

# Junior Exhibitor *Jumble*

## Midwest

This month, I sat down and wondered, "How much do you really know about me?" When I wrote my first article, I told you a little bit about myself, but that was two years ago! I know that when I read a book, I want to know a little bit about the author. I'm sure you would like to know a little bit about this author, so this month I will tell you a little bit about myself.

I love to write. I started writing short stories when I was in second grade, then began writing full books when I was in fifth grade. I have been riding horses for seven years. We currently own six horses: Polo, Sophie, Rose, Chocolate, Chloe, and Mia. We have also owned three other horses: Charlie, who died from colic four years ago, Ricardo, my first show horse, and Patty.

We enjoy everything about horses. We love to breed, ride for fun, show, and I love to train horses. It's a great experience and you become an even better rider.

Besides horses, football is by far my favorite sport. I love playing football, watching football, and rooting on my favorite team: the Indianapolis Colts! I enjoy playing almost any sport, especially basketball and football.

I will read almost anything (not too much into romance though). I especially like the Left Behind series and the Twilight series; they are fun and exciting books that you just can't put down! I also love to debate. I will debate anything, any time, anywhere.

I play one instrument: the piano. I have been playing the piano for four years and I thoroughly enjoy it. I especially enjoy playing classical music.

I don't usually watch a lot of TV, but when I do I like comedy and reality. I am a consistent Survivor and American Idol watcher, and 24 is one of my favorite shows. Even at 15, I will occasionally watch a Disney show. Sometimes Disney can be so much more entertaining than regular TV ;-)

I love Jane Austen movies, Pirates of the Caribbean movies, and anything comical. I love a good laugh.

One thing I could not live without (besides horses) is Starbucks! I am a Starbucks fanatic and could never give up those chai frappacinos! Whenever someone first meets me, I tend to be very quiet, but once I get to know you more and become comfortable around you, I love to have fun and you may wish that I was quiet again! ;-)

This is just a little bit about me. I hope that you enjoyed learning a little more about me. Feel free to email me and tell me a little bit about you! I love to hear from my readers.

Have a great month!

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## Missouri

Hi everyone; show season is right around the corner!! Hopefully everyone had a good Valentine's Day! Well before Valentine's Day, we attended the MHSA (Missouri Horse Shows Association) awards banquet. It was filled with a silent auction, art show, great food, awards and much more. During the youth forum there was a wonderful inspirational speech given by Deborah McAlexander! There was also a fashion show put on by some Missouri exhibitors. The show included not just saddle seat and western attire, but also show jumping, eventing, and dressage attire was modeled! MHSA includes all riding disciplines in its membership. The art show was filled with the creations of talented

Missouri artists; most exhibits were horse related, of course! The silent auction was a success, with many horse related items generously donated for everyone to bid on. The food was wonderful and the piano was very well played by Deborah McAlexander in the background! After lunch, the high point awards were presented with ribbons and MHSA coolers for the winners; but every exhibitor earned a large, well deserved ribbon! This year's school horse of the year was Bart, this award goes to the best and most loyal school horse of all!

Space only allows me to list the winners from the junior exhibitor divisions, but congratulations to all!

### **MHSA Junior Exhibitor Award winners:**

#### **Academy Saddle Seat Equitation Walk & Trot**

Olivia Cox

#### **Academy Saddle Seat Equitation Walk, Trot, & Canter**

Amanda Ebling

#### **Academy Stock/Hunt Seat Equitation Walk & Jog/Trot**

Kendall Cox

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#### **Academy Saddle Seat Horsemanship Walk, Trot, & Canter**

Amanda Ebling

#### **Academy Saddle Seat Horsemanship Walk & Trot**

Olivia Cox

#### **Saddle Seat Equitation 14-17**

Amanda Tucker

#### **Junior Exhibitor Show Pleasure**

Champagne's Prince Charming, Samantha Peterson

#### **ASHA State Three-Gaited Show Pleasure Champion**

Champagne's Prince Charming, Samantha Peterson

#### **Saddle Seat Equitation 11-13**

Lauren Brannon

#### **Stock Seat Equitation 17 & Under**

Kelsey Robinson

#### **Open Hunter Pleasure, Junior Exhibitor**

Oberon, Kaycee Nail

#### **ASB Country English Pleasure, Junior Exhibitor**

Thomas Gordon, Kiley Lawrence

#### **ASHA State Country English Pleasure, Jr. Ex.Champion**

Thomas Gordon, Kiley Lawrence

#### **ASB Five Gaited, Junior Exhibitor**

Desert Rattler, Floyd Logsdon

#### **Roadster Pony, Junior Exhibitor**

Knight's Lady of Lace, Alicia Harris

#### **ASB Five Gaited Show Pleasure**

Mafia Mistress, Lyndi Skinner

#### **Saddle Seat Pleasure Equitation 13 & Under**

Kara German

#### **ASB Three Gaited, Junior Exhibitor**

My Cousin Vinny, Shelby Nail

#### **Saddle Seat Pleasure Equitation 14-17**

Sarah Hinds

#### **Open English Pleasure, Junior Exhibitor**

Accel Premonition, Kelsey Nygren

There were also **MHSA Overall High Point Awards:**

#### **High Point Horse: 2008**

ZZ Tok, Owned by Sarah Thomas

#### **High Point Equitation Rider: 2008**

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Lauren Brannon  
**ASB Amateur High Point Adult**  
 Margie Torkelson  
**ASB Senior High Point Adult**  
 Sue Webster

Congratulations to all! If you would like to learn more about MHSA you can visit [www.missourihorseshowsassociation.com](http://www.missourihorseshowsassociation.com). See you next month.

*The wind of heaven is that which blows between a horse's ears.*  
 – Arabian Proverb

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## Northeast

Hey there everyone! I hope you're all doing well. This month our Saddlebred Brick is dedicated by Judy Clark in honor of her horse, Continental Blues, aka Blue. Blue is a 21-year-old gelding by Continental Contract and out of Blue Gardenia. He is a seal bay standing at 15.2



*Continental Blues.*

hands with a distinct "Got Milk" upper lip. Blue and Judy met nine years ago and have enjoyed each other's company ever since. Since being bought by Judy, Blue has been retired from three-gaited showing and is living in a 100 acre field with a herd of Quarter horses. Periodically Judy brings Blue in from the field to go trail riding and have "spa days". Aside from his herd and spa days, Blue also enjoys young children. Judy recalled one particular memory when she let her trainer's little girl ride Blue. The girl kept urging Blue to go faster even after Judy had told her not to. At one instance the little girl urged Blue into a trot. It was Blue who then stepped in to remind the girl of what they were supposed to be doing by trotting to the corner of the arena and coming to a halt. The girl was unharmed and Blue stood stock still, doing all he knew to take care of her. When Judy reached them the girl was laughing so hard that she was on the verge of tears. "Good boy, Blue to the rescue!" Judy and Blue have formed a wonderful relationship and will continue to enjoy their days together.

A special thanks goes out to Judy for sharing Blue with us. Also if anyone would like to submit a story about their horse, feel free! We'd love to hear it.

As another show season dawns upon us, I'd like to remind everyone to accept the challenges of this year with perseverance and determination. Also remember that we don't love our horses because of the ribbon color, but rather because they are cherished in our hearts and souls and truly are our best friends.

*Live Simply, Laugh Often, Love Deeply*

– Anonymous

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