

2015 **Champion**, Junior Western Division **Aaron Westlund**, Lethbridge, AB

This was my second year of working with draft horses. It was different than my first year because I had more experience, was stronger, and had more confidence. This meant that I did my showmanship classes by myself and was able to tie tighter tails. I live in Lethbridge and don't get to practice on a horse all the time. My mom bought me a mane-roll dummy that I practice on and she made me a dummy tail out of string and a piece of wood. I also made special trips to central Alberta to practice at the Coleman Ranch and at my Nana and Papas house to practice. A great thing about showing horses is that I get to spend so much time with my grandparents. I participated in two draft horse shows this year. One was in Olds and one was at the Calgary Stampede. I did really well and got through all of my classes even when my horse stepped on my foot while I was waiting to start one of my decorating classes. I am planning to show horses again next year and I joined a draft horse 4-H club this fall in Olds. One of my goals in 4-H is to become better at judging.

