



Trick Rider Dusta Kimzy teaching a young Madison to trick ride.



Edyn Blum added trick roping to her resume.

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horse while the horse runs freely around the arena.

“I learned that trick on one of Dusta’s pro rodeo horses. He knew one thing, and that was fast. She warned me not to drop the reins when I stood up. Of course, I dropped the reins out of habit to put both my hands in the air, but he was a good boy and didn’t take off,” Madison commented.

“The hardest trick to learn was “Under the Neck” that’s where you maneuver from left to right under the neck while the horse is running. I learned it when I was ten, but I wasn’t allowed to perform it until I was sixteen.”

Madison learns and masters two

to three tricks a year. She currently knows sixteen tricks that she likes to incorporate into her performance, though no performance is ever exactly the same, as she likes to keep the excitement alive.

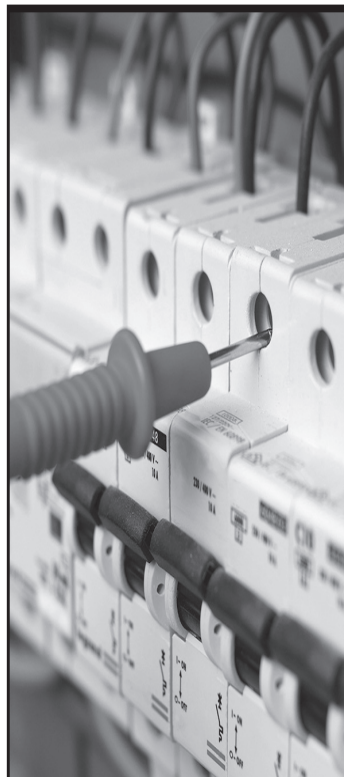
Growing up on a ranch in Oklahoma, Madison had also developed a talent for training horses in trick riding and barrel racing. “The key is to build a strong connection with the horses while developing their confidence,” Madison, who will be traveling to Hawley with her horses, Athena and Bowie, explained.

Joining Madison in Hawley will be trick rider and roper Edyn Blum. Unlike Madison, who

grew up riding, ranching, and rodeoing, Edyn grew up in Southern California, where she was more likely to ride a wave instead of a horse. Regardless, Edyn developed a love for horses and started riding at Riata Ranch when she was eleven.

“I remember begging my mom to take me to the fair so I could see the horses when I was younger. I had zero fear around them. I would stand up on them and try this or that. Then Jennifer Welch gave me a cool opportunity to learn how to trick ride. To become a trick rider, it generally helps if you’re in gymnastics or have been

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