

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

I have watched Stable View grow into a world class facility over the last 12 years. I have volunteered for horse shows in various capacities and have now placed my time and attention in dressage. Not only is Stable View the venue for various disciplines of horse shows but is also the host for weddings, receptions, meetings, and other special occasions and parties. It truly is the Gathering Place which was the vision of the property for owners Barry and Cyndy Olliff.

The entire Stable View staff and all of the many volunteers have given 100% of their time and talents to make Stable View a place where people actually want to come and be present. To be present is to see the gorgeous sunrises and sunsets. To be present is to use the multi-functional Pavilion. Being present may include the use of the many barns and arenas with top notch footing, as well as the various amenities around the property which make people feel welcome. Stable View is certainly a place where its customers feel appreciated. Stable View is a place where people truly want to gather.

Over a decade ago, the Olliff's had a vision and it is coming to fruition and in a sense it already has. Stable View continues to evolve and grow to meet the needs of its diverse customer base. A new addition of a wellness center has been planned for the future with ground breaking taking place very soon. This center will serve the community at large and certainly will take its place as part of the Gathering Place that Stable View has become. Stable View strives to meet the needs of everyone it serves. Stable View seeks feedback routinely from its customer base in order to improve its offerings. Many of the additions and amenities over the years have come to fruition due to customer feedback.

The attraction of people to Stable View is obvious, from unforgettable weddings to productive business retreats and meetings. It's a place

where riders of all levels have a chance to show their horses and hone their individual skills. Other people are attracted to the special equine clinics. Stable View hosts and sponsors various charitable events that contribute and enhance the overall well being of the community as Stable View continues as the place to be. Stable View certainly is a part of the greater Aiken community and plays a major role.

As a long time volunteer (since its inception), I feel like an integral part of the Stable View experience. I have watched the growth and the many people who have worked, volunteered, and participated in the many events and happenings at Stable View. Yes, I feel dedicated and honored to be a part of such a vibrant and thriving organization whose vision is to be A Gathering Place.

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