lege. In between high school and college Andree and her sister Valli trained some of the farm-owned horses.

After Andree got started in her career, which she now is a senior manager for a software development company, married Russell Vetrano, and had a daughter, she renewed her love for Morgans by going back to where she started—Tara Farm. She became Ken and Dini Swanson’s first outside customer, soon after they joined the staff at Tara. “When I won the Classic Pleasure Championship at Mid-A three years ago riding Townshend Turbo, I was hooked again,” Andree said.

She then bought Tara’s Guinevere, a three-year-old whom she sold last fall. Andree recently bought Chintimini Heart And Soul, a four-year-old park mare, who Ken won the Open Park Harness Championship with at the Blue Ridge Classic and most recently the North Carolina State Championships. Andree’s plans are to show this mare next year, both in harness and under saddle, in the ladies and amateur divisions.

“I’m such a lucky person to be here at Tara,” Andree said. “Mrs. Pugh is so wonderful, and her love for her horses really draws people in. I couldn’t be in a better situation, I really appreciate all that Mrs. Pugh and Ken and Dini do for me.”

“Over the years, those of us outside the Tara family have become part of the family,” she continued. “Everyone at Tara works together as a team.”

After they were there for about a year, Ken and Dini started to make suggestions to Mrs. Pugh regarding the farm’s breeding program. “It’s a team effort,” Ken said. “We want to continue producing horses with the beauty she has developed with the Tara bloodlines, and also produce horses with athletic ability.”

The main addition to the farm’s breeding program came in the form of Fran Pugh’s purchase of Man In Motion (Man About Town IPS x Devan Melmore) from Lynn Peeples in 1998. He has brought different bloodlines into her breeding program that would compliment her mares. She purchased him as a two-year-old after she saw Lynn show him at Southern States, and she has left him with Lynn, who manages his breeding and show careers.

“Moe is a very correct, big horse, who always has show horse presence,” Lynn said. “He is passing along his show horse ways and upbredness to his offspring.”

The reigning World Senior Champion Stallion and Reserve World Grand Champion Stallion has been winning at the New England, Mid-A, and Southern States Regional Morgan Horse Shows since he was two. “Whatever is best for the horse—both breeding and showing—is on the top of both Fran’s and my list,” Lynn said. “He doesn’t have to do a lot more of either, whatever is best for him.”

This past August, at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship Show, the reigning Four-Year-Old Park Harness World Champion just launched into a new career when Lynn success-