

Madeline "Rosie" Tylanda



My name is Madeline "Rosie" Tylanda. I'm 16 years old and a Junior at Essex High School in Essex Junction, VT. I was born in Texas, but have lived in Vermont my whole life, and have been riding since I was 7. I started out riding hunter/jumper, and have been active in our 4H club, Flying Hooves, for the last several years, but 3 years ago the barn I ride at was sold to who is now my trainer, Angie Maple. Angie came into what is now Blackrose Morgans in Colchester, VT and inherited a bunch of crazy 4H kids, but she has shared her love

of the breed with all of us and I've fallen in love with it too. Angie introduced me to riding saddleseat, and I got to spend the 2021 show season riding and driving Col-Ley's M T Pockets, a 22 year old ex-amish road horse turned a-circuit show horse. It was the most fun I've ever had in my whole life, and over the winter I found out that I was getting to show Illegal Motion from Colleen Saint Loup for the 2022 show season through the Mary Elizabeth Moulton Memorial Scholarship through Morgan Safenet. Mom and Angie say, "horse showing isn't for the faint of heart," and I've had a long lesson in that this year because Illegal Motion, aka Randall, got hurt on the trailer ride to Vermont. What was supposed to be a really big show season got a bit smaller, but it's given me a lot of time to work really hard on getting Randall rehabbed (and it's going great), and I've had the chance to show a really fun little Morgan gelding named Haggerbrook Winchester locally. It's also given me extra time to focus on 4H knowledge competitions earlier this year. Those went really well at the County and State levels, so we decided to try out what a Youth of the Year competition was like— and then won the Summer Kickoff competition in July! That was a HUGE surprise. I am SO excited to have the opportunity to represent the home state of the Morgan breed at the national level this year. I hope to win the Youth of the Year 2022 because it's so important to be more than just a good rider—being a good equestrian is taking the time to learn as much as you can about the animal that works so hard for you. I try really hard to set a good example for the younger kids in the barn doing this. Knowing enough to earn a spot to compete at Nationals is an achievement in itself...to win would be amazing!