the wrong signal, she would do tricks instead of what we wanted her to do.

By the time she was in high school, Holly's best friend was Andree Corbin. Andree learned of Tara Farm through her friendship with Holly, and she and her two sisters, Valli and Lucy, began taking riding lessons at Tara. The four girls went to shows together as well. "We were the 'group' who went to horse shows," Holly said. "We traveled as far away as New England, Gold Cup, and Mid-A to show. It was a fortunate experience for us to travel and show horses out of state."

Holly did this until she went to college, then on to medical school, where she graduated from Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, specializing in Ophthalmology. She married C. David Johnson, Jr., in 1990, and they have two sons, Carl David Johnson III and Chase Alexander Johnson, who both enjoy riding and showing their grandmother's Morgans. Her husband is a car dealer, so he knows about a different kind of "horse" power.

Last year, Holly Pugh Johnson and her family moved back to the Raleigh area, so the boys would be able to spend more time with their grandparents. Holly started going to shows, and the boys' interest with the horses also grew. After the boys had been riding for about six months, Holly decided to get back into it after a 20-plus year hiatus, and loves it. Carl shows GF Top Gun in Walk & Trot and Chase shows him in Leadline.

Holly recently purchased Med-E-Oka Nobel Prize, who was Grand Champion Gelding at Southern States and Mid-A, and was the Junior Pleasure Driving Champion at Mid-A. She hopes to show 'Nelson' next year. "He loves to please you," Holly said about her gelding. "He wants to do whatever you ask of him.

"I really enjoy working with Ken and Dini, and so do the boys," she continued. "I've been showing Tara's War Eagle and won the Amateur English Pleasure Championship at my second show with him this spring—the Carolina Classic.

"Being around the barn and shows, I've seen Carl grow up this past year," Holly said. "Last year he did the horse stuff just because Mom and Grandmom wanted him to do it. This year, he's excited about riding and showing, and it's fun for him to do well. He wants to help around the barn and even groom horses. I'm very impressed with how his involvement with the horses has helped him to grow up and it teaches him responsibilities."

Holly looks forward to many more years of Tara Farm's involvement with breeding, raising and showing Morgans because "it's a great bonding experience for our family," she said. "It's great that we can share a similar interest. The adults and the children enjoy the challenge to show our horses the best we possibly can."

Now after all these years Holly and her high school friend Andree Corbin Vetreno are back going to the shows together. Andree and her sisters loved the Morgans so much, their family started Van Lu Farm, and bought their first Morgan, Coralce, from Tara. Van Lu was a thriving Morgan farm until 1983, when the last of the girls went to col-