



Cub Scouts visit The Post

Cub Scouts from Pack 281 visited The Dallas Post Nov. 2, to learn about how news is gathered and a newspaper is produced. Grace Dove, Post reporter, talked about how she puts together a news story. The Scouts are, from left, Jason Jolley, Jonathan Pall, Nick Law, Matt Eisenberger, Bryan Kelly, Andy McGee. Ellen Polin is the pack's leader.

Alison Corey

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velop before introducing him to harder work.

A fully trained horse like Max can cost between \$25,000 and \$35,000, depending on his breeding and capabilities, she said.

As a riding student, Alison catches on quickly and is always working to improve herself, Bell said. Bell, who learned to ride when she was eight years old, teaches all levels of riding.

Beginners learn pleasure riding first, she said. If they want to compete in shows, their training becomes more intense.

To qualify for shows of the caliber of Devon, riders must qualify by earning points at shows on the Northeastern Pennsylvania Horsemen's Association circuit. With one more show left in the season, Alison is up for an NPHA championship.

Bell has taught at Borrowdale since 1975 and has sent several

students to shows at Devon, where Alison competed in the jumping show in May and the dressage show last month.

"It's always nice to see former students and horses I've trained at shows," she said. "It's very gratifying to see them doing well."

Bell has passed rigorous studies and tests in horse training and stable management and studied in England to earn her Horsemaster's certificate (a professional riding certification) and a certificate to teach equitation.

"Some of the professional riders at Devon complimented Alison for her dedication," Bell said proudly. "She was one of the youngest riders to compete in the dressage classes. This is the beginning of a very promising career for both Alison and Max."

Alison and Max didn't come home empty-handed from Devon's dressage competition. They earned

a pink fifth-place ribbon — an excellent first effort.

"I wasn't nervous," Alison said. "I had the feeling we'd do well. Max was moving beautifully."

Alison wants to follow in Bell's footsteps, studying at Woodcock Hill in Connecticut to prepare for the difficult British Horse Society Test, which will lead to preparatory studies in England for riding and teaching certificates. With a room full of ribbons and trophies, her ultimate goals are to become a professional horse show rider and, like Bell, to own her own stable and teach equitation.

When she isn't with her two- and four-footed friends at Borrowdale Acres, Alison is a senior at Bishop O'Reilly High School and is a member of the French Club and soccer team. She also owns and trains three other horses, Beauty, Czar and Micah, who live in Florida.

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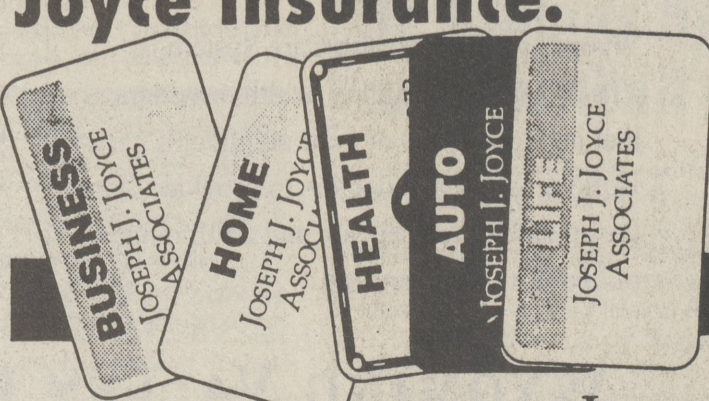
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