

Junior Exhibitor *Jumble*

Kentucky

Hello everyone and Happy New Year! I hope that everyone has had a happy holiday season and a break from school. Many winter tournaments are going on and before we know it show season will be here again. As we go through the holiday season many parties and gatherings are happening right under our noses. I hope everyone is having a successful winter. See you this spring.

On December 2 my mom and I attended the KASPHA dinner at the Hurshborne Country Club. We had a lot of fun and the food was great. KASPHA held a silent auction that had a lot of great gifts for your family and friends. Many awards are given to some great riders, but no one knows. Next in this article I have a great rider and friend to share with you. Thanks to KASPHA for keeping the show going.

Rider of the Month

Your Name: Hallie Elizabeth Tyler

Your Age: 13



Your Parents and Family:

Parents: Mark and Elizabeth Tyler; Brother: Corey; Grandparents: Harold and Betty Thom

Your School and Grade:

Christian Academy of Louisville; Grade 8

Other Interests you have besides horses:

I play the flute in the school orchestra. I love to play with my dogs, Cody and Junior, which are two Pembroke Welsh Corgis and my four month old puppy Gunner, a Chocolate Labrador. I also love shopping with my friends!

Where you ride:

I ride at Premier Stables in

Simpsonville, Kentucky.

When you started riding: I started riding when I was four years old.

Your Show ring record: I started showing in performance classes in 2006 on a horse I leased. My parents then bought the horse I have now, CH. O'Me, O'My. I showed him in 2007 at the following shows: Rock Creek Spring, Spring Premier Shelbyville, May Classic, Rock Creek, Shelbyville Horse Show, Louisville, KASPHA State Championship and the Fall Classic.

Division you show in: Junior Exhibitor Country Pleasure

Your most exciting victory: Rock Creek was my most exciting victory! I was in the top three at all the shows except for the two 8th place ribbons at Louisville which I will always treasure. What a blast it was being a part of such a legendary show!

Your future goals: I want to graduate from CAL, go to William Woods University and become an equine chiropractor. In the meantime, I want to ride everything and become an accomplished equestrian and well-rounded horse person! In addition, horses are God's gift to us and we must treat them with kindness and love because they work hard for us and help us accomplish our dreams.

How has riding helped you develop into a better student?

It has taught me discipline—you have to study hard and ride hard to accomplish your goals. It has also taught me to be a better listener.

Special thanks and appreciation to...: First of all to Chewy (CH. O'Me, O'My) for working so hard for me. He's the best horse ever! To my mommy and daddy for letting me ride and supporting me, my brother for coming to ALL my shows even though he's away in college and for videotaping all my classes beautifully, and to Rob and Sarah for letting me show with their stable!

You Know You Own Saddlebreds If...

You can braid your horse's tail better than you can braid your own hair.

You have split the most expensive pair of pants you own and are forced to walk around with half the pair seeing it.

Closing Quote

In my opinion, a horse is the animal to have. Eleven-hundred pounds of raw muscle, power, grace, and sweat between your legs — it's something you just can't get from a pet hamster.

— Author Unknown

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Midwest

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that it's already 2008!

But it's not just the start of a new year. It's the start of **New Horses of 2008!** If you recently purchased a new horse, e-mail me and you could see you and your horse in the next issue of *Saddle & Bridle's* Junior Exhibitor Jumble!

Because it's the start of a new year, it will also be the start of a new series, called *The Life Of A...* For the next several months, I will be interviewing people with varying professions in the horse world, giving you an idea of what it would be like to be in their shoes. For this month, I interviewed Desiree Devries, owner and trainer of Desiree Devries Stables in Verona, Wisc.

Desiree Devries has been riding horses her whole life. When she was about 12 years old she learned how to train horses, but has been considered a professional trainer for eight years. So, this month, I introduce to you *The Life of a...Trainer!*

About what time do you get up every morning? I get up at five, feed the horses at 5:15, and start up the barn at 6:30.

How long do you work each horse? It depends on the horse, where they are in their training and whether it's an exercise type training or a learning session. It can be as little as 8 minutes, but it varies on the horse.

What is the average length of time it takes for you to break a young horse? It might take three months, six months, and for some it can even last up to nine or twelve months. It varies.

What are the ups and downs of being a trainer? The up part is you get to do what you love every single day all day long. The down part is there isn't time to do anything else.

What advice do you have for anyone that is considering becoming a trainer? It's a hard living, but if you truly love it and you truly love the horses, then it's a wonderful job to have. Work with someone who's really good, and if you put your whole heart into it, you will become successful.

What is your favorite part about being a trainer? Taking one from the very start and watching them blossom into a great horse.

Thank you, Desiree, for doing that interview with me! I had a

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great time and I hope everyone learned just as much as I did. For the full interview, you can go to my Website and click on SPECIAL INTERVIEWS.

For our Horse of the Month, Leah Bornhorst, a special friend of Zoe Reck, nominated Zoe and her horse for Horse of the Month as a birthday present. So, for this month, our Horse of the Month is Pretty Fizzy!

What is Zoe's horse's name? Pretty Fizzy

What color is Pretty Fizzy and does she have any markings? She is a chestnut with a connected star and stripe, a snip, and four white stockings

How old is Pretty Fizzy? 9 years old

How long has Zoe owned Pretty Fizzy? For one year

What class does Zoe show Pretty Fizzy in? 13 & Under Show Pleasure

Why do you think Pretty Fizzy should be Horse of the Month? I think Pretty Fizzy should be Horse of the Month because of how much she has taught Zoe over the past year. She has taught her how to win and how to lose and how to become a better rider. If you ask me, no one could have taught her better.

Thank you, Leah, for nominating Pretty Fizzy to be Horse of the Month and Happy 13th Birthday Zoe! If you would like your horse to be Horse of the Month, you can go to my Website and get all of the information you need, plus get the latest Saddlebred news, show results, and so much more!!! Visit there today!

Again, Happy New Year and I'll see you next month!

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Northeast

Hey Everybody! This month we have a Saddlebred Brick Dedication for you. These Saddlebred Bricks are sponsored by the Saddlebred Horse Museum located in the Kentucky Horse Park. Once dedicated, the bricks are then added to the sidewalk outside of the entrance into the museum. The Saddlebred brick of this month is for Reedann's First Award "Mickey", dedicated by his loving owner Sarah Hinds.

Q: How many years have you owned your horse?

Birth Announcements

David Clarke Blevins



David and Leslie Blevins, along with big brothers Greg and Don, are thrilled to welcome David Clarke Blevins to their family. Clarke was born on October 1, 2007 and weighed 8 pounds and 10 ounces.

Clarke's father, David Blevins, is trainer at Crown Valley Farm, Somis, Calif.

A: I've owned Mickey for my entire show career, so since I was four years old; ten years! Currently Mickey is 25.

Q: What are Mickey's bloodlines?

A: Mickey (a gelding) is by Stonewall's Main Event, his grandsire is Starheart Stonewall, and his great grandsire is the renowned Stonewall King. He is out of Nostalgia, making his grandsire on his dam's side Mr. Magic Man, and making his great grandsire CH Wing Commander. Mickey also has CH Valley View Supreme, Flirtation Walk (BHF), My King, and other well known horses from "back in the day" in his bloodlines.

Q: What made Mickey so special you wanted to dedicate a brick for him?

A: Ever since I first learned that there were dedication bricks at the Saddlebred Museum, I wanted to get one for Mickey. I finally got the chance when my parents surprised me with one for Christmas in 2006. Throughout the years, Mickey has taught me more than I can describe in just a few sentences, from integrity to sportsmanship, to diagonals to figure eights. He has always been my best friend, and I know I would not be the person and the rider that I am today had it not been for him.

Mickey is both a pleasure horse and a show horse. Since retiring at the age of 20, Sarah has been riding him bareback with nothing more than a halter and lead rope. Every week she rides him very lightly (usually just walking) bareback, or sometimes she'll just find a nice patch of grass for him to graze in. "He loves it!" Mickey's showing career started at the age of three. From then until his retirement, he has carried many amateurs and junior exhibitors safely around the ring in Show and Country Pleasure, as well as countless equitation classes. He also was a fantastic pleasure driving horse—"he loved to be in front of a cart".

Q: What trainers and stables has your horse been with?

A: My horse began his life at Reedannland, in Iowa. By the time he was 12, he had made three trips across the Midwest, from Iowa, to Texas, to Minnesota, and stopping in St. Louis. He currently resides in a huge pasture at Mark Hulse Stables with his "brother" Willy, friends "Boo" and "Suede", and two Hackneys, "Frisk" and "Espresso".

Q: Are there any memorable classes or events that have happened to you and your horse?

A: Yes, in 2001 at the Illinois State Fair, I was showing him in the 10 & Under Walk and Trot division. In the qualifier, we had placed second. We won the championship. This was very special because many years before, my mom had won a championship class with her undefeated Shetland pony, Travelin' Man on the same afternoon. Also my first academy class on Mickey was quite memorable. He was only about 15, and that day he was feeling his oats. He went very fast the entire class, and eventually, I just stopped posting! My helmet fell in front of my eyes, and my reins were two miles long.

Well Sarah, it sounds as if you and Mickey are life long friends and share many memories together. Thanks so much for sharing him with us!

"The expected is what we live for. The unexpected is what changes our lives."

— Anonymous

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