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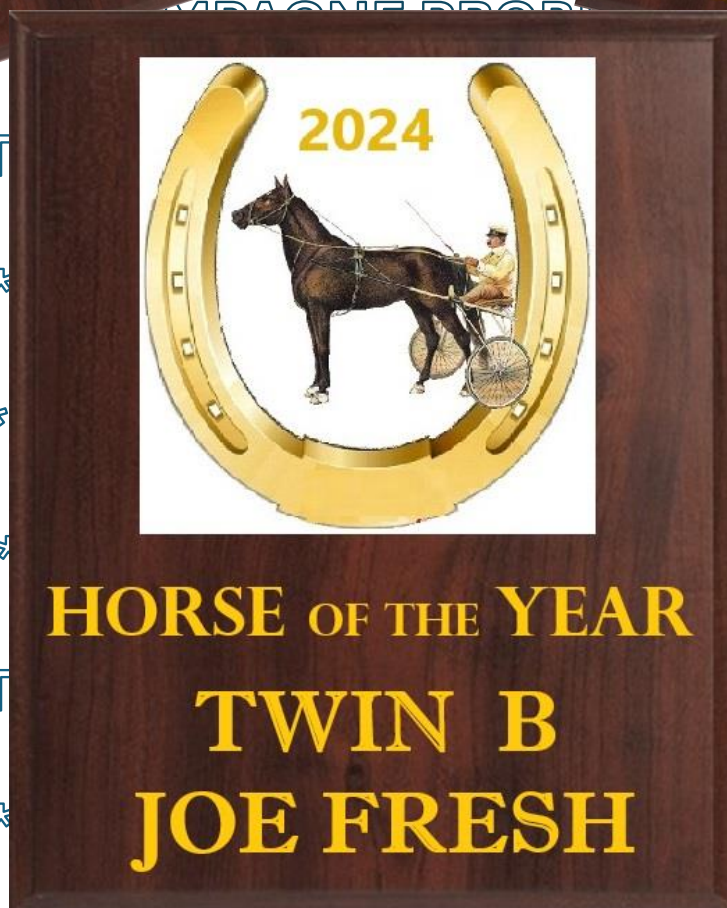
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It's gotta be Grandparents Day this week over in Greenville, a city of 13,000 on the border of Ohio/Indiana as 4-year-old mare Twin B Joe Fresh p3, 1:47.3m was named the 2024 Horse of the Year. The 30-race winner from her 40 lifetime starts has earned over \$2.3 million.

I can picture her maternal family of Three Diamonds, Leah Almahurst, and Western Hanover, all products of Greenville, on the big farm in the sky just outside of town as they browse the lush fields under a bright blue sky.

"Did you see our 'Jo' won the Horse of the Year, Leah?" asks Three.

"Yes, I did and I'm so proud of her! Wes," she calls out to the great-great grandsire as he noses around the gate trying to break a lock that he had already broken. "Our Jo is the Horse of the Year!"

The old horse Western Hanover, now the all-time leading stallion of any breed, lifts his head, thinks a second, and looks at her... *"WHO?"*

Home of The Great Darke County Fair that happens during the 3rd week of August ever since 1853, it is the scene of some great horses and horse people.

Gene Rieggle (1928-2011) was known as "a good colt man" – that is someone who develops youngsters from scratch – as he produced a plethora of stars and brought them to the races and made numerous World Champions, year after year many of which were owned by Hall of Famer George Segal including Three Diamonds, Western Hanover, Leah Almahurst & Life Sign.

The names of other animals such as Arnie Almahurst, Artsplace, Excited, Jay Time, Troublemaker & Tucson Hanover are etched into the Fairground's storied history.

A good support system for the animals includes caretakers, track men, farm help and a vital link is the blacksmith who is as important to the team as a good catcher is to a baseball team.

Think of team captains such as Johnny Bench of the Cincinnati Reds, Sandy Alomar Jr in Cleveland & Yogi Berra with the dreaded Yankees who were so very important to the franchise's success.

During those Championship years Rieggle employed and worked with Ohio Hall of Fame Farrier Dick Neville (1944-2020) as they sent out winner after winner. Utilizing the accumulated knowledge of legendary men such as Saunders Russell, Delvin Miller, George Sholty, Dick Baker, Haken Walner, Chip Noble, Soren Nordin, Billy Haughton, Stanley Dancer, Howard Beissinger, Terry Holton, Dave Rankin and many more, Neville just did what came naturally to him.

And a good horse was a foregone conclusion.

So when you study the royalty of Twin B Joe Fresh's breeding, she comes as no surprise. You can say she took her first steps with her grandparents in Greenville & was nurtured along the County Fairs throughout the Buckeye State.

And when some voices somewhere whisper "That must've been a match from Heaven." Simply answer: "Not Heaven... it's Ohio."

