

What do Sue Smith, Cody Hyde, Ron Thomas, Norma & Terri Wood Gates have in common?

“Her Own Technique That Works For Her”

Desirae started to ride a pony by herself at 3. At age 13, she galloped race horses in Idaho Falls, ID. At age 16, she became a jockey and raced horses on the flat track until after she graduated high school, having several wins on Thoroughbreds and Quarter horses. Desirae’s mother gave her two very nice quarter horses, TM Gotcha by Smokem Tiny and out of a Super De Kas mare, as well as another Smokem Tiny mare, TM Lil Cashie. She joined High School Rodeo in her senior year and rode TM Gotcha and TM Lil Cashier, the first two horses she had trained in barrel racing. Desirae had never taken a horse even around a barrel until then and never knew that people actually run poles. She was taught by Sue Smith, Cody Hyde, Ron Thomas, Norma and Terri Wood-Gates, and many others on the basics of barrel racing and made her own unique technique that works for her.

“TM Lil Cashier”

Desirae took TM Lil Cashier aka ‘Cashier’ to qualify to her first year to the state finals in Pole Bending in 2003. Both were inexperienced and fell apart during the state meet. The team competed in the International Pro Rodeo Association the summer of 2004 and qualified to the finals in Blackfoot, ID. They were winning multiple rodeos and multiple 1D barrel races. The fall of 2005 Desirae joined the WPRA and filled her permit with Cashier on her first 2 rodeos including 2nd at the WPRA War Bonnet Round Up at Idaho Falls, ID. Then in January of 2006 TM Lil Cashier broke her leg entering the Casa Grande, AZ arena.



“Smoke Flash Im Gone”

During the years Desirae’s family had many young horses and decided to run barrel futurities. She started Smoke Flash Im Gone aka ‘Smokey’. The team won the 1st go at Salina, UT in August of 2008. He won the first go of the Derby at Rocksprings, WY in 2007. He won the open the next day and had the fastest time of the weekend at Rocksprings. He has won over \$15,000 as a barrel futurity horse--he won the first go in the Futurity at Walla Walla, WA, took 4th in the average, won the

Amateur Futurity and average, he also was 2nd in the open in Moses Lake, WA, 2nd in the 1st go futurity, 4th in the 2nd go futurity, 2nd in the average futurity, won the American West side pot and the amateur in Moses Lake, WA. Won the 1st go in Nampa, ID Futurity and tipped the next go. Took 5th in the average at the Oakley, Utah Futurity running a little sore on his feet. Also, has placed many times in the 1D barrels/poles. He took American West Futurity Champion of the year and took 4th in open states points. Desirae took 2nd in the average at the Bosen Ogden Futurity 2009 and won the 2nd go round with the fastest futurity time of 13.6. With two of her horses she placed 3rd and 4th in the open 1D.

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‘Smokey’ is sired by Smokem Tiny by Tinys Gay out of Ima Hot Flasher by Dash Ta Fame

“Time Out – For Family”

Desirae took a few years off to have her beautiful two babies!!! Cole was born in 2007 and Alisha in 2009. She and her husband Scott played basketball all throughout school and went to state in basketball and track—now she referees basketball with her husband in the winter and enjoys coaching her children in basketball.

“Getting Serious

In 2012 she decided to get serious about running barrel futurities. She started the year pretty rough, but through the hardships she pushed on to becoming a futurity winner. She ran TMMiss Laney to win the New Year's Bustin Out Futurity, won the 2nd go round of the Classic Equine futurity, as well as winning the \$20,000 slot race and placing 3rd in the average futurity, placed 7th in the 2nd go round in the Greg Olson Futurity, placed 7th in the Pac West Barrel Futurity 1st go round, 2nd go round place 4th, and in the average placed 4th, the next day in the open she placed 4th in the 1D barrels. She won the 2nd go round futurity, placed 4th in the 2nd go round at the Dixie Classic Futurity and placed 4th in the average. She has also won over \$50,000 in the month of January on futurity horses as well as placing in many pro rodeos.



Watch TMMiss Laney run!
Sired by The Goodbye Lane
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Granddaughter of
Rocket Wrangler

“A Great Foundation”

Desirae believes strongly on having a great foundation on her horses before she even goes to the barrels. She believes in these 6 steps before she enters the barrel pattern: 1) giving its nose from side to side, 2) giving at the poll, 3) backs up, 4) giving to leg pressure from side to side, 5) giving to pressure controlling hip & shoulders, and 6) can walk, trot, and gallop a perfect circle correctly. Desirae rides every day except she tries to not ride on Sunday if possible. She believes practice makes perfection, in order to become a successful barrel racer!



Watch Desirae 's Training Video

“Different bits-different stages”

She starts her young colts out in a snaffle bit then moves them up to a loomis gag bit. As they start competition or running she usually puts them in a sweet 6 bit or a three piece dog bone mouth piece with a short shank. She hasn't used her medium shank bit a lot, but has put horses in it that are a little stronger more aggressive runners. She usually doesn't put tie downs on, but every once in a while may need to use it. She also uses a German martingale when training younger colts.

“Breeding Program”

Desirae's breeding program is owned by either her or her father, Merle D. Morgan. She always has horses for sale and most are listed on her web site www.WinningBarrelHorses.com. She really loves the Tiny's Gay breeding! She has her main stallion, Smoke Flash Im Gone, which is double bred Tiny's Gay and she has future stallions that are Tiny's Gay and Lanes Leinster bred, Corona Cartel bred as well as Chasin Firewater. She trains all her horses and loves to see each young horse grow to do great things! This is her greatest joy besides her children!

Desirae is putting on a barrel futurity May1-3 at The Broken Bit Arena in Idaho Falls, ID
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