

# Victoria's Experience

I have been riding at New Beginnings Therapeutic Riding for about 7 years. I have always been comfortable with large animals, like horses. It is the small ones such as dogs and cats that make me nervous, but I have grown use to them on the farm and they don't bother me.

The horse that I ride is named Apache. I guess you can tell why in the picture. When I first started riding, I had to have side walkers on both sides, someone in front and someone in back of me in case I fell off. Now, I ride independently.

When I arrive at New Beginnings, I have to brush Apache, clean his hoofs, and put the saddle and

bridle on. After I finish riding, I take the saddle and bridle off and brush him down again.

Sometimes, when it is real hot in summer, I give him a little bath with the hose.

Over the past couple years, I have participated in two horse shows in Ohio County. One time, I was an exhibition rider at Highland Stables here in Bowling Green.

I ride every Monday afternoon from April through October. We are so lucky to have a program like New Beginnings right here in Bowling Green. I have enjoyed being in this program and I know I will enjoy it for years to come.



## Let Freedom Ring

The clear autumn night was perfect for watching the presidential debates under Western's Bell Tower. Dr. K, Tyler, and I watched the debates with other college students. It was almost a festival, because of the food stands, the colorfully dressed students, the crowded grounds, and all the political booths.

We arrived early so we staked out the best seats on the grounds.

Before the debates we had dinner, we listened to the bands, and we watched the last part of extreme

make over. The episode looked like they were turning Dorian Gray into Johnny Depp with bad results. At 8:00 it was show time. The screen was a mega sized projection, which was shown on a building's wall, and the sound was great. We enjoyed watching the debates with a partisan crowd. It was something that I will remember for the rest of my life. It was just too cool.

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