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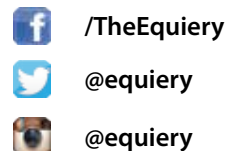
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The **Membership Committee** consists of eight dedicated people who are working hard to welcome horse people state-wide into the Maryland Horse Council family. The Maryland Horse Council is an organization of Maryland's horse people, for Maryland's horse people, dedicated to protecting and enhancing our mutual interests. For over 30 years, we have worked to represent those interests by including a broad spectrum of the equestrian community within our membership. We are redoubling our efforts to reach out to communities and equestrian disciplines in which our reach has been limited, and we are educating ourselves on the legislative and policy issues that affect them specifically.

The primary benefit of MHC membership is, of course, our advocacy work. Every day, across Maryland, state- and local-level governmental agencies are taking actions that can affect ourselves, our horses, our farms and our horse businesses in large and small ways. Yet, as isolated individuals, we lack the time and tools to stay abreast of these developments, much less influence them. That's where the Horse Council comes in. As an organization, our primary mission is to represent the horse community before state and local government. And while the focus of that mission is generally on the horse industry at large, our members have the unique opportunity to help us see and understand how governmental proposals may affect them in specific and particular ways. Member input is essential to help us develop our policies; members participate in our legislative work, and work on our various ad hoc task forces and standing committees. As a membership organization, our members come first, and are the backbone of our organization.

The secondary, but no less important, benefit of membership is exclusive invitations to our educational, social, and industry networking events, and to our Quarterly Meetings. To us, a central part of representing our industry is helping our members cement the kinds of relationships with one another that help us speak with one voice. There is strength in solidarity.

We have four levels of membership, each of which is designed to meet the needs of different demographics.

Individual membership: Our individual membership is designed for those Marylanders who are passionate about horses and want to become, or stay, involved in our community. It can be a challenge for individuals

to keep abreast of community news and industry developments. Individual members receive a copy of *The Equiery* in the mail and discounts on horse-related businesses such as John Deere, Toro, and Dover Saddlery. It can be even more of a challenge for individuals to learn of and follow legislative and regulatory activity that may directly affect them, and even more challenging to participate in policy-making. It is much easier for individuals to engage and have an impact when they have someone speaking on their behalf. That is our job.

Association membership: Our association membership is designed to serve discipline-specific associations, educational associations, professional associations, and all the other non-profits that provide valuable services to our communities. Our association members benefit from special marketing and promotional services to help them reach their communities and maximize fundraising. Our job is to help equine organizations flourish.

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Youth membership: Our youth membership is designed to introduce equestrians under the age of 18 to law-making and policy-making, including such topics as the regulatory issues around farm stewardship, equine-assisted therapy, racetrack safety, Safe Sport, and others. It is also designed to introduce our younger equestrians to the breadth and complexity of the Maryland horse industry, and to the variety of career options in the industry. Our job is to educate everyone in the equine community, not just the grownups.

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Horse Shot in Southern Maryland

A 17.2 hand, grey gelding named Leggs, owned by Cheryl Lynn Bean, was shot and killed in the Leonardtown/Redgate area on June 20. Leggs was in his pasture at the time of the incident, which the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office says happened between 9am and 5pm that day. Police have not yet identified the shooter. Leggs suffered a puncture wound in his abdomen.

The police department is asking anyone with information about this incident to call Cpl. Melissa Green at 301-475-4200, ext. 71996 or email Melissa.green@stmarysmd.com. The case number is 32309-21.

Maryland State Fair Awarded \$30k Green Grant

The Chesapeake Bay Trust, in partnership with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 3 and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources has awarded the Maryland State Fair & Agricultural Society, Inc., a \$30,000 grant. The grant is part of a \$1.3 million grant providing funding for 32 projects in the Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns (63) Initiative.

"This funding awarded to the Maryland State Fair & Agricultural Society, Inc., will be used to create a green infrastructure master plan for the Maryland State Fairgrounds campus, with a concept design for a high priority stormwater management project, including signage to educate and engage the public in the Fair's stormwater and environmental commitment," said Maryland State Fair & Agricultural Society Board Chairman Gerry L. Brewster.

"This generous grant will help us expand our environmental stewardship initiative to include stormwater management at the Maryland State Fairgrounds," said Maryland State Fair General Manager Andy Cashman. Previous environmental initiatives at the Maryland State Fairgrounds have included installing solar panels on the Cow Palace and Sheep & Swine Barn, planting native trees around the Fairgrounds, participating in Earth Day community clean-up events, and more.

MJC Increases Purses

The Maryland Jockey Club announced a 15% increase in overnight purses at Pimlico Race Course effective July 2. The Pimlico Meet has been extended through August 22 while the

main track at Laurel Park is being resurfaced. The purse increase will apply to maiden special weight races, open allowance races and a few others. Stakes purses will not be affected

USEF Holds DEI Community Conversations

US Equestrian has launched a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) initiative, and as part of that initiative, USEF held a DEI Community Conversations webinar on June 30. The webinar was open to the public. The panelists were Ashland Johnson of The Inclusion Playbook, Rebbly Kern of Equality North Carolina and Chris Mosier, the first transgender athlete to compete in international competition.

The webinar discussed how to be a better LG-BTQ+ ally. The webinar, as well as other DEI educational material, is available to any USEF "Fan" member on usef.org. You can become a USEF "Fan" member for free if you use the code: inclusion21.

USEF is also holding mandatory diversity training sessions for all licensed officials, and is working on additional DEI workshops geared toward members.

Riding in Hot Weather: How to Keep Your Horses Safe

Horses evolved in colder, drier climates, and they can struggle to keep their body temperatures cool in our Maryland summers. A high internal body temperature, if it continues for too long, can lead to heat stroke, brain injury, or death.

Horses normally cool themselves by sweating. The evaporating sweat creates a cooling effect. When the humidity is high, however, sweat does not evaporate as quickly and a horse can overheat.

The University of Minnesota Extension recommends that you avoid riding altogether in hot and humid weather. If you must ride, ride in the early morning or late at night, and ride in the shade. In no event, however, should you ride when the combined temperature and humidity exceeds 150 – and riding when the combined temperature and humidity is over 180 can be fatal to your horse. Note that, although the temperature may be lower in the morning, the humidity is often higher than it is in the afternoon. So pay attention to both numbers and how they add up.

Boots or no boots?

If you do choose to ride, your choice of leg protection can affect your horse's ability to keep itself cool during hot weather. A study by Middle Tennessee State University looked at how boots and leg wraps increase leg temperature, and the extent to which the increased leg temperature

Temp. (F) + Humidity (%)	Horse Cooling Efficiency
Less than 130	Most effective
130 - 150	Decreased
Greater than 150	Greatly reduced
Greater than 180	Conditions could be fatal

risks tendon injury. The study was presented at the 2021 Equine Science Society's virtual symposium.

The researchers explained that the bare limb is efficient and aerodynamic, in part because there are no muscles below the knee or the hock. Boots and bandages insulate the legs and raise the limb's internal temperature above baseline. Heat can damage the superficial digital flexor tendon. The digital flexor tendon has a higher core temperature than skin anyway, and it is hypo-vascular, so it loses very little heat in the

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The researchers studied six different types of boots:

1. A traditional neoprene boot;
2. A perforated neoprene boot;
3. A plant-based neoprene boot made of Stomatex;
4. A cross-country boot;
5. An elastic track bandage; and
6. A fleece polo wrap.

The study found that bare legs stay the coolest. None of the limbs wearing leg protection returned to base line temperature within the 180-minute recovery period, and “the hyperthermic effect of [all] boots and bandages” was enough to “cause chronic microdamage to the tendon.” The most damaging leg wraps for hot weather exercise were the fleece polo wraps.

To scrape or not to scrape?

Industry organizations have issued conflicting advice on the best way to cool down a horse. In 2019, the FEI advised against scraping a horse after hosing with cold water, but other organizations continued to recommend scraping on the theory that it encouraged cooling through evaporation.

In 2019, researchers at University of Queensland’s School of Agriculture and Food Sciences studied three different methods for cooling a horse after exercise, and their results were counter-intuitive to many.

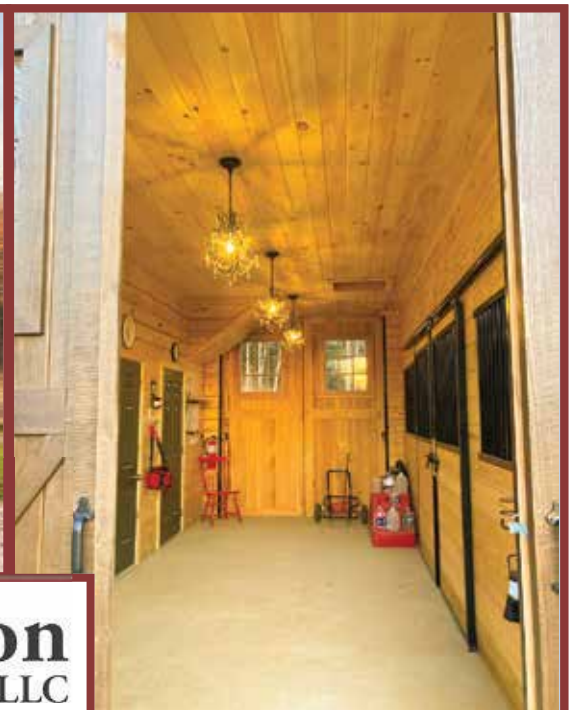
The researchers found “no cooling effect of scraping following rapid cold-water application.” The cold water started cooling the horse’s internal temperature immediately, but the moment the water was scraped off, the cooling effect stopped and the horse’s internal temperature began to rise again.

Researchers saw the biggest cooling effect in horses that were bathed in 8 gallons of cold water every minute, for 5 minutes, without scraping.

What does that mean for us? Get out your hose, set your timer for 5 minutes, and when the time is up, leave your horse dripping wet and give her the rest of the day off.



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THE EQUIERY'S ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST

We had over 200 entries for this year's Annual Photo Contest. The entries covered a wide range of subjects: from barn cats, to foals, to sunsets, to action shots, just to name just a few. The entries came from Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Massachusetts. As in years past, the Farm Life category had the most entries, followed by Portraits, and then Sports. This year created a new award category: MHC Members' Top Pick!

Our only voting criterion was the artistic quality of the photograph. Our judges looked for high-quality images with rich, crisp colors, and excellent focus and exposure as well as interesting compositions. Judges did not know who the photographer was, nor did they have any background information on the entries when casting their votes.

We hope you enjoy the following pages filled with this year's category winners! We will be posting all of the contest submissions to our Facebook page during the month of August, so be sure to follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/TheEquiery>

2021 Grand Champion & Top Amateur Photographer



It is always difficult to pick one image out of more than 200 excellent submissions. This year, however, one photograph stood out above the rest—"The Early Worm" by amateur photographer **Charles Toler** of Clarksville. It received the most votes in the Farm Life category and was our judges' pick for this year's August cover.

The photo of a groom bringing in a young horse was taken on an early morning at Chanceland Farm in West Friendship. One of our judges said, "That photo is not only beautiful, it is about farm life specifically, not just horses on a farm." Another judge said, "The photo isn't biased towards any specific discipline. Everyone can relate. It captures the essence of why we all love horses."

The colors and composition are lovely and the image has a quiet soft sense that appealed to the judges. Charles also submitted other photos that received much praise, making him this year's Top Amateur Photographer winner.

Top Professional Photographer



Sherri Holdridge of Kensington submitted seven photos to this year's contest. Her images have a very painterly feel to them, which made them stand out as true works of art. This photo, "Tender Moments," of a mare and foal at Assateague Island almost looks like a black and white graphite drawing. You can see every hair and whisker of the horses in high definition. Sherri also produced our Portraits category winner!

2021 Reserve Champion



Melissa Giesler of Mt. Airy submitted this photo taken by amateur photographer **Alexis Paul** of junior rider Georgia Jean Wisooker and Willie B Reddy. The photo is called "Pure Love," and it received the second highest number of votes for this month's cover. It's a fantastic example of a good quality photo with bright colors, a crisp image, and beautiful composition.

Top Junior Photographer



Brandon Miller of Frederick submitted four photos to our contest, all of which caught the eyes of our judges. His interesting use of perspective, as seen in this photograph entitled "Living the Life," was creative and unusual. This photograph in particular also checked all the boxes of crisp and clean, lovely lines and interesting composition.

MHC Members' Top Pick



Maryland Horse Council members had the chance to weigh in this year with the new "MHC Members' Top Pick" award. This year's winner is amateur photographer **Margaret Osborne** of Frederick, with her portrait "Gus Gus." The photo was taken at Riley Meadows in Frederick and is of Michelle Rahman's cute mini.

MHC Members' Runner Up



MHC members' second top photo was "Ava and Joe," taken by amateur photographer **Charlene Sharpe** of Berlin. The photo shows a smiling Ava Sharpe hugging her pony Joe after a ride at Wynnfield Farm in Berlin.

MHC Members' Honorable Mention



This photo by **Megan Ferry** of Street called "Parts of the Horse Game" earned MHC Members' Honorable Mention with the third highest number of votes. The photo is of Benjamin Schaller playing a "label the parts of the horse" game while riding Tilly, was taken at Chesapeake Therapeutic Riding.

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Equestrian Sports



WINNER: For the second year in a row, professional photographer **Kim Harmon** of Frederick wins the Equestrian Sports category. This year, her image “Leaping Off the Turn” shows the moment of take off as the horse gallops around a barrel. One judge commented that this photograph is the total package with “the intense young rider, the position, balance, and gung-ho aggression of the pony is just great.”



RUNNER UP: This photo, “A Tap to the Goal” by amateur photographer **Patrick Michaels** of Beallsville was not only the second pick for the Equestrian Sports category, it also received the third most votes for our cover photo voting. The overall composition makes a compelling photograph. The clean details of every horse and rider, each in perfect focus, makes for engaging, and exciting, action shot.



“The 1st at Old Hilltop on Memorial Day” by **Tim Sudduth** (Winchester, VA)



“Glenda Player & PL Lucky Tammy” by **Tara Shegogue** (Damascus)



“Rodeo” by **Jennifer Sulin-Stair** (Catonsville)

“And That’s A Wrap” by **Michael Pavis** (Leonardtown)



“Reg the Ledge at Morven Park” by **Alison L. Asti** (Pasadena)



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WINNER: Professional photographer **Jeff Gagliano** of Mechanicsville took this year's Black & White category winning photograph, called "Kick Your Heels Up." The image is of Suttler Post Farm Clydesdales pulling the farm's wagon, taken from an interesting angle. One judge commented, "The draft horse rig is beautiful. I love the angle, the setting, everything!"



RUNNER UP: Junior photographer **Brandon Miller's** photograph "Tucker and Howard and Donkeys" was our judges' second best pick for this category. This image also presents a crisp image with an interesting perspective.



"Elliot Goodzeit & Baron" by **Tara Shegogue** (Damascus)



"Horse Power" by **Adeline Herbst** (Glenwood)



"Charge, Fair Maid!" by **Barbara Miller** (St. Leonard)



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Maryland Foals



WINNER: **Charles Toler** earned a second top award this year with his image “Corinnaise & Corinnaise 21” in the Foals category. The photo was also taken at Chanceland Farm in West Friendship, and shows Thoroughbred mare Corinnaise with her latest foal Corinnaise 21. Corinnaise 21 is by the Maryland stallion Mosler. The image is a technically excellent photograph that shows a tender moment between mom and baby.



RUNNER UP: This year’s runner up is “Jumping for Joy” by amateur photographer **Debra Book Barrows** of Annapolis. The photo shows the Welsh filly Severn Aurora, bred at Severn Oaks Farm in Arnold, having a wonderful time leaping around her paddock.



“Possibly Perfect” by **Carol Kaye** (Mt. Airy)



“First Foal out of Quotable Quotes” by **Charlene Sharpe** (Berlin)



“Summer Surprise Visit from Kenzie” by **Julie Lewis** (Brandywine)



“Mercurious” by **Trisha DeRosa** (Westminster)



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Portraits



RUNNER UP: This year's Portraits category runner-up is "Dutiful Sun" taken by amateur photographer **Diane Hermann** of Prince Frederick. The up close and personal image of a 33-year-old sanctuary horse was taken at Freedom Hill Horse Rescue in Owings, just a few months before he died. Hermann called him "the patriarch of the rescue and my angel horse." Her photograph captures his gentle and compassionate spirit just right.



WINNER: The Portraits category received our second highest number of entries. This entry, by professional photographer **Sherri Holdridge** of Kensington, won out over 50 other entries. The image is called "A Master and His Hounds," and shows Goshen Hounds Huntsman Robert Taylor with a few of his pack at Tusculum Farm in Laytonsville. One judge stated, "The lighting, the color, the setting, and the emotion of this photo won me over."



"Focus" by **Hannah Gaylor** (Hagerstown)



"In Stitches with Laughter" by **Lindsey Burch** (Mechanicsville)



"Fin-tastic" by **Kim Lee** (New Windsor)



"Ready to Train" by **Carol Fox** (Manchester)



"Ernie's First Birthday!" by **Carol Dowling** (Highland)



"My Little Sister" by **Charlize Stair** (Catonsville)

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Horse Farm Life



RUNNER UP: Amateur photographer **Shannon Snyder** of Woodbine captured this endearing photo of daughter Ava with their AQHA foal Resting With A Magnum. The child's expression and the foal's snuggly muzzle are in perfect focus with the rest of the image faded away, making for a great photo of a great moment!



WINNER: This year's Grand Champion winning photograph "The Early Worm" is also this year's Farm Life category winner. This image, by **Charles Toler**, beat out nearly 70 photos to win the category.



"Fire in the Sunset" by **Jennifer Horn** (Oldtown)



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Equine Photography

Ever sift through someone's social media page and wonder... how did they get that shot? Photography, in general, is an art form that more and more people are diving into, especially with advancements in smart phone lenses allowing everyone to be able to snap a photo with just a touch. Composing a good photo can be challenging but composing a good horse photo is even more challenging because the subject never stops moving, must be photographed outdoors, doesn't take direction well, and a host of other technical issues that require skill, timing and sometimes a bit of luck in order to get the shot.

We asked two of our *Equiery* freelance photographers to share their tips on how to shoot a good horse action shot as well as how to stage an equine photo shoot.



Tammie J. Monaco

Tammie J. Monaco received her first camera when she was in third grade and won her first photography contest in sixth grade, shooting with a Polaroid. Over the years, she has moved on to Nikons but has never stopped taking photos, especially of equine sporting events such as the Maryland steeplechase season. Monaco is also a rider who loves to trail ride and hunter pace with her ponies.

Chelsea Spear took up photography a few years ago when she started shooting photos for Caprika Realty, which she owns with her husband. She then started taking her camera to horse shows to take photos

of her friends and realized how much emotion can be captured with our beautiful equine partners. Since then, Spear has worked for Amy Drago, Erin Gilmore and a few other event photographers. Spear is also an Area II event rider and dressage enthusiast, and was our onsite photographer for the Land Rover Kentucky Three Day Event in April.

Ten Tips for Staging Equine Photo Shoots

1. Time of day is super important. Your best light is in the morning and evening. Mid-day, when the sun is overhead, the shadows tend to be harsh. – *Tammie J. Monaco*

2. Have your horse looking amazing. You are generally paying good money for a session when hiring a professional photographer so put your best foot forward. Going the extra mile to braid, bathe, etc., really makes for some awesome photos. – *Chelsea Spear*

3. Look up "horse sounds" on YouTube and videos will come up that can help keep the horse's attention. Hang on tight though as some horses get anxious when they hear it! – *Tammie J. Monaco*

4. Breathe. Take moments to relax your face and then smile for the

camera. – *Chelsea Spear*

5. Consider your background. You can stand a horse up perfectly but if it's in front of the manure pile, you better be pretty proficient at PhotoShop to clean that mess up! – *Tammie J. Monaco*

6. You don't need a huge extravagant place or setting to create amazing pictures. Look around your farm for some good backdrops. – *Chelsea Spear*

7. Candid shots tend to be the client's favorite; so don't spend too much time over posing. – *Chelsea Spear*

8. Plan ahead by having the client send you a few samples of exactly what they are looking for. – *Tammie J. Monaco*

9. You need a minimum of three people to make the magic happen: a photographer, a handler and a rodeo clown. – *Tammie J. Monaco*

10. One extra tip from *The Equiery's* Art Director Katherine O. Rizzo: Have the rider bring several attire options to change in and out of for a variety of shots. Sometimes what the client thinks will look good next to her horse doesn't always translate well in photographs, so having options will help ensure the final product is fantastic.

Ten Tips for Shooting Live Action Equestrian Competitions

1. Personally I like a fast shutter speed like ~1600 for a crisp shot. – *Tammie J. Monaco*

2. Auto ISO since outdoor lighting can change in an instant. You know you want a crisp shot, so let the camera adjust the ISO for you. – *Tammie J. Monaco*

3. Always be ready to shoot! Things don't always go as planned during competitions so be prepared to pivot and get that awesome shot. – *Chelsea Spear*

4. Be prepared! Always have rain gear packed (or at least a garbage bag tucked into your equipment bag) for unexpected downpours. – *Tammie J. Monaco*

5. Make quick decisions about where to shoot from. Sometimes you have the best spot picked out but the way the horses are jumping the fence just does not work. Figure it out quickly and move as needed. – *Chelsea Spear*

6. Use a single focus point. There are times my camera is smarter than me but when deciding on which horse I want to focus to be on, it is not. – *Tammie J. Monaco*

7. Get every hoof in focus. Focus your camera on the head of the horse, which helps. – *Chelsea Spear*

8. Follow your subject as you shoot. – *Tammie J. Monaco*

9. Having a feel for the camera shutter is almost like having a feel for a canter rhythm in a grid... knowing when to click and when to wait is so important. – *Chelsea Spear*

10. When posting to your site, edit out the "bad" photos. No one wants to see the 623 images you shot yesterday. Delete the blurry, awkward, poorly cropped, bad stride, underexposed, overexposed and bad captures before posting. – *Tammie J. Monaco*



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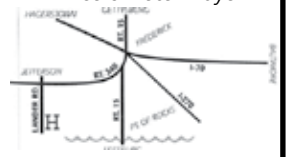
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Is Solar Farming Good for the Horse Industry?

by Kimberly K. Egan, MHC Co-President

The Maryland Horse Council conducted a solar power survey in March, and several of our members expressed concern about the prospect of large-scale solar generation facilities on agricultural land, known as “solar farming.” Our Government Relations report in the April issue discussed the issue briefly, but now we take a deeper look at the policy reasons behind solar-farming, and how solar-farming can benefit horse farms and horse owners.

Why Solar in Maryland?

It will be news to no one that Maryland must curb its greenhouse gas emissions and reduce nutrient run-off into the Chesapeake Bay. It may be news, however, that Maryland is under strict legal obligations to increase its solar power generation substantially in the next 10 years.

In 2019, the General Assembly enacted a new Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard designed to reach a “50 by 30” target, i.e., sourcing 50% of Maryland’s electricity from renewable sources by 2030. The standard requires that a certain amount of the State’s electricity be generated from solar specifically, and that requirement increases each year between now and 2030. By 2030, Maryland must generate 14.5% of its electricity from solar power (see MD Code, Pub. Util. § 7-703). In 2020, Maryland generated only 4.3% of its electricity from solar power.

Renewable energy is the rare topic that is not a partisan issue in Maryland. Governor Hogan, a Republican, permitted the 2019 legislation to become law but said he thought the Democrat-controlled General Assembly had set the standard too low. He told former Senate President Mike Miller that the bill “wasn’t clean enough” and expressed support for “100 by 40” instead, meaning 100% renewable energy by 2040.

Why Does Maryland Need Solar on Agricultural Land?

The survey respondents who expressed concerns did not take issue with solar energy itself, they just questioned why new solar installations need to be on open land as opposed to on rooftops, over parking lots, in power line rights of way, on landfills, and the like. The answer is at least two-fold.

First, investment in rooftop arrays is already well underway. According to the Maryland Energy Administration, rooftop solar has accounted for the majority of the State’s solar investment so far. The solar industry has installed more than \$212 million in projects on over 6,000 residential rooftops, and over \$44 million across 342 commercial rooftop projects. The General Assembly took steps this past session to encourage more rooftop solar by raising the net metering limit, which allows more Marylanders to sell more power back to the grid (see April 2021 *Equiery* column for details). In addition, Governor Hogan is considering requiring rooftop solar on all government buildings and State-owned property.

Second, in 2017 the Sierra Club¹ concluded that “there isn’t enough

room on rooftops, landfills, and brownfields” to meet requirements. Not all roofs can support the weight of a solar array, especially older roofs. Not all landfills, brownfields, and parking lots have suitable terrain, and some industrial and urban settings may be unsuitable for other reasons related to public safety. In addition, it is more expensive to site solar arrays on roofs and parking lots because the engineering requirements are more complex, and because the work needed to prepare the site and mitigate collateral property disturbance is more extensive.

How Much Agricultural Land Is at Stake?

The amount of agricultural land needed to meet the State’s legal obligations on solar power is not large. Maryland has approximately 2 million acres of farmland, 800,000 of which are reserved in perpetuity for agricultural use under the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation program.² Governor Hogan’s Task Force on Renewable Energy Development and Siting reported that “between 7,750 and 33,000 acres of farmland could be devoted to utility-scale solar,” which accounts for, at most, 1.65% of the available, non-MALF acreage.³

This calculation holds true outside of Maryland as well. At the national level, research published in *Sustainability* magazine showed that U.S. farmers could generate 20% of the country’s total energy needs by devoting just 1% of farmland to solar arrays.⁴ On a global level, the Yale School of the Environment reported on a 2019 study that showed farmers could generate 100% of global electricity demand by devoting just 1% of their farmland to solar arrays.⁵

Where Is Solar Farming Happening in Maryland?

According to the Maryland Energy Administration, the solar industry has already invested almost \$10 million across 89 solar farms on agricultural land. In addition, and as we reported in April, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) had 6 solar-farming petitions in review as of February: a 286-acre site on a reclaimed surface coal mine in Allegany County; a 286-acre site on agricultural land in Dorchester County; a 255-acre site on agricultural land in Harford County; a 232-acre site on Farmland of Statewide Importance in Kent County; a 70-acre site on agricultural land in Washington County; and a 25-acre site on agricultural land in Wicomico County.

Since February, DNR has opened review on a 140-acre site on agricultural land in Harford County.

Can the Horse Industry Benefit from Solar Farming?

There is growing acceptance in both the scientific and agricultural communities that farmers and farmland—including horse farmers—can benefit from solar farming.

In Maryland, the Sierra Club demonstrated that using 2017 metrics, a crop farmer in Maryland who converted 10% of their land to solar would

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earn as much from the solar array as they did from previous crops. Assuming those metrics remain true today, the crop farmer would be able to use the remaining 90% of their land for environmentally sound uses of particular benefit to the horse industry, such as hay farming, or well-maintained grazing pasture. They could also use the remaining 90% of their land for other uses more environmentally sound than crops, such as organic farming, carbon sequestration, riparian buffers, and pollinator-friendly meadow habitats.

Solar-Grazing and Agrivoltaics

More recently, the Governor's Task Force reported that "agrivoltaics," which it defines as "the co-development of the same area of land for solar power and agriculture," could provide "solar-grazing" opportunities for livestock farmers in Maryland. The Task Force noted that "several kinds of farm animals have been used for grazing in solar arrays, including chickens, sheep, and cows underneath elevated panels," and that the "benefits of grazing on solar lands include the use of manure to enrich the soil and reduced vegetation management costs." Horse farms could similarly benefit from solar-grazing, provided the arrays were mounted sufficiently far above ground. They would also provide shade during our brutal Maryland summers.

According to the Governor's Task Force, several states already permit solar-grazing stating, "Massachusetts has developed financial incentives for farmers who put land into dual-use with solar arrays." The Task Force recommends that Maryland:

- Study the benefits of solar-grazing in other states;
- Obtain further information on the tax incentives provided by Massachusetts for agrivoltaics;
- Develop an agrivoltaics pilot program in Maryland.

This data supports an emerging view that agriculture and solar arrays are not at odds, and that solar arrays can benefit the health of agricultural land; provide additional revenue to farmers; and by reducing the acreage needed for crop farming, create more space for riding trails and for horse farms on agricultural land.

Who Makes the Call?

More than one regulatory agency has authority over solar farms. The State has exclusive authority over solar installations that generate more than 3,000 MW, and it vests that authority in the Public Services Commission, DNR, and assorted other agencies. DNR's role is to review site installation applications to make sure the State is meeting its energy needs in a manner that "protects the state's valuable natural resources."

Individual counties have zoning authority over solar arrays that generate less than 3,000 MW. Each county has its own rules, which can change frequently and which are often the subject of spirited public debate. There have been at least three county-level zoning changes on solar farming this year.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY: On February 23, 2021, the Montgomery County Council enacted a zoning amendment to increase the size of solar arrays permitted on a small percentage of land in the Agricultural Reserve and to require agrivoltaics, such as solar grazing.

HOWARD COUNTY: On May 6, 2021, Howard County enacted a zoning amendment that limits the size of commercial solar installations on agricultural preservation properties and that requires agrivoltaics, such as solar grazing, on agricultural preservation land.

CARROLL COUNTY: On May 14, 2021, the Carroll County Commissioners enacted a zoning amendment that permits solar farming on certain parcels in its Agricultural Zoning District and that requires agrivoltaics, such as solar grazing.

The MHC Government Relations Committee monitors solar farming legislation across the State. We will continue to bring you updates on how solar farming impacts the Maryland horse industry, either positively or negatively, as well as information about resources on how to use solar farming to the benefit of your horse business.

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By Katherine O. Rizzo

Talking Horses, Violins, and Pageants with Allison Redman, Miss Maryland 2020

leader. “Each role is important for the rider, [the] horse, and the experience,” she said, adding that she has been able to watch “the students grow into better horseback riders.” She particularly enjoys “celebrating their successes.”

Becoming Miss Maryland

Growing up in Maryland, Redman said she was aware of the Miss America pageant but did not know anything about the local competitions that led to the national pageant. When she was in seventh grade, she met a Miss Maryland who had come to Redman’s school for a student awards ceremony. “I thought it was kind of cool but didn’t think about doing beauty pageants myself,” she explained.

Redman attended Harford Community College for a time, and while she was there she saw a pamphlet for a local pageant and entered on a whim. “I did not win, but that is what got me to look into local pageants geared towards Miss America,” she said. After competing in at least six pageants and not winning any of them, Redman was ready to throw in the towel and move on. But she decided to give it one last try. “I won that one and went on to Miss Maryland but did not make it into the top ten,” Redman remarked.

Redman graduated from Towson University with a degree in Music Performance. She went on to Drexel University, where she is working on a Master’s Degree in Human Resources. She competed in pageants the entire time.

“I just got addicted to it,” she said with a laugh, adding that in her second Miss Maryland pageant she did make it into the top ten. The third time she competed, she made it to the third runner up position. Then in 2020, Redman won it all and was crowned Miss Maryland.

“The whole experience was incredible, and I hope other young ladies will just go for it. The Miss Maryland organization promotes scholarship, leadership, and helps with career paths,” she said. “It also helps you figure out what your passions are, and mine is horses.”

Keeping Music Alive

The Miss Maryland pageant requires competitors to demonstrate a talent. Riding is not particular suitable for the pageant stage, so Redman showcased her other passion, music. “I started playing the violin in fourth grade but I really wanted to play the clarinet,” she said with a laugh. “I will never forget it, Mr. Folus, my music teacher, convinced me it was a great idea to play the violin because there were more opportunities for violinists.”

Redman studied with the National Philharmonic’s second violinist, Linda Leanza, and after high school she began playing with the

Susquehanna Symphony Orchestra (SSO). Redman was the Concert Master of the Towson University Symphony Orchestra, and won the Towson University Talent Award for her performance of the Mendelssohn Violin Concertos. She performs as a solo artist and as a member of the Susquehanna Symphony Orchestra.

Redman added, “Music has always been an outlet for me to express my creativity and has always given me something to do in my free time.”

Every Miss Maryland must dedicate the duration of her reign to service. Redman dedicated her year of service to music. She used her Miss Maryland scholarship money to start the “Keeping the Music Alive” initiative, which advocates for “keeping musical programs in schools to allow students the opportunity to learn a musical instrument.” She explained that “music programs are the first programs to be cut when it comes to funding, and it is a shame because music programs are so beneficial to the developing student by learning teamwork, creativity in thinking, learning pattern recognition, and keeping students engaged in school.”

In the years to come, Redman plans to expand her initiative to all aspects of arts education.

Bel Air resident Allison Redman handed over her Miss Maryland crown to Lydia Sohn of Hanover this past June, in what Redman called “a bitter sweet moment.” Redman, who was the 2020 Miss Maryland winner, said she had “worked so hard to get to this point,” and that she wants to stay involved with the pageant.

Redman is much more than a pageant queen, however. She is also a professional violinist and she volunteers at Normandy Farm’s therapeutic riding program in Baltimore County.

A Horse of Course!

Redman was around eight years old when she first sat on a pony. She got into it because a friend of hers rode. Redman started taking lessons at Dreams End Farm in Harford County and never stopped. Nearly 20 years later, she still finds time for horses.

“As a kid I loved to jump, but then I took a break during college to focus on my studies. When I got back to it, I picked up dressage, riding at a high level on a friend’s horse.”

Redman now owns Sydney, a 20-year-old Thoroughbred-Percheron mare that she boards at Normandy Farm in Street. “Sydney is super calm, and neither of us have shown yet but I’m excited about my first steps into actual competitions with her,” she said.

Therapeutic Riding at Normandy Farm, Inc., was established in 1989 and moved to Normandy Farm in Street in 1992. The program offers lessons to special needs students year-round, and Redman is one of its volunteers. She began volunteering there when she was 15 years old. Redman explained that the program is special to her because she took great satisfaction from helping special needs students. She said it is “such a rewarding feeling being part of their experiences and seeing their faces light up with joy. Just like mine does when I get on my horse.”

Redman teaches lessons at Normandy Farm and also acts as both a side-walker and a horse



“Preakness is the biggest event I’ve attended in-person [as Miss Maryland] so this will be a really big event,” Allison Redman said. Not only was Preakness 2021 one of Redman’s few in-person appearances as Miss Maryland, it was her first time attending Preakness! “Having the Preakness back, having crowds at the event, is really such a light during such a dark time,” she added.



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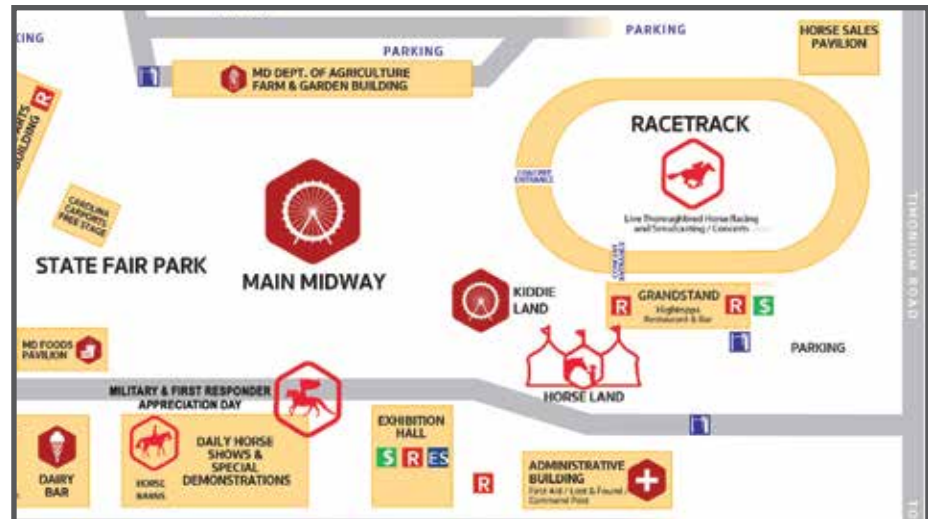
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Horseland Returns to the Maryland State Fair!

by Ross Peddicord, MHIB Executive Director

The 2020 Maryland State Fair, which due to COVID-19 restrictions was closed to the general public and only able to host live-streamed youth and open livestock shows, will return with a full calendar of equestrian events from August 26 to September 6, 2021. Returning favorites include Thoroughbred racing, rodeo, horse pulls, horse shows, pony racing, a therapeutic riding show and, new this year, a competition of six-horse draft teams held on the racetrack infield.

There is also the return of Horseland to look forward to this year!

For the entire 12 days of the Fair, folks who want to pet a horse, learn about horses, find out where they can volunteer, take riding lessons or be taught how to place a \$2 bet, can visit the Horseland exhibition under a big tent located next to “Kiddie Land” and the racetrack. There they are greeted by volunteers from riding stables and the racetrack who introduce them to the wonderful world of horses, Maryland style.

The main sponsors of Horseland are The Maryland State Fair and the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association in conjunction with the Maryland Jockey Club, Maryland Horse Breeders Association, Maryland Million, Maryland Horse Council, Maryland Saddle, Wellspring of Life Farm, and the Maryland Horse Industry Board.

For the six years since its inception in 2015, Baltimore County horsewoman and saddlery store owner Hope Birsh has coordinated the Horseland event and seen over 250,000 people pass through its tent. “It is so cool. People can come in and relax and be introduced to horses in a very pleasant way,” she said. “Sometimes newcomers can feel intimidated when they go to a horse show or a racetrack because they don’t know what to do or what’s going on. But at Horseland, knowledgeable people who love horses welcome and explain to them the nuances of horses and horse events in a very friendly environment. Fairs and community shows offer this opportunity.”

Dawn Leung, from Wellspring of Life Farm in Monkton, has been enlisted as Horseland program coordinator this year and stated, “Not only has Horseland returned, but it’s going to be spectacular!”

As of press, Leung had lined up stables and

organizations such as The City Ranch, Days End Horse Farm Rescue, Rolling Hills Ranch, TROT, Molly Hill Farm, and GAIT Rescue to bring horses as well as Mike Reuter’s ever popular pair of minis.

At the racing community’s exhibit, folks can ride a race riding simulator named “Bucky,” meet a jockey, see racing equipment and silks, learn how to bet, and have the services of an on-site handicapper. On racing days, State Fair board member Fran Burns will offer backstretch tours and set up a pop-up booth next to the paddock to offer racing insights.

Leung said unmounted activities such as cleaning tack, grooming, braiding, natural horsemanship methods, and demonstrations by veterinarians and farriers are being arranged, as well as a miniature show jumping course for children. Brian Silva, the former Air Force pilot who was profiled on MPT’s show *Farm and Harvest* will also be on hand to demonstrate therapeutic lessons from Wellspring of Life Farm.

Birsh’s favorite activity is the stick horse-making station which will return to Horseland this year. “We see a lot of the same kids every year,” she said. “They make stick horses and many take them home and keep them year after year.”

On Friday night, September 3, Leung will get the Labor Day weekend off to a rousing start with a Military and First Responders Appreciation showcase in the main horse show arena. The celebration will feature a tableau of horses’ interaction with humans throughout the ages in war, work, transportation, and sport. Invited guests include George W. Owings III, Maryland Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Col. Orville Hughes, a centenarian and decorated war veteran; former Staff Sgt. Amy Andrews, who assisted in 9-11 rescue efforts; Master Sgt. Theresa Harris, who will sing the national anthem on horseback, and a performance by the 229th Army Band.

Active military and first responders are offered free admission to the Fair that day. Leung is expecting a big turnout of veterans, American Legion members, military personnel, first responders, and their friends and families. The event will be capped off by an “At Liberty and Roman Riding” performance by Sadie Fisher of Unbridled Equine of Millerstown, Pennsylvania.

We hope to see you at the Fair! Come join us at Horseland!



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Teams playing at the Blue Crab Classic polocross tournament on June 19-20 in Waldorf.



Alexis Thibo and Bravo hanging out in the shade during an early morning lesson.



Angie Leiby

Maryland eventer Carol Shumaker and Sriracha at the Loudoun Hunt Pony Club summer horse trials in VA.



Maryland High School Rodeo members Kassidy Hearn, Trenton Strong, Nic Jackson and Brayden Vandervoort competed in the National High School Rodeo finals this summer.



Larisa Rose Quick riding Days End Farm alum Aria during a lesson at First Choice Farm in Woodbine.

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Elizabeth Sullivan hanging out with Dan at Freedom Hill Horse Rescue in Dunkirk after her riding lesson.



Stefanie Owens, Mette Fields, Richie Fields, Charles Hayden, Brittany Fields Vann, Jesse Vann and Susan Hayden in downtown historic Sykesville on July 4.



Carlie Ireland and Sadie competing at the Lady Longears Ranch & Arena in Woodbine.



Safe Haven riders Alyssa Sands and Lillian Sonpar were Beginner Rider Co-Champions at the June Country Hill Farm show in Westminster.



Summer Weldon at the Blue Crab Classic polo-crosse tournament on June 19-20 in Waldorf.

Kim Egan



Emily Preston and El Piston earned a 65% on their Training Level Musical Freestyle at the PVDA All's Well Equestrian schooling show on June 27 in Dickerson.



Maryland volunteers Leah Fleming, Dale Clabaugh and Angie Leihey volunteered at the US Olympic Eventing team's mandatory outing on July 1 at Great Meadow in The Plains, VA.

More Out & About photos on page 61 of this issue!



Bobby Lillis chats with local Timonium community members at the State Fairgrounds during a POP up event on June 28 where he talked about life as a jockey. Participants also were able to watch live morning workouts on the track.

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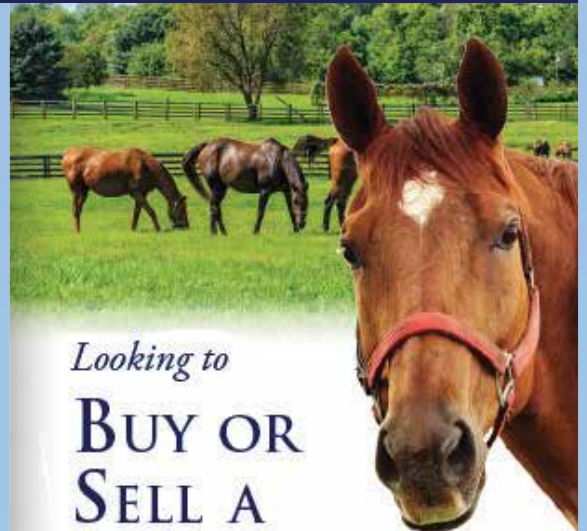
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Is your business actually registered? If so, are you in good standing with the State? Business owners can visit Maryland Business Express (<https://egov.maryland.gov/BusinessExpress/>) to confirm the status of their business. On July 1, Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) launched a new "real-time processing feature," giving owners the ability to see when their document(s) will be reviewed by the Department before and after they are submitted. In the coming months, the Department is also planning to release same-day review and non-expedited filing options online.

PRO TIP: Maryland Business Express is also the best way to make sure your resident agent information is correct. Businesses often list the attorney who incorporated them as their initial resident agent, but that person often moves on. You need to keep your resident agent current or you will miss important notices from the state, which could lead to fines or other sanctions. Your resident agent is does not have to be an attorney—you can be your own resident agent.

Meanwhile, believe it or not, despite the pandemic, SDAT witnessed a tremendous growth in the registration of new businesses, 22% more than in 2019. We saw an echo of this in the horse industry, with a 7% increase in licensed stables this past year.

MEMBER NEWS



The June 9 ribbon cutting for Meadowbrook Stables' new covered arena was a watershed moment for the public-private partnership between MNCP&PC, Montgomery Parks, and Meadowbrook .

Thanks to over 300 donors, on Saturday, June 9, MHC member **Meadowbrook Stables** cut the ribbon to officially open its new covered riding arena. Architects Miche Booz & Associates and GLW Engineering designed the structure with stone skirting at the corners in order to harmonize with Meadowbrook's historic and architecturally significant 1934 barn. The interior is bright and airy, with glass garage doors on all four sides, which can be left open in warm weather for increased airflow, and can be lowered in cold or inclement weather, allowing for consistent year round instruction.

The project was designed to include environmental features such as stormwater management (in a way that would reduce the center's use of fresh water), solar power, native landscaping to reduce run-off into Rock Creek, and a reduction of ambient light and dust to the community. The arena was constructed by B&D Builders and the solar powered roof will be designed and installed by Ipsun Solar, with support from Skyview Ventures and Montgomery County Green Bank.

Established in 1934, Meadowbrook is one of the oldest and last remaining urban equestrian facilities in the US. Tens of thousands of people have ridden at Meadowbrook over the years, including prominent national figures such as Eleanor Roosevelt, Jacqueline Kennedy, and General George S. Patton. Today, the facility is operated by Meadowbrook Foundation Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, on land leased from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. The 10-acre riding school is home to 50 horses, and Meadowbrook teaches over 400 riders each year in lessons and summer camps.

Member **Gentle Giants Draft Horse Rescue** has partnered with Free-Will, a free online service that allows users to draft a will that is fully legal and enforceable in all 50 states. Users are offered opportunities to leave legacy gifts to the causes that inspire them; Gentle Giants is one of their featured partners in animal welfare.

In July, member **Full Moon Farm** announced the retirement of Michelle Benczkowski. Benczkowski taught at Full Moon for 20 years and also provided top notch horse care. "[We are] most appreciative of everything Michelle Benczkowski has done for the farm," wrote owners Karen and Steve Fulton. "We would not be who and what we are today without her 20+ years of dedication and selfless service. She has had a profound impact on countless riders and families."

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



By the time **Denie Dulin** and her husband were relocated to Maryland (due to his career), they had purchased and sold at least 12 homes across the country and overseas. In 2006, they were boarding horses on their Baltimore County Farm, where Denie also trained horses—but she was ready for a career change. With her personal relocation and buying/selling experience plus her equine career, Denie decided to put that experience to work, becoming a Realtor® specializing in both relocations and horse farms. In April of this year, Denie moved her Dulin Group from Long & Foster to the Apex Home Team of Compass, and this summer **The Dulin Group** joined MHC.

A lifelong equestrian, **Tina Snyder** gave lessons, coached, and offered summer camps at her Safe Haven Farm. Taking in rescue horses was just natural extension of her work with horses, but eventually it became her primary focus. "As a competitive rider, coach, and a lifetime rescuer, I've experienced the best and worst of the horse industry. Driv-

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ABOUT MHC'S INDUSTRY PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP



en to make a bigger impact, I founded Safe Haven Equine Warriors (SHEW) in 2014 with the hope of creating a second chance for horses in need," shares Snyder. "As my role in the horse world continues to [transition], I believe firmly that I can be a voice for the voiceless horse through advocacy as well as leave a legacy that will impact future generations through education and rescue."

SHEW, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, has assisted more than 50 horses since 2014, and the vast majority are now in adoptive homes. Snyder herself has been a member of MHC off and on over the decades. However, the business **Safe Haven Equine Warriors** became an official new Industry Professional member of MHC this summer.



New member **Edrich Lumber** is no stranger to the horse business. For over five decades, horsemen in the Baltimore-Carroll-Howard area have been purchasing bedding from the mill located on Old Court Road in Randallstown. Originally a dairy farm and was originally known as E.F. Stanfield & Sons, the family adapted their ag-business to meet the community needs, and the dairy evolved into a lumber yard. The name evolved too—the family combined the first names of the "& Sons" (EDward and RICHard), becoming first Edrich Farms and then Edrich Lumber.

Today, the business is run by Edward Stanfield's daughter **Sally Stanfield** and Richard Stanfield's son-in-law Doug Wolinski. For Stanfield, running the lumber mill is a later-in-life career shift that brings her life full circle. Stanfield was an avid show rider of Arabians, her competition career peaking with AA Show Biz in 1998-2000 and with two national and many regional championships in Purebred Country English Pleasure, Adult Amateur Owner to Ride ("AAOTR"), 40+: U.S. Arabian/Half-Arabian Horse National Championships (Louisville, KY), Scottsdale (AZ) Arabian/Half-Arabian Horse Championships; Region 4 (Salem, OR), and Region 5 (Puyallup, WA) Arabian/Half-Arabian Championships. (Photo with Im On Fire, Half-Arabian AAOTR Western Pleasure 87-88.)

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Sabrina Dobbins

Bay Area Polocross team at the club's Blue Crab Classic tournament on June 19-20 in Waldorf.



Kora Brendel of Hidden Lane Farm rode Dante at the June Maryland Open Horse Show series show held at Schooley Mill Park in Highland.



Jase Munday and Stitch at a Thurmont Riding Club show in Thurmont.



Angie Leithy

Danielle Thumma and Relatively Ryker at MDHTs 2 in July, held at Loch Moy Farm in Adamstown.



Tracy McKenna

Megan Thompson & One Smooth Sheik show off their winnings at the Maryland Western Horse Association on June 27 at the Howard County Fairgrounds.



April LaBarre-Melato riding Smoke It Over at Seneca Valley Pony Club's June horse trials in the Training division. The event is held at Bittersweet Field in Poolesville.



Madeline Tabor and Sassy at Chasin' For Children at Pimlico Racecourse in Baltimore.



Jessica Hammond of Beyond the Wire out hacking Peace Fire



Cierra Henninger riding Carmel Cappuccino in her first Leadline class at The Retreat At Beckleysville in Hampstead.

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at PVDA's Annual Ride For Life Show Benefiting Breast Cancer Research



Ride For Life was Alex Abella's first recognized USDF show with StepASide.

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Cheryl Lancaster of Annapolis, pictured with her mare Hannah, is a breast cancer survivor who dedicated her ride to her friend (and former Marylander) Lynda Sasscer Hill, who is currently coping with cancer.



Elizabeth Farina and Tucker's Flashy Fireball



Chelsea Spear

Caitlin Zolet and Trace of Gunsmoke



Beth Collier

Susan Graham White and Revelle won a Grand Prix class.



Lydia Wainwright with Briggs



Beth Collier

At nine years old, Lila Rogers, riding Strawberry, was one of this year's youngest competitors.

Rebecca Douglass won a Third Level Test 3 class aboard Kodiak KF



Chelsea Spear



Beth Collier

Marija Trieschman Dever rode Diamond Coeur to win a Third Level Test 1 class.

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MARYLAND WILL MISS...

Harry de Leyer, owner and rider of the famous show jumper Snowman, died on June 29 at the age of 93. A Dutch immigrant who lived in New York, de Leyer's rags to riches story was depicted in the book *The Eighty-Dollar Champion* by Elizabeth Letts. De Leyer competed Snowman at all the major East Coast shows including the Washington International Horse Show.

Harriet Stokes Iglehart

Submitted by her son Tom Iglehart

Harriet Iglehart died peacefully at her home on Carroll Branch Farm in Monkton on July 1 at 94 years of age, surrounded by the love and care of all generations of her family. A figure prominent in social, equestrian, agricultural, art, justice, and environmental activities throughout Baltimore County, she remained active in all of them to the end of her life. She was ever committed to the people in whom she believed and the causes they shared, and leaves a community and family long sustained by her example of grace, command, and purpose. She was renowned for her humor, kindness, and generosity. In her book of poetry *Happily*, her niece Joan Allan Aleshire described her as "a woman filled with sun."

Born Harriet Austen Stokes, and raised in Glencoe by her parents John and Elaine Lord

Stokes, she grew up helping with their family dairy operation, named Hillside, which adjoined Filston Farm Dairy and Oldfields School. Later, she would take off her muddy boots for social events, and was soon engaged to Francis N. Iglehart, Jr., of the Green Spring Valley. Harriet and "Ike" were, respectively, 19 and 21 years of age at their marriage, which lasted 60 years until his death in 2007.

When pressed, she would tell stories of her childhood, during which she caught the train from Glencoe every morning to attend Greenwood School in Ruxton. Between schoolwork, farm work, and creating handmade cards for friends and family, she quickly became an accomplished rider, going on nearly daily adventures throughout the countryside with young friends such as the late Celie Van Hollen, Betty Bosley, Nancy Sehlhorst, and Frances Gould. "I was a little older," once reminisced her lifelong friend, the late Sarah Bosley Secor, "but I tell you they were all over the place, like wild Indians!

And that Harriet, she was just a natural with a horse."

From age 10 and up, her performance at pony and horse shows made her one of the East Coast's top child riders. Some of these events she helped organize as fundraisers leading up to World War II, once successfully writing to the then-governor of Maryland for his support. This sense of civic duty never left her.

After the war and marriage, she and Ike acquired Carroll Branch Farm and bestowed similar happy and hard-working childhoods on their five children. She often joked with them that he forgot his promise beforehand not to make her a farmer. But the promise was kept nonetheless in their vibrant social, sporting, political, and philanthropic lives together, along with their many friends throughout Monkton, Baltimore County, and beyond.

Harriet was a tireless supporter of many cultural causes, such as Ladew Gardens and the newly-emerging Center Stage. Her work with Planned Parenthood spanned twenty years. As a volunteer and

COMINGS & GOINGS



Dr. Kelly Quesinberry (pictured) of Huntingtown has joined the veterinary staff at Bay Equine Service.

Former Chief of Staff for Sagamore Racing **Jocelyn Brooks** is the new Director of Sales for Brereton C. Jones' Airdie Stud in Kentucky. We wish Brooks all the best in her new endeavors!

eventual board member, she often took directly to the streets of Baltimore to raise awareness of free health services available to those who often had access to no health care at all.

Amid these and all other pursuits, she earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in English and literature at Johns Hopkins night school,



Harriet Stokes Iglehart

wrote 48 articles for magazines, most notably for the *Maryland Horse*, and wrote for and edited the Elkridge-Harford Hunt Club newsletter for 23 years. She spent much time in the hunt field and on her farm riding her chestnut gelding, Shannon. She also served on the committees of the Elkridge-Harford Point-to-Point and My Lady's Manor steeplechase races, handling race publicity and trophy presentations. Her published work

resulted in delightful profiles of a wide range of people from all walks of life, often far from her own. She simultaneously kept Carroll Branch Farm in continual livestock or crop production for a total of 63 years, as it is today.

Elizabeth Allman Brinkley Sponseller, "Liz", of New Market, died July 11, after a nine-year battle against brain cancer. She was the wife of Michael J. Sponseller and the daughter of the late Dr. George Ross Brinkley, Jr., and the late Mrs. Jean Tonkin Brinkley, of New Market. She is survived by sisters Norma Brinkley-Staley (Patrick Staley) of Monrovia, Dr. Susan Brinkley-Gowl (Wade Gowl) of Mt. Airy, and brother Secretary David Brinkley (Bethany Beam), of Mt. Airy; step-children Jennifer Sponseller Webster (Chauncey Webster) of St. Thomas, Pennsylvania, and Michael A. Sponseller, of Washington, DC; and step-grandchildren, George and Thomas Webster.

Sponseller was born in Baltimore with her family moving to Frederick and then Marly

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Colonel Orville Hughes celebrated his 100th birthday at Wellspring of Life Farm in Monkton on June 15. In attendance were Maryland's First Lady Yumi Hogan and Secretary George Owings of the Maryland Department of Veteran Affairs, as well as family and friends. The Baltimore Polytech ROTC Color Guard and National Guard Band were also part of the celebration.

Col. Hughes is a lifelong horseman who also served in the US Army during World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

Farm in New Market in 1958, where her passion for horses was born. She attended Visitation Academy, where she met her life-long friend Dale Ganley Clabaugh.

Sponseller attended Linganore High School and graduated from the newly-opened Governor Thomas Johnson High School in 1970. In 1974 she graduated from West Virginia Wesleyan College and returned to Frederick to teach in the Frederick County public schools. She coached basketball and hockey at Catoctin High School, and hockey at Hood College.

After college, she also began to fuel her passion for horses and riding. She coached individuals and teams of the Frederick Pony Club, and organized several horse shows to benefit the Pony Club and the New Market Hounds (known today as the New Market-Middletown Valley Hounds).

Her father once gave her some excellent advice: "Liz, if you want to make a lot of money, 98% of wealth was created in two areas: real estate and oil & gas; honey, there isn't a lot of oil & gas in Maryland!" Taking his advice, she embarked on a very successful career change in 1977 in the Damascus office of Long and Foster Realtors, selling homes to families in Frederick and the surrounding counties. For several years, she was the top real estate producer in Frederick.

During this time, she met her husband, Michael, and, in their best year, they built and sold over 400 homes to families, especially in the Lake Linganore area.

Her passion for equestrian sports continued to blossom as she showed hunters and jumpers in Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and wintered in Wellington, Florida. She successfully imported warmblood horses from Germany and Eastern Europe, while training and showing under the tutelage of various trainers.

The pride and joy in her stable is "Dubya", named after the 43rd President of the United States! Together they captured the United States Equestrian Foundation Zone 3 Horse of the Year honors for 2005, 2006, and 2007. In 2007, they earned the Maryland Horse Shows Association Horse of the Year honors. In 2016 the Brinkley family was honored by being inducted into the Maryland Horse Show Association Hall of Fame at Camden Yards in Baltimore, a highlight of her equestrian career.

In July, 2012, at a competition in Pennsylvania, the first symptoms of her brain cancer emerged. She was diagnosed with an anaplastic astrocytoma tumor at the University of Maryland Cancer Center. Patients are typically given 6-24 months to live, but with her fierce competitive spirit, Sponseller embarked on an aggressive experimental battle. Despite her medi-



Horse friends of **Frances Gould Fox** celebrated her life at a memorial service held at the Baltimore Country Club Five Farms. Standing from left: Jamie Maher, Ross Peddicord, Georganne Hale, Ron Maher, Fran Burns and Less Vosters; seated from left: Nancy Hale and Susan Marshall.

cal team's expectations, in a year she was "back in the saddle" riding Dubya.

In 2017, the cancer returned, and Sponseller pursued additional experimental treatment at the University. While she never fully regained her mobility, she was able to enjoy company and conversation with her husband, family, and friends. She was emotionally supported by the love of her Labrador, Barney, who also helped her recover from COVID-19 last year. Unfortunately, Barney passed away three months ago.

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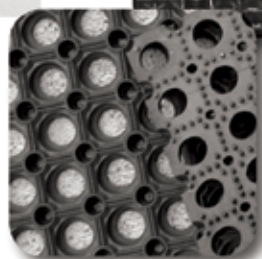
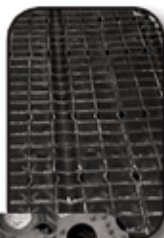
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