

Junior Exhibitor *Jumble*

Kentucky

Hello Everyone! The month after Louisville! The show may be over and the grounds are clean, but that doesn't put an end to the season just yet. Even though school has started there are a few shows left. Next month I will have a report on Louisville and the shows to come.

Rider of the Month

Your Name: Kelsey Olson

Your Age: 17

Your Parents and Family: Pam and Tom Olson along with two dogs and one cat.

Your School and Grade: I am a senior at Christian Academy of Louisville.

Other interests you have besides horses: I like boating and riding jet skis.

Where you ride: Premier Stables and Judd Stables.

When you started riding: I started riding at Premier Stables at age four, then I moved to Florida and rode at Judd Stables. I came back to Premier Stables in 2005.

Your show ring record: 2005 WGC & WC 13 & under five-gaited. 2006 RWGC & WC 17 & under five-gaited pleasure. 2007 RWC 15 year old equitation.

Division(s) you show in: Equitation and Juvenile five-gaited.

Your most exciting victory: Winning the 13 & under five-gaited Championship at Louisville in 2005.

Your future goals: To concentrate on equitation and ride to the best of my ability.

How has riding helped you develop into a better student? Riding has taught me to focus and to keep doing something until I get it right.

Special thanks and appreciation to: My parents Pam and Tom Olson, Rob and Sarah Byers, and Don Judd and Maria Gilman.

In July of this year I visited Alaska, a place I thought I would never go in a million years. My mom and I started our trip off with driving to Indianapolis to catch our flight to Minneapolis and then to Anchorage. My dad picked us up from the airport and we were on our Alaskan adventure. My mom and I did many things in Anchorage such as a trolley tour of the city, visited the Alaskan ULU knife factory, shopping, eating out, and watching people fish. | During our trip my parents and I traveled four hours north of Anchorage to Denali. While in Denali we took a tour of one of the dog sledding kennels owned by the Iditarod Champion Jeff King. The next day we took a six hour tour on a bus of Denali National Park, did some shopping and headed back to Anchorage on Sunday. Before making it back to Anchorage, we did make an effort to stop at North Pole Alaska where there was a huge Christmas shop. The following Tuesday we took the hour to two hour drive to Seward, Alaska where we took a six hour boat tour. The boat tour was my favorite out of everything



we did in Alaska. Among the many structures and monuments we saw my family and I were also lucky enough to see a few animals. My parents and I saw bears, moose, caribou, whales, sea otters, eagles, arctic terns and much more. The picture shown is an iceberg from a glacier we saw on a tour in Seward, Alaska. Alaska was a blast and I recommend it to everyone.

Thanks Kelsey! I hope you continue to have fun showing and fulfill all of your dreams!

That's all for now! Until next time may your days be filled with great memories.

Please send any suggestions or ideas to my e-mail address below.

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Midwest

Hello Everyone! Unfortunately, summer's over and that means school has started and show season is winding down. Hopefully everyone has adjusted to their school schedule and you're back to your normal routine.

This will be the last month for our summer series. I hope that you enjoyed this series and had fun learning about some of the many legends in our breed. For a closing horse, I have chosen Wild-Eyed And Wicked. We all remember Wild-Eyed And Wicked, sometimes called the "Secretariat of show horses". Just a few years ago, Wild-Eyed And Wicked and four other horses were injected with some acidic substance. Only two were able to recover from it, and three others, Wild-Eyed And Wicked included, tragically died, shocking the Saddlebred world. He was a two-time World Grand Champion, and if he was still here today, we all know that he would have won many many more. I had the privilege to interview Wild-Eyed And Wicked's owner, Ms. Sally Jackson, to see what "Wicked" was like back at the barn.

What was his favorite treat? He was a peppermint junkie.

What was his funniest quirk? Wicked liked to watch to see if anyone forgot to give him the Royal Treatment by standing back when he was being led back into his stall. He would be watching to see if he could get anyone's attention with a swift cow kick to the crowd.

Where was his favorite place to be scratched? Wicked loved to stick out his tongue to have it scratched.

If Wild-Eyed And Wicked was a person, who do you think he would be? Someone with the most over the top ego that you can think of. Wicked thought a lot of himself.

How would you describe his personality? Wicked was not really wicked. He was just very quick and extremely game. He was full of himself and that presence is what made the crowd love him so much.

What was your most memorable experience with Wild-Eyed And Wicked? I'd have to say that my winning the Amateur Five-Gaited World's Championship on him was my personal most memorable. However, every ride on Wicked was memorable because he was such a very special horse with so much charisma, heart, and personality.

What was Wild-Eyed And Wicked like when he was younger? They say he was all legs, kind of scrawny looking, with those big wild looking eyes. They called him Wild-Eyed and then started looking for something to add to it, so that is how he got named WILD-EYED & WICKED.

Had there ever been any particular challenge that he had to overcome? Wicked was not able to overcome his biggest challenge, and

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that was to recover from what was injected into his leg. That led to his death.

What did you love the most about Wild-Eyed And Wicked? His heart. All you had to do was squeeze a little with your legs and he could go into overdrive. Now that was a real thrill as he had such a feeling of speed and power. He gave you 110%.

Thank you, Ms. Jackson, for doing that interview with me, and we all still miss watching “Wicked” in action. He will never be forgotten.

For the full interview, visit my website www.freewebs.com/juniorjumble and go to *Special Interviews*.

I'll see you all next month in the big Louisville edition!!

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Missouri

Hi Everyone! Wow, I don't know about you, but August and September have proved to be very busy months for me! In August, I went to the Illinois State Fair in Springfield, Ill., and it turned out to be a great show, with fabulous not-too-hot weather, and, as always, FAIR FOOD! I also went to the World's Championship Horse Show (affectionately known as “Louisville” to many) for a book signing of my book, *World Champion Material* with the American Saddlebred Museum. In September, I showed in the UPHA Pleasure Equitation

Finals at the All American Classic Horse Show, and by the time you read this, the St. Louis National Charity Horse Show will have come and gone, where I will have shown in the *Saddle & Bridle* Pleasure Medallion Finals! (Also, happy birthday to my brother, Nathan, and dad, who share the same birthday on September 27th during the St. Louis Horse Show!) There are still plenty of shows left this year; Calvary Episcopal, Mane Event, and the American Royal are just a few in the Midwest.

In all the excitement of fall horse shows and equitation finals, I almost forgot to mention that yet another school year has started. While this means new teachers, more challenging classes, old friends, and homework, it also means we have to say goodbye to everyone who is leaving for college. Two of these students are **Lauren Woodruff** and **Rebecca Elcock**. Lauren Woodruff finished out her junior exhibitor career under the direction of Kent Swalla at Glendale Stables. For the past few years, she has shown **Four Alarm** (aka “John”) in the Juvenile Show Pleasure division. This year she also showed **Stradivari** (aka “Toni”) in Juvenile Show Pleasure and **Ultra One** (aka “Frankie”) in a few Junior Exhibitor Five-Gaited classes. Fortunately, Lauren won't be going very far for college — she is staying in Columbia and attending Mizzou. Rebecca finished out her junior exhibitor career under the Linden Hills Stables banner, instructed by Lisa Hillmer. Her final juvenile class was with **He's A Little Big Man** at the Illinois State fair in the Country Pleasure division. Rebecca plans to go to K-State which, fortunately, is not far from her hometown of Linden Hill. Good luck to Lauren and Rebecca in college — we'll miss you!

The Illinois State Fair was certainly a horse show to remember. Here were some highlights:

>Congratulations to Nathan Hinds and his Country Pleasure mare, A Horse With No Name (aka “Melody”) on winning the ASB Country Pleasure Stake, topping a field of 20 horses! Nathan rides at Glendale Stables with Kent Swalla.

>Congratulations to Frances Neunuebel on two strong rides on Desert's Supreme Cowboy! I have written about Frances in past articles, but if her name is new to you, read her story at www.caringbridge.org/visit/francesneunuebel. This gutsy seventh grader had two amazing rides and rode hard through two large classes under the direction of Lisa Hillmer.

>Congratulations to Brittany Logan and Champagne For Two (aka “Dizzle”) on their exciting win in the ASB Five-Gaited Pleasure Championship. Brittany works at Glendale Stables and is a student at William Woods University.

Congratulations to everyone, and good luck to everyone at All American and St. Louis National. See you next month!

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Northeast

Hey Everyone! Well unfortunately our long, warm summer days are beginning to shorten and cool down. Now we also have to deal with school and homework, which means less time that can be spent at the barn. But, with winter coming also means the start of those “training days”. The days when you wake up, look outside and see it's still dark out. Then heading out to the car you get hit in the face by a bitter cold gust of wind and you begin to think “*Why am I going out here now?*”



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But soon you remember the look in your horse's eyes watching you coming in the barn or the feeling of how energetic he feels on some of those warmer winter days. These are the things that motivate us to work hard and try to learn our horses inside and out all in preparation for next spring. I think just about anyone who owns a horse is willing to do anything to make them the best they can be; even if it does mean a few frozen fingers or toes.

This month the Saddlebred Brick Dedication is in memory and honor of Hurricane Command, (aka "Thunder"). Thunder, a chestnut gelding, was by Gifted Commander (Wing Commander X Daneshall's Gift Of Roses (BHF)) and out of Sultan's Suffragette (Supreme Sultan x Bernadette Supreme). Anne Guillory was Thunder's proud owner from the fall of 1989 to mid-January of 1993. Unfortunately, Thunder had to be humanely euthanized in January of 1993 after battling laminitis for six months. Anne was just a month shy of her 17th birthday when he sadly passed. Thunder was trained by the late Bill Sadler of Twin Oak Farm in Bowling Green, Ky. Anne and Thunder showed in junior exhibitor three-gaited show pleasure classes under the instruction of Mary Lillian Sadler.

"Everything with Thunder was memorable. He was great to work around and

he knew how to both challenge and give confidence to a young rider. He was a huge bear of a horse – 16 hands and he grew an enormously fluffy winter coat. Overnight he would turn from a sleek, red show horse to a fluffy brown teddy bear. He liked to steal the gloves out of the back pocket of my jeans and he would do just about anything for a peppermint. He laid down in his stall a lot when he was sick. He used to let me come in and sit next to him on the sawdust. He'd even let me put his enormous head in my lap and let me scratch his ears."

When asked what made Thunder special, Anne responded, *"Thunder was both a challenge and a trusted friend. He knew when to push me to become a better rider and when to simply take care of me. He could be snorty or showy, or you could tie a lead shank to his halter and ride bareback. We had two great show seasons together, but we were really coming into our own just before he got sick. He deserved a brick because he represented everything a Saddlebred should be."*

Anne didn't actually purchase Thunder's brick. She had been saving her allowance for one when she received a brick dedicated to Thunder for her high school graduation in 1994. A dear friend and fellow rider (and her family) gave it to Anne. *"It was a fitting memorial to such a generous horse."*

Thank you, Anne for sharing Thunder's story with me. It sounds like Thunder was a truly wonderful horse! Well that's all for now. Until next time...

"Accept challenges, so that you may feel the exhilaration of victory."

— George S. Patton

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Southeast

Hi Everyone! Well, September is here and show season is coming to an end. I hope that everyone had a wonderful show season and that your goals were met with success!

This year was my first time attending Louisville to watch and I was so excited! I wasn't quite sure what to expect, but I knew, no matter what, that it was going to be

amazing. Louisville is not the only new show that I will add to my list of shows in 2008. This year was my first year attending the Germantown Charity Horse Show in Germantown, Tenn. Let me tell you, it was like nothing I could ever expect. I knew that it was a big show but I didn't realize just how big this show really was. People from all over come every year to watch this show; the stands were packed with spectators every night! The ring was outdoors so you had to be quick in order to get a seat in the shade before it was taken. Even the hotel had pictures from past shows in the lobby and there were banners all over town advertising the show.

There were also different breeds of horses that I had never seen in person before. There were miniature horses, Paso Finos, Friesians, racking horses of various breeds, Tennessee Walkers, and more! The prize list also included classes that I had never seen before, like carriage driving and all the Tennessee Walking classes.

During the day, the show grounds were dedicated to the jumpers with jumps ranging from three feet to grand prix level. I saw many excellent rides, including one ride where the horse turned on a dime and jumped a jump about four feet high, all in one stride! I was sadly unable to watch the grand prix on Saturday night because I had to leave, but I heard that it was amazing.

The night time session was devoted to the Saddlebreds and the Tennessee Walkers. I can still remember seeing the horses parade around the ring with a packed crowd cheering them on. I saw many champions that I had only read about in the magazines and I couldn't believe how exciting they were to watch in person.

When it came time to leave, I did not want to go, I was having way too much fun! I decided that Germantown was one of my favorite shows, and that I couldn't wait to go back next year!

That's all we have time for this month. Until next time, may your days be filled with fantastic rides and memories!

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