

Junior Exhibitor *Jumble*

Kentucky

Hello everyone, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! Christmas is finally here and a New Year is about to begin, new teams, new adventures, and a fresh start to the 2010 season. The malls are packed with Christmas shoppers and holiday cheer.

This month I would like to introduce **Faith Brickzen** as the rider of the month.



Age: 11

Horse(s): The Preferred Prince (Prince) and The Rest Of The Story (Diva)

Division(s): 10 & Under Walk Trot Equitation (Prince) and five-gaited pony (Diva)

Special thanks and appreciation to: Rob and Sarah Byers, Katie Hannah, Katie Case, and Heather DiGiannantonio.

Where you ride: Premier Stables

Most memorable horse show moments: My first horse show at the Kentucky Horse Park.

Parents and Family: My mom and my sister Carmen.

School: Christian Academy of Louisville

Other interests besides riding horses: Drawing, playing basketball, and playing with my sister.

When you started riding: About the age of five.

Future goals: To be able to win a five-gaited class.

How has riding helped you be a better student: It has taught me to focus and concentrate on my work.

What is your favorite thing about your horse(s): Just being able to ride them and enjoy the compliments about my rides.

Extras: I love hanging out at the barn!

Good Luck Faith in your 2010 season aboard Diva in the five-gaited pony division. I have watched you grow as a person through riding and develop and master equestrian skills. Keep up the good work and in anything you shall go far!

Horse Fun Facts

1. A healthy adult horse should have a pulse between 36 and 40 beats per minute while at rest.
2. Arabians have one less rib, one less lumbar bone, and one or two fewer tail vertebrae than other horses.
3. Horses lock their legs when they sleep so they do not fall over.
4. A horse's brain is the size of a potato.

Strange Horse Laws

1. A 1970 Cumberland County, Tennessee statue reads: "Speed while on horseback upon county roads will be limited to three miles an hour unless the rider sees a bailiff who does not appear to have had a drink in thirty days, then the horseman will be permitted to make what he can."
2. Male horse buffs in Basalt, Nevada, are prohibited from eating onions between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. while out riding.
3. Law specifies only men! Ice cream lovers beware in Cotton Valley, Louisiana. Citizens aren't allowed to eat an ice cream cone while on horseback in public areas.
4. An antiquated city ordinance is Quartzite, Arizona, prohibits anyone from playing cards with a pregnant woman, a child, or Indian, "less they acquire a taste for gambling!"

Hope everyone had a great 2009 show season and I hope to see you next year... Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!!!

Please send any ideas or questions you have for this article to the email address below!

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Midwest

Hello Midwest readers...and for the last time! Life continues to become busier, and after much thought, I am regretfully handing over the Midwest section of the Junior Exhibitor to a



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new writer! Let me introduce you to **Allie Wingfield**:

My name is Allie Wingfield; I'm 14 years old and currently a freshman at the Medina High School in Medina, Ohio. My love for writing has landed me a spot in an honors freshman language arts course, and my love for Saddlebreds is what has intrigued me to apply for this position.

I have been riding for six years and got my first horse, Undulata's Lady In Red, when I was ten. This was my fourth show season with "Ruby," and I have enjoyed every minute of it. This was my last year in the 13 and Under Show Pleasure and Pleasure Equitation divisions. Over the years, Ruby and I have collected numerous awards including the 2007 & 2008 ASHAO (American Saddlebred Horse Association of Ohio) Show Pleasure Junior Exhibitor High Point Champion, 2007 & 2008 ASHAO Saddle Seat Equitation High Point Champion, 2008 ASHAO High Point overall Junior Exhibitor, 2008 OASPHA (Ohio American Saddlebred Pleasure Horse Association) Show Pleasure Junior Exhibitor Champion, 2008 OASPHA 13 and Under Pleasure Equitation Champion, 2008 ASHA (American Saddlebred Horse Association) Junior Exhibitor Show Pleasure Ohio State Champion, and I was the first recipient of the (ASHAO) Mary Ferguson Perpetual Trophy for the most points in equitation. I also have an up-and-

coming four-year-old mare, Virtual Obsession. Both of my horses are currently in training at South Pointe Farm in Homerville, Ohio. I have played the cello since fourth grade and am first chair in the freshman orchestra.

Thank you, Allie, for introducing yourself, and I wish you the best of luck with the Junior Exhibitor Jumble!

I have enjoyed writing for *Saddle & Bridle* immensely over the past three years; it was one of my greatest experiences. I would like to thank Alexandra Layos, for choosing me to write for *Saddle & Bridle*. I would also like to thank Jeffrey Thompson, Mary Bernhardt, and everyone else who continually gave me this opportunity, from the monthly JEJ article to having me cover the ASHA Youth Conference! It has been an amazing experience and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with every one of you. From fans to those who have done interviews with me, I couldn't have done it without any of you! I will miss writing for *Saddle & Bridle* greatly, but I know that it's time to let someone else have such an awesome opportunity.

Once again, good luck to Allie and thank you to everyone who contributed to this amazing opportunity!

Have a great holiday season and an awesome start to the New Year - 2010!!

Haley Cymbalak

Dashing through the Snow!
On those cold winter mornings ...just run and kick up those heels!

