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## *Horse farm trots in as backdrop for artful exhibits*

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Lyna Evans "Coming Home," Charcoal/paper, 45"x33"

Horses are the stars. But the pregnant donkey is worth a look, too.

Pam and Ernie Gross are opening their 75-acre HorseFeathers Farm in Clinton for an equine-themed art event on Friday and Saturday, May 2-3. Event partners Doug and Diane Hanson of Hanson Gallery will provide the art. Nature will take care of the rest.

"HorseFeathers" is also the name of the "gallery event in the country." The art show will be held in horse stalls (freshly scrubbed, of course). The grounds will feature art installations created by enthusiastic amateurs and inspired by the work of British environmentalist artist Andy Goldsworthy.

Visitors may also tour Ernie Gross' studio, Ernie Gross Designs, relocated after it was burned out of its previous location by the fire at the Jackson Avenue Warehouses.

Psychologist Pam Gross has her office in the horse barn, which was designed by her husband. She uses the



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### HORSEFEATHERS

What: An equine-themed art event at HorseFeathers Farm to benefit the STAR equine therapy program. Presented by Hanson Gallery and Pam & Ernie Gross  
 When: 4-8 p.m. Friday, 10-4 p.m. Saturday, May 2-3

Where: HorseFeathers Farm, 1729 Dutch Valley Road, Clinton  
 Admission: Free. A portion of art/food sales will benefit STAR  
 Info: [www.hansongallery.com](http://www.hansongallery.com), 865-584-6097

### DIRECTIONS

From Interstate 40

Travel 6.8 miles on Pellissippi Parkway. After crossing Solway Bridge, turn right on Edgemore Road. Go 2.4 miles, bearing right, to Melton Hill Lake Road. Go 3.6 miles, turn right on Highway 95 North. Continue 1.1 miles, turn left on Highway 61 West. Go one mile, turn right on Marlow Circle. Travel 1.7 miles, turn right on Marlow Road. Go 1.2 miles, turn left on Dutch Valley Road. Go 1 mile, look for white fences on both sides of road and the red HorseFeathers barn on the right. From 1-75 Take Exit 122 (Clinton-Norris). Turn left on Highway 61 West (Charles Seivers Blvd.), Travel 10.7 miles through Clinton. Go right on Highway 61, then right on Marlow Circle for 1.7 miles. Turn right on Marlow Road, travel 1.2 miles to Dutch Valley Road. Turn left, go 1 mile and look for white fences on both sides of road and the

farm, which has been in her family for several generations, for equine assisted psychotherapy - a therapy that uses interaction with horses to promote emotional growth and learning. The "HorseFeathers" gallery event is a fundraiser for Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding, a program that aids individuals with physical, mental and neurological disabilities.

Pam Gross also keeps other animals at her farm, including llamas and a donkey that is expected to give birth any day now.

Though the event is "equine themed," Diane Hanson says artists associated with Hanson Gallery have produced a variety of art that fits into a country theme.

Featured artists include Judy Brater Rose, Peter Rose, Denise Sanabria and Don Dubenbostel, all of Knoxville; Nancy Jacobsohn of Sparta, Tenn.; Megan Lightell of Nashville; and John Torina, from the Memphis area; Bill Jameson of North Carolina; Rachael McCampbell of California; and Martha Kennedy of New Mexico.

After the weekend "HorseFeathers" event, the art exhibit moves for the remainder of May to Hanson Gallery, 5607 Kingston Pike. Proceeds from sales will continue to benefit the STAR program.

Knoxville's Rouxbarb Restaurant will supply box lunches during the farm weekend. Chef Bruce Bogartz will be cooking over an open-fire pit.

Knoxville Museum of Art staffers will be on site to discuss "Mary Lee Bendolph, Gee's Bend & Beyond," an art-quilt exhibit coming to the museum this summer. A tie-in exhibit will run simultaneously at Hanson Gallery.

The "HorseFeathers" gallery event will take place rain or shine. Wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes.

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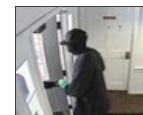
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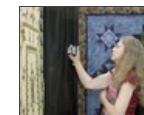
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