as the darker coats. Shown flat-shod in Ohio and also at the National Celebration in Shelbyville, Tennessee, Golden Oldie is also prized as a great trail horse. His sire is Pride's Genius, his Dam, Chance's Honey Girl, whose pedigree goes back to the Last Chance and Hunter's Allen F-10. This breeding horse connects the Box Hanging Three bloodlines once more to Midnight Sun, and reaches back to our first stallion's palomino coloring and gene pool.

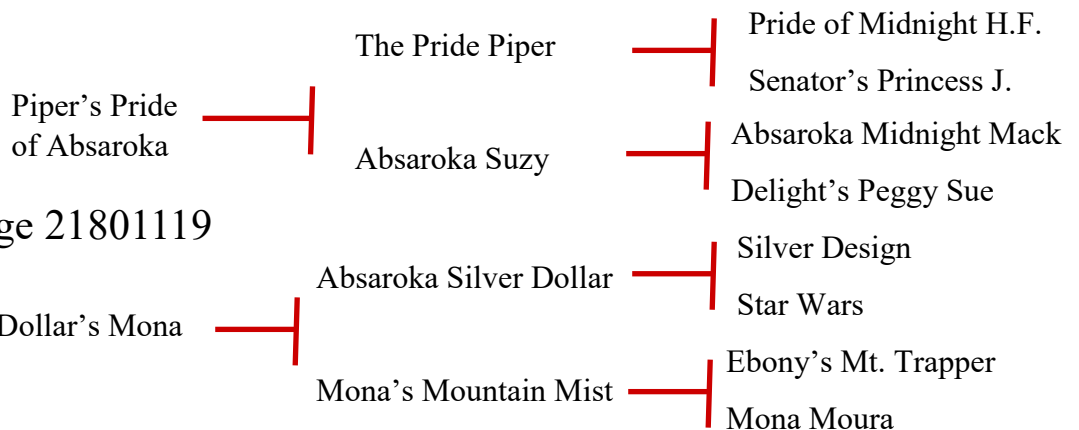


### Golden Oldie 953594



### ABSAROKA HERITAGE

Foaled in 2018.



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### **MAIL & EMAIL BAG**

Our horses continue to move on to new homes near and far. The most distant mare has been in Germany for a number of years now. “Topsy” competes and is a winner in European horse shows creating a good image for the Walking Horse in Europe. Regine Mueller poses proudly with Topsy in a recent photo on page 6 .

Proud Alcova was picked up in the late summer by William McMurrin of St. George, Utah. After a few miles of stomping in the trailer he traveled calmly to southern Utah.

Jessica Gunderson used a professional hauler to deliver Classic Desert Flower to Fargo, North Dakota.

Robyn Schultze trailered Mark of Proud Classic to southern Colorado. Chromo has a similar altitude to Dubois, Wyoming , so Mark should feel right at home.

Joan Timchak took Flash’s Mtn Marauder just one hill east of Marauder’s home ranch. She writes that she loves Marauder and has logged many miles in the Absaroka and Wind River mountains. A five year old in his prime.

A mere 80 miles away Andrea Orban of Lander, Wyoming is the new owner of Wind River Titan. Andrea rides with a group of wilderness lady equestrians who do all their own packing, camping and exploration of the far off places in Wyoming and nearby states.

Also of Lander is Barbara Locke, owner of William’s Antony. A recent note from Barbara says, “Tony is the horse I’ve waited my whole life for...Today we rode with the Back Country Horsemen in the Winds and South Pass. I wasn’t sure how he would do in a group”. “Aww, just another ride,” he said. Tony was the Best Boy that he is.

So good to hear! Thank you, Horse Owners. Keep telling us about your good times with these good horses.