

Stables can stay – for now

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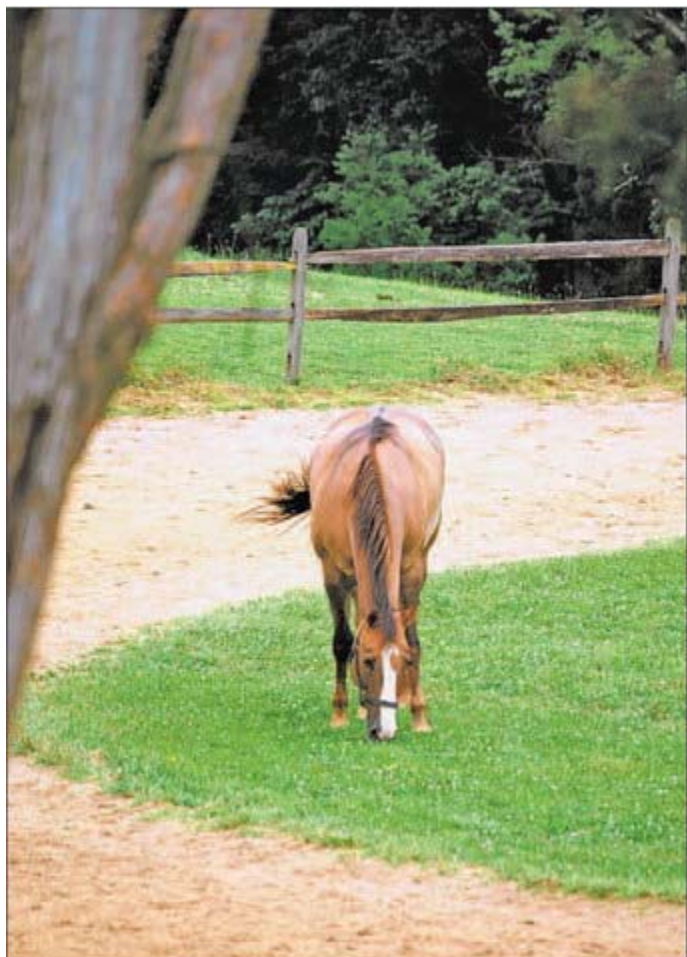
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Bridle Run Stables can keep its spot in Johnson Hills Park until October after owner Larry Waltz recently asked for a lease extension on the property. The stables are moving to Bauer Road in Clermont County, roughly 12 miles away. “We’re having a facility built on Bauer Road and we haven’t been able to get it all together in the time frame,” Waltz said.

“It’s in the process now and we’ll start breaking ground in the next couple weeks.” The Anderson Township Park District told Waltz last year that Bridle Run Stables must be off the property by July 1, so park development could continue. “We’re starting some development work around the stables,” said Duffy Beischel, park board president.

“It won’t impact him and (will) keep us on track.” Beischel said because of issues with purchasing property and constructing the stables, Waltz fell behind schedule and told the board he has reached a contract for another piece of land. The extended lease terms for the stables run through Oct. 1, with the possibility of a month-to-month extension through Jan. 1, 2010. Waltz said he expects to open the new facility in a few months, but construction will depend on the weather. Bridle Run Stables have been at Johnson Hills Park for 16 years, he said previously. The park district commissioners plans to pave a parking lot and access road for Johnson Hills Park, off Little Dry Run and Bridle roads, later this year. Playgrounds, ponds, trails and shelters have been discussed as possible future uses for the park.



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Bridle Run Stables can stay at Johnson Hills Park in Anderson Township temporarily. The park board authorized a lease extension until Oct. 1.

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